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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council February 2022 County Council Meeting held virtually through MS Teams on Monday 14th February 2022

### **PRESENT**

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

### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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| Chief Executive | D. McLoughlin. |
| Directors/ Heads of Function  Head of Finance  Senior Executive Officers  Administrative Officer  Senior Staff Officer  Staff Officer  Assistant Staff Officer  Clerical Officer  IT Support  Sord | L. Maxwell, J. Frehill, T. Walsh, M. Mulhern, C. Ward.  R. FitzGerald.  C. Hurson and S. Conroy  M. Reilly and N. Noonan  L. Abbey.  A. Mallon.  A. Hagan.  D. Murphy.  R. Saiz.  A. O’Brien. |

The Mayor, Councillor P. Kavanagh, presided.

Apologies were received from Councillors M. Duff and L. Dunne.

A minute’s silence was observed as a mark of respect in remembrance of the victims of the Stardust fire, which occurred on 14th February 1981.

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.

### **H1/0222 CONFIRMATION AND REAFFIRMATION OF MINUTES - FOR APPROVAL**

Minutes of the December County Council Meeting on 10th January 2022 which had been circulated were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed in the proposition of Councillor P. Kavanagh seconded by Councillor C. King.

[H1 (a) January Council Minutes10th January 2022](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73796)

### **H2/0222 REPORTS OF AREA COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

1. **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.

1. **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/0222 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:**

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**Draft Calendar of Meeting Dates**

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

**This may change dependant on Government announcements.**

**February 2022**

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| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. |  |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 1st Feb |  |  | 22/12/2021 |
| Wed. | 2nd Feb | **Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries SPC** | 5.30pm - 7.00pm | 23/12/2021 |
| Thur. | 3rd Feb | **Women’s Caucus** | 5:00pm |  |
| Fri. | 4th Feb |  |  |  |
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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 7th Feb | **CPG Meeting** | 3:00pm |  |
| Tue. | 8th Feb | **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 | 25/01/2022 |
| Wed. | 9th Feb | **Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC**  **Environment, Water, Climate Change & Biodiversity SPC** | 5.30pm - 7.00pm  5.30pm - 7.00pm | 07/01/2022  07/01/2022 |
| Thur. | 10th Feb | **Housing SPC** | 5.30pm - 7.00pm | 08/01/2022 |
| Fri | 11th Feb | **Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC)** | 3:00pm |  |

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| Mon. | 14th Feb | **Council Meeting** | 3:30pm – 7.00pm | 31/01/2022 |
| Tue. | 15th Feb | ***Social, Community & Equality SPC*** | 6.00pm - 7.30pm | 13/01/2022 |
| Wed. | 16th Feb | **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 | 02/02/2022 |
| Thur. | 17th Feb |  |  |  |
| Fri | 18th Feb |  |  |  |

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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 21st Feb | **Deputations** | 3:00pm |  |
| Tue. | 22nd Feb | **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 | 08/02/2022 |
| Wed. | 23rd Feb | **Development Plan Meeting** | 3:30pm |  |
| Thur. | 24th Feb | **Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC** | 5.30pm - 7.00pm | 24/01/2022 |
| Fri | 25th Feb | **Development Plan Meeting** | 3:30pm |  |

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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 28th Feb | **Tallaght Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 14/02/2022 |
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**March 2022**

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| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. |  |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 1st Mar | **Development Plan Meeting** | 3:30pm |  |
| Wed. | 2nd Mar |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 3rd Mar | **Development Plan Meeting** | 3:30pm |  |
| Fri. | 4th Mar |  |  |  |
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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 7th Mar | **CPG Meeting**  **Development Plan Meeting** | 12:00pm  3:30pm |  |
| Tue. | 8th Mar | **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 | 22/02/2022 |
| Wed. | 9th Mar | **Development Plan Meeting** | 3:30pm |  |
| Thur. | 10th Mar |  |  |  |
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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 14th Mar | **Council Meeting** | 3:30pm – 7.00pm | 28/02/2022 |
| Tue. | 15th Mar |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 16th Mar | **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 | 02/03/2022 |
| Thur. | 17th Mar | **Bank Holiday** |  |  |
| Fri | 18th Mar | **Bank Holiday** |  |  |

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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 21st Mar |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 22nd Mar | **Traffic Management Meeting**  **(Lucan-Palmerstown-North Clondalkin)**  **Lucan-Palmerstown-North Clondalkin**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 2:15pm – 3:00pm  3.00pm - 6.00pm | 06/03/2022 |
| Wed. | 23rd Mar | **Deputations** | 3:00pm – 6:00pm |  |
| Thur. | 24th Mar | **Traffic Management Meeting**  **(Clondalkin)**  **Traffic Management Meeting**  **(Rathfarnham – Templeogue – Firhouse – Bohernabreena**  **OP&F** | 2:00pm – 2:45pm  2:45pm – 3:30pm  3:30pm – 6:00pm | 08/03/2022 |
| Fri | 25th Mar |  |  |  |

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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 28th Mar | **Traffic Management Meeting**  **(Tallaght)**  **Tallaght Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 2:15pm – 3:00pm  3.00pm - 6.00pm | 10/03/2022 |
| Tue. | 29th Mar |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 30th Mar |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 31st Mar |  |  |  |
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Draft Calendar of Meetings Dates was **APPROVED** on the proposition of Councillor P. Kavanagh and seconded by Councillor L. Donaghy.

### **H3b/0222 STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE - FOR APPROVAL**

**Ratification of PPN Representatives**

**REPLY:**

The following report went to the January 2022 OP&F meeting –

At the South Dublin County PPN Plenary Meeting, held on November 30th 2021, the following nominees were elected as representatives to Strategic Policy Committees:

* Freda Manweiler - Re-elected to Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage and Libraries SPC
* Sharon Harty - Re-elected to Housing SPC
* Lynn Byrne - Newly elected to Social, Community and Equality SPC - (Replacing Emma Hendrick)

These nominees are now before the Council for ratification.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor C. King, and **AGREED** that Freda Manweiler be appointed as the PPN Representative to the Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage and Libraries SPC.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor C. King, and **AGREED** that Sharon Harty be appointed as the PPN Representative to the Housing SPC.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor C. King, and **AGREED** that Lynn Byrne be appointed as the PPN Representative to the Social, Community and Equality SPC.

This is now before Council for approval.

Ratification of PPN Representatives was **APPROVED** on the proposition of Councillor P. Kavanagh and seconded by Councillor L. Donaghy.

### **H3c/0222 STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE - FOR APPROVAL**

**(c) Establish a Working Group and Nominate Members that Would Examine How To Progress Links With a Council In Northern Ireland as Agreed By Motion at the 2021 Annual Budget Meeting**

**REPLY:**

The following report went to the January 2022 OP&F meeting –

Nominations are requested for membership of a Working Group that would examine how to establish and progress links with a Council in Northern Ireland as agreed by motion at the 2021 Annual Budget Meeting, and to report on its recommendations to the March Council Meeting.

Following some initial discussions, it is proposed that the group would be chaired by the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Laura Donaghy, and that the membership would also include Cllr Alan Hayes, the proposer of the agreed Motion, and the Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management, and proposes that two further nominations are made, bringing the membership to five. This proposal and nominations of the members is for agreement by Council at the OP&F meeting.

Motion agreed at the 2021 Annual Budget Meeting:

“To use €20,000 from D0903 (Town Twinning) to create a fund that would see South Dublin County Council collaborate with a Council in Northern Ireland to facilitate a series of conversations on our shared future on the Island of Ireland.”

It was proposed by Councillor C. O’Connor, seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh, and **AGREED** that Councillor E. Murphy be appointed to the working group that would examine how to establish and progress links with a Council in Northern Ireland.

It was proposed by Councillor C. King, seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh, and **AGREED** that Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh be appointed to the working group that would examine how to establish and progress links with a Council in Northern Ireland.

This is now before Council for approval.

The establishment of a Working Group to examine how to progress links with a Council in Northern Ireland as Agreed by Motion at the 2021 Annual Budget Meeting was **APPROVED** on the proposition of Councillor P. Kavanagh and seconded by Councillor L. Donaghy.

### **H4/0222 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

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

### **H5/0222 REPORTS REQUESTED BY AREA COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

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

### **H6/0222 REPORT FROM JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE - FOR NOTING**

Councillor E. Murphy, Chair of JPC, presented this report informing the Members that she had tendered her resignation due to the cessation of her tenure.

**Report of Joint Policing Committee Meeting held at 10 a.m. on Friday, 18th January 2022 via Microsoft Teams**

The Chair, Cllr. Emma Murphy, opened the meeting at 10 a.m.

**1. Presentation by Tallaght Drugs and Alcohol Taskforce**  
TD&AF co-ordinator Ms. Grace Hill gave a brief summary presentation of the recent research report and associated recommendations which was circulated and noted by the Committee.  As Ms. Hill could not give the full presentation at this time, it was agreed that it could be rescheduled to a future meeting.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising**  
The minutes of the previous meeting held on Friday 19th November 2021 had been circulated and were proposed by Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Deputy Higgins and agreed as a true record of the previous meeting with no matters arising.

**3. Correspondence**  
There was no correspondence for noting.

**4. Governance**  
The Chair welcomed Mr. John Conroy and Ms. Rita Harte as the new PPN representatives on the committee.  
It was agreed that there should be follow-up correspondence and meetings with Dublin City Council if necessary to ensure that there is appropriate representation from the Palmerstown area at the Ballyfermot Local Policing Forum.  
It was noted that the PPN are to nominate a representative to the Drugs Sub-Committee which is scheduled to meet in Q1 2022.

**5. CCTV**  
A report was circulated detailing the request for approval for the installation of CCTV at specific locations in MacUilliam was outlined.  Following queries from Deputy Crowe, C. Ward confirmed that the proposed CCTV was being progressed in conjunction with the local residents' committee and will be monitored by the Council only, with a 30-day recording period, and that appropriate signage will be erected in the area.  This was proposed by Cllr. Murphy, seconded by Mayor Kavanagh and approved by the Committee.  Deputy Crowe further recommended that CCTV on Fortunestown Road would complement the introduction of the proposed CCTV was considered and this was noted.

**6. Garda Reports**  
**6.1 Tallaght & Rathfarnham – DMR South**  
Chief Supt. Duff gave a presentation with an overview of activity and statistics for the area which included the following:

* Increases in Domestic Violence, Unauthorised Taking of Vehicles and detection of drivers under the influence of drugs
* Slight increase in robbery from establishments
* A number of recent firearms seizures with follow up investigations ongoing
* Ongoing engagement with transport stakeholders LUAS and Dublin Bus
* Details of Operation Tombola for the Hallowe'en period noting the working partnership with the Council on bonfire material removal.

Cllrs. Emma Murphy raised issues relating to burned animal remains found in Ballyboden that was reported to Rathfarnham Garda Station and also in relation to anti-social behaviour and criminal damage to public transport infrastructure and signage.  In response, Supt. Duff advised that there are active investigations into recent anti-social behaviour and criminal damage relating to public transport.

**6.2 Clondalkin & Rathcoole – DMR West**

Chief Supt. Murphy presented a report including the following key points:

* Significant increases in fraud/deception and also breaches of domestic violence orders
* Increases in assault causing harm and also in domestic violence where no offence is disclosed
* Seizure of €20k worth of controlled drugs from private residence in Clondalkin in Oct 2021 and ongoing investigation into discharge of Firearm at Corkagh Grange, Clondalkin in Nov 2021.

Cllrs. Kavanagh, Ó Broin, O'Bradaigh, Bailey and O'Hara and Deputies Ward and Higgins contributed with the following queries and comments:

* Requesting further details in relation to the fraud/deception, answering of 999 calls particularly in relation to increase in domestic abuse cases, domestic violence response protocols, response to drug-related activity in Corkagh Park & St Mark’s areas, and staffing of Rathcoole station.
* Consideration of CCTV for Alpine Heights area.
* Thanking the Gardai for supporting the establishment of Saggart Resident’s Association.

In response, Chief. Supt. Murphy outlined the types of financial fraud and technology used to perpetrate such fraud and requested all partners to work to increase awareness of cyber safety and in particular to heighten awareness of the risk of financial fraud by scam callers and texts.  He also outlined how patrols are managed and will be employed for surveillance in the area of Corkagh Park and generally in the area but that that further information on patrols is not shared to ensure patrol routes cannot be predicted.  He also confirmed that he will discuss other operational matters with Supt. Twomey but that he would not be addressing staffing levels in a public forum.

**7.3 Lucan & Ronanstown – DMR West**

Chief Supt. Murphy, presented an update on activities in the area including the following:

* Increases in robbery from person, unauthorised taking of vehicles and fraud/deception
* Breach of Domestic Violence Orders
* Domestic violence reporting and supports available in the County.

In response to this presentation and previous queries from Members, Chief Supt. Murphy proposed that JPC will receive a detailed presentation to members on responses to domestic violence throughout the County. He outlined that there are now various approaches and networks which exist to support those at risk and that elected representatives and communities should be aware of the many options and supports available to support safety in reporting such crimes.  he also advised that all 999 calls in relation to domestic abuse are followed up even if there is no response at the door at the first visit.

**8. Local Policing Fora Reports**  
  
**8.1 Clondalkin LPF:** The Clondalkin section of the report was noted along with the intention to hold a public meeting in Q1 2022.  
  
**8.2 D12 LPF:** Noted the most recent meeting in October with issues arising, similar to other areas regarding the holding of meetings during recent circumstances.  
  
**8.3 West Tallaght Community Safety Forum:** The West Tallaght Community Safety Forum report was noted, including discussion on anti-social behaviour and vandalism at Luas stops.  The forum met in January and has a regular meeting schedule in place.  
  
**8.4 North Clondalkin, Lucan and Palmerstown LPF:**  The LPF reported that community crime impact assessment in Balgaddy is being actioned and that work is ongoing with Ronanstown Gardai on anti-social behaviour around the St Mark’s area.  Meetings will resume in February.

In response to West Tallaght Community Safety Forum, Supt. Lackey confirmed that he has regular contact with LUAS and Dublin Bus in relation to incidents and that the Dublin Bus/Luas Community Forum was resuming meetings.

The LPF reports were noted by the Committee.

**9. JPC Strategic Plan 2016-2022**  
The report was noted and it was agreed that advice would continue to be sought form the Policing Authority on the development of a subsequent plan for post-2022.

**10. JPC Subgroups: Drug Subcommittee**  
It was noted that the subcommittee is anticipated to resume meetings this quarter.

**10. Any Other Business**  
The Chair noted the ongoing strong attendance at online meetings but also expressed hopes that in-person meetings will be possible in the coming months.

The Chair announced that she would be standing down as Chairperson of the Committee after this meeting and Mayor Kavanagh, C.Ward, Chief Supt. Murphy and Chief Supt. Duff all spoke to acknowledge her work and effectiveness in chairing the Committee for the past two and a half years and these comments were endorsed by the Committee. Cllr. Murphy thanked the administrative team for the support in running meetings, acknowledged the high-levels of engagement by all involved in meetings and re-iterated the importance of this committee to the citizens of the County.  
  
**12. 2022 Schedule of Meetings**  
  
The following is the proposed schedule of Joint Policing Committee meeting in 2022:

* 10a.m. Friday 22nd April 2022 (venue tbc)
* 10 a.m. Friday 16th September 2022 (venue tbc)
* 10 a.m. Friday 18th November 2022 (venue tbc)

The meeting ended at 11.40am.

The Mayor, Councillor P. Kavanagh, and Councillors D. McManus, C. King and C. O’Connor thanked Councillor E. Murphy for her work as Chair of the JPC.

The report was **NOTED**.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh and **RESOLVED:**

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Questions numbered Q1 – Q21 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

### **Q1/0222 QUESTION: Councillor Yvonne Collins**

To ask the Chief Executive what measures are in place to protect and ensure public safety in our public parks and open spaces in terms of security measures and otherwise

**REPLY:**

The safe use of planned parks and open spaces is considered from the early stages of planning and design and integrated into the construction of same. SDCC seek the provision of active frontage to increase the safety of parks and open spaces wherever possible. This ensures that there over-looking and passive surveillance are built into the new provision of parks and open spaces. In addition; the provision of a pleasant environment and a variety of recreational amenities ensures our parks and open spaces are as active as possible. The protection of areas with ecological sensitives and allowing space for nature has also to be considered at the design stage and these areas are usually not compatible with the use of lights or a lot of public activity. At these locations, during the design stage, we try to locate footpaths and active uses away from these areas and this also has the added benefit of directing people away from the more remote areas of the parks or open spaces.

The public parks in the county are for the most part safe places for the public to use for recreation, exercise, sports, as through routes and as places to enjoy for family activities.  The use of these parks for positive purposes has the effect of drawing people into the parks and gives rise to passive supervision of these areas by all park users.  This is the best means by which the facilities and facility users can be protected.

The Council has 14 park rangers who are based in the county's regional parks and whose main responsibility is to monitor the parks in relation to their usage and to respond to any issues that come to their attention.  In addition to park rangers there are 25 staff in supervisory positions who oversee the maintenance of parks and open spaces and are required to deal with issues in the parks and open spaces when they arise.  Issues of a serious nature are reported to the Gardai, Council staff are not expected to take action in a situation which might place them in danger.  A close relationship between Council supervisory staff and the Community Garda Service has been developed over recent years in this regard.

A major programme of investment has taken place in improving park boundaries for the purpose of keeping scrambler motorbikes and stolen cars out of public parks.  Boundary treatment works have taken place at Dodder Valley Park, Tymon Park, Butler McGee Park, Bancroft Park, Jobstown Park, St Cuthbert's Park and Killenarden Park to a total value of approximately €900,000 over the past 4 years or so.  There are also cctv systems in place in a number of specific locations where serious incidents have occurred in the past.  These systems are monitored by An Garda Siochana in relation to potential serious anti-social behaviour.

### **Q2/0222 QUESTION: Councillor Yvonne Collins**

To ask the Chief Executive to set out particulars of matters covered by the Community Activities Fund and how it may be applied for

**REPLY:**

The Community Activities Fund for South Dublin is currently open for online applications until 25th February 2022.

The Community Activities Fund is a once-fund under the Community Enhancement Programme, open to locally-based community and voluntary groups in disadvantaged urban and rural areas, and not-for-profit organisations in the administrative area of South Dublin County Council.  The fund is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and is being administered Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) to ensure there is sufficient flexibility to allow funding to be targeted to where it is needed in the County with guidance to LCDCs proposing that up to 30% of funding can be ring-fenced for grants of €1,000 or less.

The fund will provide support for:

* Facility development/renovation/repair/improvement;
* CCTV/energy efficiency/outdoor improvements;
* Equipment purchase;
* Non-pay costs (e.g. utility bills, waste collection charges, insurance costs etc.)

Total funding of €338,797 is available in South Dublin comprising €207,043 for current funding (non-pay) of running/operating costs and €131,754 for capital funding for facilities/equipment.

Further details and the online application form are available at <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/community/funding-and-support/community-enhancement-programme/>.  Any queries on this fund or the application process should be submitted by email only to [**comdevof@sdublincoco.ie**](mailto:comdevof@sdublincoco.ie) with “Community Facilities Fund 2022” in the email subject line.

### **Q3/0222 QUESTION: Councillor Yvonne Collins**

To ask the Chief Executive to set out, in tabular form by electoral area, the number of planning enforcement cases being investigated, setting out when each case commenced and the estimated completion date in respect of each.

**REPLY:**

A similar question was set down on the agenda for the December 2021 County Council meeting at which time the following response was provided:

***There are currently 794 open Enforcement files under investigation by the Council. Please see breakdown of number per Local Electoral Area below***

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| **Live Enforcement Files Per LEA** | **Number** |
| Clondalkin. | 173 |
| Firhouse-Bohernabreena. | 51 |
| Lucan. | 108 |
| Palmerstown-Fonthill. | 127 |
| Rathfarnham-Templeogue. | 192 |
| Tallaght Central. | 113 |
| Tallaght South. | 30 |
| Total | 794 |
|  |  |

As the data requested on an electoral area basis cannot be extracted from our system, this tabular record was collated following a lengthy manual exercise based on November 2021 statistics.

It can be confirmed that these figures increased by 2% at 31st December 2021, with 811 files open at that date.

Regrettably, it is not possible to provide the voluminous level of detail requested pertaining to all 811 open cases for the following reasons:

Under our legal planning system, development can be lawfully carried out in either of the following circumstances:

• in accordance with the terms of the planning permission granted for it; or

• in the case of an exempted development, without planning permission but in accordance with the terms of the exemption.

Any development which requires permission and does not have that permission is unauthorised development.  Similarly,  development which is proceeding in breach of conditions laid down in the planning permission is unauthorised development, as is exempted development which is not carried out within the terms of the exemption.

The carrying out of unauthorised development is an offence and there are various procedures that the Council as a Planning Authority may adopt when taking enforcement action, including remedies and sanctions.

Accordingly, enforcement cases are fluid, with the status of files changing regularly depending on the various stages of investigation, enforcement action taken and responses to these processes.

### **Q4/0222 QUESTION: Councillor Alan Edge**

To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to introduce signage in public parks urging considerate usage of shared pathways by everyone, including cyclists and e-bike users, and highlighting the need for awareness when it comes to park users who may be hard of hearing or partially sighted.

**REPLY:**

As part of those Active Travel schemes the Council is delivering within our parks, careful consideration will be given to the design of pedestrian and cycle facilities and the installation of signage. As part of the Dodder Valley Greenway signage along the lines referred to is being already installed as part of this scheme. This will be considered further at the design stage of other such schemes.

### **Q5/0222 QUESTION: Councillor M. Johansson**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a report on any outstanding money from the vacant site levy (2019-2021) and how he intends to ensure collection of outstanding amounts?

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council established the Vacant Sites Register, under the [Urban Regeneration & Housing Act 2015](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2015/act/33/enacted/en/html) (the Act), on 1st January 2017 and there are currently 11 no. sites on the Vacant Site Register (VSR)

In accordance with [Section 15 of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015,](https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2015/act/33/section/15/enacted/en/html)  the vacant site levy is paid in arrears each year.  This means that to date, Notice to Demand Payments have issued as appropriate in respect of sites  for the years 2018, 2019 and 2020.

The levy for 2021 will not be charged or payable until 2022.

It should be noted that  Section 17 of the Act states that ‘Notwithstanding sections 15 and 16 , where in any year there is a change in ownership of a vacant site, the amount of vacant site levy to be charged in respect of that site for that year, and for the preceding year, shall be zero’.   Accordingly, the status / change in ownership  of a number of these sites  is being examined.

Similarly, a site owner may appeal the market valuation to the Valuation Tribunal within 28 days after the date of such notice, and the owner of a vacant site who receives a demand for payment of the vacant site levy may also appeal against same to an Bord Pleanála.

The Council cannot seek payment until the outcome of such appeals have been determined, and while to date there appears to be c€1.3m outstanding in respect of the 11 sites entered in the VS Register this figure is subject to significant change, and amended demands may issue as appropriate.

As with all valid debts, the Council will actively pursue payment of monies due.

Housing Policy Objective 15.2 of Housing for All has introduced a new tax to activate land for residential purposes which will in time replace the Vacant Site Levy. This was introduced in late 2021 by the Department of Finance and the Revenue Commissioners in conjunction with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the Finance Act 2021. The Residential Zoned Land Tax provisions of the Act set out criteria to facilitate the identification of lands which fall within the scope of the tax, the aim of which is to activate and bring forward the development of housing on lands that are suitably zoned and serviced, as indicated on maps to be prepared by planning authorities for their respective functional areas.

The Council as Planning Authority will this year review vacant sites having particular regard to aligning the lands set out in the Core Strategy of the adopted Development Plan as part of active land management, and the Residential Zoned Land Tax (which will be operational on 1st February 2024) will replace the Vacant Site Levy when the new tax measure comes into effect.

### **Q6/0222 QUESTION: Councillor B. Lawlor**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline how the voids funding for 2021 was spent, the number of housing units brought back into use, the mix of units, the average cost per unit and average turn-around time per unit

**REPLY:**

The Council received almost €1.875m in voids funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in 2021 for re-let repairs to 115 Council owned properties.  The average cost of expenditure incurred by the Council per property was approximately €24,100 with an average funding approval received of €16,304.

Works were completed on those 115 properties in an average of 25 weeks and the breakdown of unit type by house/apartment and bedroom size was as follows:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Property | 1-bed | 2-bed | 3-bed | 4-bed | 5-bed | Total |
| Houses | 17 | 7 | 48 | 3 | 1 | 76 |
| Apartments | 15 | 24 | - | - | - | 39 |
| Total | 32 | 31 | 48 | 3 | 1 | 115 |

### **Q7/0222 QUESTIONS: Councillor K. Mahon**

Can the Dept. please update on how Councillors make submissions on NTA schemes such as The Tallaght to Knocklyon Active Travel Scheme? Can submissions on these projects be made directly to the NTA?

**REPLY:**

The Tallaght to Knocklyon scheme is a Council led project to encourage modal shift in the Tallaght and Knocklyon area through the provision of improved active travel measures. The scheme will also incorporate public realm improvements and local greening where possible. In addition to the main works, links will be provided to key trip generators such as schools, recreational facilities, and residential areas.  
As a key component of Cycle South Dublin, and through connections to other schemes under the programme, the Tallaght to Knocklyon scheme will be critical in providing a network of high-quality, safe, inclusive active travel measures in this part of the county.  
The NTA will provide funding to design and deliver the project. The Council has appointed a design team and are currently exploring early options. These will be discussed with local Cllrs in due course and there will be public consultation on the three sections of the scheme: Old Bawn; Firhouse Road; and Knocklyon at the appropriate time.

### **Q8/0222 QUESTION: Councillor David McManus**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on any modular built construction methods used by SDCC for housing delivery in recent years or currently, if such methods may deliver efficiencies in the opinion of Council management, and if a statement can be provided?

**REPLY:**

Modular construction is commonly used to refer to construction systems using a large proportion of modular wall-panels with off-site pre-assembly, similar to various systems and approaches already used and in use by the Council including:

* Timber-framed construction: normally used in conjunction with external concrete block rendered or brick clad walls, e.g. at the Council development at Sheefy-Skeffington in Brookfield, where 90 new homes were constructed in just over 12 months.
* Light-gauge steel frame system: where galvanised steel mesh panels are used from framing and internal walls externally clad with concrete block rendered or brick walls as above. This system was used for the Corkagh Grange PPP housing development where 109 new homes were constructed in 13 months and it is also currently being used at the Riversdale/Mayfield and St. Marks Avenue developments that are currently under construction.
* Pre-cast concrete floor/wall panels: this system has recently seen an increase in use again with previous related issues with damp penetration and condensation now resolved with new insulation systems, sealing compounds and better understanding and calculation of building physics.  It is very suitable for multi-storey buildings including non-residential developments and is currently in use for apartment buildings in the Kilcarbery development.

All of these technologies will continue to be deployed as appropriate in our ongoing housing programme to expedite delivery of new homes and in keeping with the Council's long track record of embracing innovation in construction.

Separately, modular-construction can also be taken to refer to the pre-assembly offsite of "boxes" - four walls/floor/ceiling - which are stacked onsite to form houses or other buildings or components of buildings, for instance pre-assembled kitchens or bathrooms.  The cost of prefabrication plant limits the economic competitiveness of these modular systems to schemes of a very large scale, typically greater than 200 units plus. There are also a very small number of companies in Ireland capable of producing these units to meet volume, programme and cost requirements and consequently we have not used this system to date.

### **Q9/0222 QUESTION: Councillor David McManus**

To ask the Chief Executive for a written report on the development of all-weather pitches across the County, identifying sites in the pipeline and target dates for delivery?

**REPLY:**

SDCC's Sports Pitch Strategy examined the existing and future needs of the council in relation to sports pitches. It identified the need for 3-5 Astro pitches across the county to increase the facilities available to clubs and communities. The proposed provision of Astros meet a variety of needs, not least being that they take pressure from existing grass pitches and ensure they can better withstand the maximum amount of match play.

As part of the implementation of the Sports Pitch Strategy, SDCC has put in place an Astro Programme mainly funded by SDCC 3 year capital budget. The initial project is in Sean Walsh Park, Tallaght and this has also received URDF funding from the Government. A Part 8 was completed for this project in June 2021. SDCC are now progressing the detailed design stage and  tender documents with a view to tendering for the work over the summer months. It is envisaged the project will be on site later in 2022 with delivery in 2023.

A second Astro is being delivered currently as part of the LIHAF-funded Airlie Park in Adamstown. This park is under construction and there is a large sized Astro included in the park design. Airlie Park delivery date is in June 2022.

A third Astro pitch is proposed for the East of the county. This project is at feasibility stage, as soon as the options for optimal location, size etc. are considered and the site constraints can be explored, a programme will issue.

The other locations will be considered further when they approach feasibility stage. It is noted, however, that the Clonburris SDZ Scheme Plan requires Astro facilities be delivered as part of that scheme. It is likely that these facilities will be delivered as part of the community infrastructure and SDCC will ensure they are designed to achieve public access and maximum usage to contribute to the objectives of SDCC's sports pitch strategy.

### **Q10/0222 QUESTION: Councillor Derren Ó Brádaigh**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline clearly what this Council's tenancy agreement / position is, with respect to responsibility for the maintenance of Council owned property garden boundary walls, side gates and fences - And how does this compare to all the other Dublin local authorities?

**REPLY:**

This Council's tenancy agreement with all social housing tenants provides that tenants are responsible for the proper maintenance and replacement of all garden boundary walls. fences and side gates.

This is consistent with tenant maintenance responsibilities across the other Dublin Local Authorities' as follows:

* Dublin City Council: tenant responsible for repairing or replacing fences, gates and garden boundary walls, whether erected by tenant or Council
* Fingal County Council: tenant responsible for repairing or replacing fences and garden boundary walls and front/side gates
* Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council: tenant responsible for maintaining sheds and garages, fencing and boundaries; repairing or replacing gates, including side gates and doors; and, maintaining fencing and boundaries.

### **Q11/0222 QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive if he will arrange to review the Parking Bye Laws adopted last year appreciating that problems have emerged in their implementation in areas; will he give assurances to do so and make a statement?

**REPLY:**

It is not intended to initiate a full review of the Control of Parking Byelaw in the near future.

A comprehensive review of the 2010 Byelaws was undertaken as part of the development and adoption of the 2021 Control of Parking Byelaws which were made by the Council in May 2021 following an extensive public consultation process.   These Byelaws became effective from July 2021.

In the main, roll out of the 2021 Byelaws has been uncomplicated.  However, it is acknowledged that localised issues have emerged in a limited number of areas, and these are currently being examined.

### **Q12/0222 QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the Christmas 2021 Emergency Service detailing the number of calls and the issues dealt with and may we have a statement?

**REPLY:**

In advance of the offices closing on the 24th December 2021 and re-opening on Tuesday 4th January 2022, notices were placed on the Council website, all South Dublin County Council social media accounts and telephony systems advising members of the public that the offices are closed during this period. Additional information was provided regarding the Council’s Emergency/ Out of hour’s service number:  01- 4574907, along with all up to date Council Guidelines concerning COVID-19.

Each service department had several staff rostered over the holiday period to be ‘on call’ to deal with emergencies.  Each service department defines in advance what calls are deemed an emergency and only these calls are forwarded by the call centre staff to the relevant council staff.

South Dublin County Council's Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT) meets in advance of all storms on foot of any Met Eireann Weather Warnings received. The SWAT is made up of senior staff from across the organisation. The purpose of the meeting is to assess the readiness of the council to deal with the upcoming storm and severe weather events and put in place preventative actions as required. There were no severe weather events during this period.

**Summary of callouts in SDCC’s Area Covering the period 24th December 2021 to 4th January 2022:**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Department** | **Number of Calls** | **Issues** |  |
| Drainage | 48 | Overflowing Drains |  |
| Housing | 137 | Heating/ Leaks/ General Maintenance |  |
| Parks | 1 | Customer locked in park after hours |  |
| Roads | 18 | Traffic Signals/ Oil Spill/ Roadkill/Dumping/ Public Lighting |  |
| Water Services | 64 | Water Outages |  |
| **Total** | **268** |  |  |

**Dublin Fire Brigade:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Incident Type** | **Number** |
| Ambulance | 508 |
| Fire | 30 |
| Special Services | 10 |
| **Total** | **548** |

### **Q13/0222 QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive what discussions he has had with regard to the announced plans for a new Tenant Purchase Scheme for pensioners; has he made plans in the matter and will he make a statement?

**REPLY:**

The Council was very recently advised by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage of the Housing (Sale of Local Authority Houses) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 amend the Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme 2016 that took effect from 1st February 2022.  The changes in the Regulations are as follows:

* Minimum income requirements: The minimum income to be eligible under the scheme has been revised from €15,000 p.a. to €12,500 p.a. to ensure persons whose pension is their primary source of income can now apply under the scheme.
* Time receiving social housing supports: The period of time tenants required to be in receipt of social housing support to be eligible under the scheme has changed from one to 10 years.  For joint tenancies, both tenants must be in receipt of social housing support for at least 10 years before being eligible to apply.

It is understood that the reduction in the minimum income requirements are to facilitate the eligibility under the scheme for persons in receipt of the full contributory state pension.

### **Q14/0222 QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to present a report on the Tree Programme including the numbers and types of Trees planted and will he make a statement in the matter?

**REPLY:**

The tree planting programmes for Winter 2021- Spring 2022 was presented to the Area Committees in November 2021.

Covid restrictions in the period Jan to April '21 meant that tree planting did not take place during the planting season. The late Autumn in 2021 also delayed planting in the latter half of the year.

The planting commitments for the 2021/2022 season were as follows

Tallaght area - 648

Rathfarnham, Templeogue, Firhouse & Bohernabreena - 533

Clondalkin - 544

Lucan North Clondalkin & Palmerstown – 523

Tree planting will be completed in Tallaght, Rathfarnham and Clondalkin area in the 2021/2022 Winter Spring season, Lucan planting is scheduled for Winter 2022.

In addition to this list of trees to be planted on streets, open spaces and parks, additional trees will be planted as part of development projects with over 2,500 trees planted over the 2021/22 season.

### **Q15/0222 QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that he is satisfied with the level and quality of the water supply to our County and will he make a statement?

**REPLY:**

There are currently no concerns regarding quantity or quality of water supply to our County.

SDCC operates under a service level agreement with Irish Water to operate and maintain the water supply network within the County, and also the foul sewer network.  Regular operations meetings take place with Irish Water and all the Greater Dublin Region Local Authorities to manage the water supply within the region.  These meetings typically take place fortnightly, but can take place more often as required if water supply concerns arise such as drought conditions, treatment plant issues, significant bursts, our planned works on the network.

Irish Water have been working on a National Water Resources Plan and have recently published on their website, www.water.ie, a Draft Regional Water Resources Plan - Eastern and Midlands.  This plan is open for a thirteen week consultation until 14th March 2022.  Irish Water inform that they have organized a number of virtual briefings for members where they will take members through the plan.

The main points of the plan for the region indicated at this stage are:

* Reducing the number of Water Resource Zones in the Eastern and Midlands Region from 134 to 93.
* Development of larger interconnected Water Resource Zones for the urban areas in the region.
* Upgrades to 136 existing water treatment plants, in terms of size and barrier performance.
* Development of four new water treatment plants.
* Decommissioning 66 water treatment plants.
* Interconnecting 50 supplies via 860 kilometres of trunk mains.
* Reducing leakage from the 2019 baseline of 38% of regional demand to 22% of regional demand.  This represents a 45% reduction in leakage from 2019 to 2034.  This is achieved through, pressure management, active leakage control, find and fix and asset replacement.

Irish Water have established a Local Representative Support Desk for elected members.  This support desk can be contacted at [localrepsupport@water.ie](mailto:localrepsupport@water.ie) or at 0818 178 178.  Irish Water also hold Councillor Clinics, which typically take place quarterly.

### **Q16/0222 QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive if he has received additional funding to further promote and develop cycling and walking in the County; will he confirm his plans in that regard and make a statement?

**REPLY:**

SDCC is pleased to announce that the National Transport Authority (NTA) has approved funding for over 30 schemes in 2022 to a total value of €18,158,485. This funding will help facilitate the development of various infrastructure projects across the county, including new cycle tracks, projects such as junction improvements for cyclists and pedestrians, greenways in parks, public realm improvements, maintenance of existing facilities and accessibility improvements. It should also be noted that in addition to this new funding for 2022, the Council also already has funding in place from the DHLGH via the URDF fund to progress delivery of the Tallaght public realm, civic plaza and mobility hub schemes.

Securing this funding is key to enable SDCC to deliver the Cycle South Dublin programme, which seeks to provide a comprehensive and connected cycle network across the county.

Significant progress has been made to date in advancing the “Now” schemes in the Cycle South Dublin programme, such as the Dodder Greenway and the N81 at Jobstown. The 2022 funding will enable more of those schemes to be delivered and for the preliminary design work to be initiated on some significant “Soon” schemes, such as the Tallaght to Clondalkin route and the Citywest to Rathfarnham route.

Dodder Greenway Section 2 - Bridges                                                    €500,000

N81 cycling, walking and bus facilities (Jobstown Junction)                     €50,000

Monastery road walking route                                                                 €110,000

Spawell to Perrystown Cycle Route (Wellington Lane)                            €250,000

Canal Loop Greenway                                                                             €500,000

N81 Transport Strategy                                                                           €15,000

Grange Road Phase 2                                                                              €2,000,000

Dodder Greenway Section 3 - Paths and Green Spaces                           €1,500,000

Dodder Greenway Section 4 - Springfield Ave & Lower Dodder Rd                €3,000,000

Dodder Greenway Section 5 - Firhouse Rd & Butterfield Ave                   €400,000

Dodder Greenway Section 6 - Kiltipper Rd & Old Bawn Road                     €50,000

Tallaght to Knocklyon                                                                              €300,000

N4 to Ronanstown                                                                                  €50,000

School Streets                                                                                       €300,000

District Centre Enhancement Programme (Castletymon)                            €470,000

SD12 Bike Bus Route - Light Segregation Scheme                                    €400,000

Templeville Road - Light Segregation Scheme                                         €1,000,000

Castletymon Road - Light Segregation Scheme                                        €300,000

Cycle Parking                                                                                        €400,000

Permeability Schemes                                                                            €100,000

Cycle South Dublin Website and Promotion                                              €20,000

Safe to Schools Programme - Support Infrastructure                                €100,000

Avonbeg Road Cycle Scheme                                                                  €2,200,000

Lucan Village                                                                                          €300,000

Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme                                                        €50,000

Citywest to Rathfarnham Cycle Route                                                      €50,000

SDCC Rapid Deployment Active Travel Measures                              €1,500,000

Asset Renewal and Maintenance 2022                                                   €550,000

Cycle Repair Facilities                                                                            €35,000

Airton Road Extension                                                                           €500,000

SDCC Active Travel Office - Staff Costs                                                 €1,158,485

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### **Q17/0222 QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the chief executive what consideration is given to educational needs by SDCC planners when giving planning ?

**REPLY:**

The forward planning section are continuously liaising with the Department of Education (DoE) in relation to the need for school sites (primary and secondary) across the county. The County Development Plan team within Planning have liaised closely with the Department as part of the Development Plan process which included providing the Department with details on the growth projections for the different areas within the County. Based on that information, the Department reviewed the current school capacity and advised the development plan team of the need for school sites over the period 2022-2028. This is clearly set out in their submission to the Draft Plan and responded to in the CE Report which went to the Members on 7th December 2021.  
The Department further assesses the need for additional school places as part of an ongoing nationwide demographic review (NDR). This assessment is constantly carried out in each Schools Planning Area within the County.

The DoE use a Geographical Information System (with data from the CSO, OSI and Department of Social Protection in addition to D0E’s own databases) to identify where pressure for additional primary and post-primary school places will arise and cater for same either via new schools or expansion of existing schools within the Department’s defined School planning zones. In determining secondary schools the DoE, in addition to the above data, rely on the information of primary schools and feeder schools to assess the demand by students. The assessment criteria and the DoE information is not available to SDCC or the public.

SDCC’s role in the assessment is to provide on-going details on housing completions and planning applications to inform the DoE on the housing growth in the County as part of the NDR.  
Therefore, the need for school places is assessed as part of the Development Plan process which is based on the projected population growth over the Plan period and beyond. Further input is provided by SDCC to the Department through housing completion and planning applications to inform their monitoring as part of their National Demographic Review using the data outlined above.

### **Q18/0222 QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the chief executive for a report into current planned Teenspaces for SDCC by electoral area and how many are envisaged for each electoral area over the term of the current council ?

**REPLY:**

The teenspace programme is currently underway in SDCC.

To date 9 projects have been proposed and funded as set out below.

**Phase 1**

* Collinstown Park, (was in Clondalkin LEA when first proposed) €120,000
* Ballycragh Park (Rathfarnham / Templeogue / Firhouse / Bohernabreena Area) €110,000
* Kingswood (Tallaght area) €40,000
* Avonbeg (Tallaght area)  €80,000
* Esker Park café (Lucan, Palmerstown, North Clondalkin area) €120,000

**Phase 2**

* St Cuthberts Park (Clondalkin area) €100,000
* Bancroft Park (Tallaght area) €100,000
* Griffeen (Lucan, Palmerstown, North Clondalkin area) €100,000
* Templeogue (Rathfarnham / Templeogue / Firhouse / Bohernabreena Area) €100,000

These projects are at various stages of delivery with 2 fully complete and successfully opened at Collinstown Park and Ballycragh Park. It is intended to carry out another Teen Survey shortly to get feedback on projects and facilities delivered during Phase 1 and to see what new facilities and types of spaces teens would like to see in their areas as part of Phase 2 of this programme.

### **Q19/0222 QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons**

To Ask the Chief executive to issue a report in what progress will be made in providing facilities as per local area plans by electoral area ?

[Q19 LAP Update](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74002)

### **Q20/0222 QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive to issue a report into how he intends to address the congestion on our roads especially our villages by electoral area and how will planning assess and deal with this in regard to planning decisions for Further housing and development?

**REPLY:**

Addressing traffic congestion in our County remains one of the highest priorities for South Dublin County Council. There is a hierarchy of Strategy documents that identifies the Planning and Transport needs for the Greater Dublin Area. Each high level document sets out the main visions, aims and masterplans in relation to planning and transport for the Greater Dublin Area.  These high level Strategies inform and guide the content of the lower level and more detailed plans and objectives at a county wide, and down to the neighbourhood level.

Currently we are supporting the NTA in the delivery of the GDA Transport Strategy in our County. This overarching transport Strategy  sets out a framework for the provision of efficient, effective and sustainable movement of people and goods in the Greater Dublin area over the period 2022-2042. The GDA Transport Strategy feeds into our SDCC planning and transport policies contained in our County Development Plan.  In the SDCC County Development Plan more detailed planning and transport strategies are developed into supporting objectives and action plans to deliver projects and services that are aligned with the overall GDA Transport Strategy.

The main themes identified in the GDA Transport Strategy are:

1.  The Importance of Compact Growth

2.  Encourage a better Travel Mode share by increasing Public Transport, Active Travel journeys and discouraging use of the Private car.

3.  Provide supporting sustainable transport infrastructure for our growing residential and economic needs.

  Some of main Transport Infrastructural Projects Identified in the GDA Strategy are:

A.  Bus Connects Rapid Transport Corridors and Orbital Bus Routes

B.  GDA Cycle network expansion - (Cycle South Dublin programme)

B.  Dart+ Southwest project

C. Lucan Luas

D. Luas Tallaght to City Centre via Kimmage and Knocklyon

SDCC are continuing to press the NTA for timely delivery of these important projects for our County. In addition we continue to highlight the need for specific Transport studies within the villages of Lucan, Clondalkin and Rathcoole/Newcastle/Saggart to ascertain the most effective interventions to assist Bus Priority and Active Travel.  We have also highlighted that timely supporting sustainable infrastructure is required for our new major growth areas such as at the proposed City Edge Project, and to facilitate the build out of Adamstown and Clonburris SDZ.

SDCC are confident that the timely delivery of these transport measures will alleviate existing congestion on our roads and facilitate the planned growth in our County.

### **Q21/0222 QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons**

To Ask the Chief executive to issue a report into the average waiting time by 1bed 2bed 3bed and 4bed in SDCC and what progress/target is expected for 2022 and 2023 by house bedroom numbers ?

**REPLY:**

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| **2021 Allocations** | **1-Bed** | **2-Bed** | **3-Bed** | **4+Bed** | **Overall** |
| Average Time On List (excluding Transfers) | 8.5 | 9.7 | 9.5 | 10.9 | 9.67 |

The average time on list for applicants who accepted offers of social housing from this Council in 2021, including through Choice Based Letting, and priority needs including medical, homeless and older persons, but excluding transfers was as follows:

Current confirmed and anticipated housing delivery for 2022/2023 includes the following breakdown of home sizes:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **1-bed** | **2-bed** | **3-bed** | **4-bed** | **Total** |
| 268 | 239 | 401 | 11 | 919 |

This delivery will be supplemented with additional homes in that period through Approved Housing Bodies, Part V, turnkey and leasing delivery that is either in the process of being confirmed and/or for which agreement has yet to be finalised.

### **H7/0222 DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE MADE PUBLIC ROADS**

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

### **H8/0222 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES/SITES - FOR APPROVAL**

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

**LD 1553 Proposed disposal of plot of land to the Educend Foundation at St Joseph’s College, Lucan, Co. Dublin**

The Educena Foundation has applied to purchase a plot of Council owned land at St. Joseph’s College, Lucan for the purposes of carrying out a proposed extension to the school. The subject plot forms part of a larger portion of land which was acquired by CPO for roads purposes from St. Joseph’s Convent in 1960.

The matter was examined in consultation with the Council Valuer who has recommended the following terms and conditions which are considered to be fair and reasonable and which have been accepted by the Applicants.

Accordingly, I now recommend that the Council disposes of its interest in the plot of land measuring 0.028 hectares (280 square metres) or thereabouts at St. Joseph’s College, Lucan as outlined in red on the attached Disposal Drawing No. LA/05/18 to the Educena Foundation, 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 as recommended by the Council’s Valuer:-

1. That the subject plot comprises an area of 0.028 hectares (280 square metres) or thereabouts and is outlined in red on the attached Disposal Drawing No. LA/05/18.
2. That the Council disposes of its interest in the subject plot for the consideration of €15,000 (fifteen thousand euro) plus VAT (if applicable).
3. That the Applicants hold the freehold or equivalent interest in St. Joseph’s College, Lucan.
4. That any boundary features constructed shall be in accordance with the Planning & Development and the Building Control legislation.
5. That the Applicants pay contribution to the Council’s legal costs in the sum of €800.00.
6. That the Applicants pay the Council’s Valuer’s fees of €800 plus VAT.
7. 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.
8. That each party shall use their best endeavours to complete the transaction within a reasonable timeframe following adoption of the disposal resolution.
9. That the Law Agent drafts the necessary legal agreements and includes any further terms deemed appropriate in Agreements of this nature.
10. That no contract enforceable at Law is created or intended to be created until such time as contracts have been exchanged.
11. That the disposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents being obtained.

The lands being disposed form part of the lands acquired by Compulsory Purchase Order for roads purposes from St. Joseph’s Convent in 1960.

**D. McLoughlin**

**Chief Executive**

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

“That the Proposed disposal plot of land to Educena Foundation at St. Joseph's College, Lucan, Co. Dublin be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

### **H9/0222 MANAGERS REPORT** - **FOR NOTING**

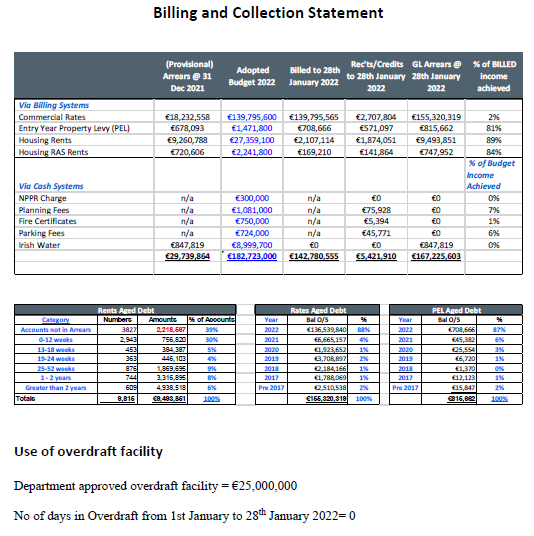
The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Mr. D. Mc Loughlin, Chief Executive and were **CONSIDERED:**

[HI 9 (a) Chief Executive's Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73880)

[HI 9 (b) December Statistics Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73904)

[HI 9 (c) January Statistics Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73999)

HI 9 (d) Finance Report

 A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors R. McMahon, M. Johansson, D. Ó Brádaigh, D. McManus, S. Moynihan, L. O’Toole, and P. Kavanagh. Queries were raised regarding commercial rates, rents arrears, house design, the Grand Canal development, and the Statistics Report. The new dashboard was welcomed.

Mr. D. McLoughlin, Chief Executive responded to the Members queries and informed that an interim report will be issued at OP&F in relation to Capital projects.

The report was **NOTED**

### **H10/0222 CASTLETYMON DISTRICT CENTRE 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**:

[H10 (a) Castletymon District Centre](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73794)  
[H10 (b) Castletymon District Centre Presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73887)

### A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors C. King, P. Kavanagh, T. Costello, E. Ó Broin, C. O'Connor and C. Bailey who welcomed the Part 8 and commended the Director and his team on the consultation process. Queries were raised regarding cycle lanes and shop front improvements.

Mr. M. Mulhern, Director of Land Use Planning and Transportation responded to the Members queries.

It was proposed by Councillor C. King and seconded by Councillor T. Costello and **AGREED** that Castletymon District Centre Part 8, be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

### **H11/0222 CORKAGH PARK UPGRADE PART 8 - FOR APPROVAL**

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

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council gave notice in accordance with Part 8 requirements to construct Proposed Enhancements and Upgrades at Corkagh Park, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 as set out below:

The development will consist of:

* Provision of wayfinding and signage installations;
* Enhancement of the primary and secondary routes;
* Construction of a new 'hub zone' to include a Café building with 10 no. public toilets, kitchen, storage, serving area and internal seating; multi-use events space with a stage and hard-standing area; soft-landscaping with formal seating areas; picnic areas; amenity lawn; mounds; incidental play area; and planting;
* Removal and replacement of trees that are in poor health or pose a risk to safety;
* Upgrading of St. John's Wood Car Park to include resurfacing; improved pedestrian links and footpaths, dropped kerbs and crossings; replacement of existing gates; reorganisation of internal vehicular routes; 11m high arrival beacons at St. John's Wood Car Park Entrance; future-proofing for EV charging points;
* Upgrading and extension of Green Isle Car Park and park entrance to include relocation and widening of existing entrance; addition of a native edge plant buffer; 11m high arrival beacons at Green Isle Car Park Entrance; future-proofing for EV charging points;
* Enhancements to the Fairy Woodland Trail including new play features; new seating; new pedestrian link from the lakes; retention and protection of existing mature trees; addition of native ornamental shrubs and grasses;
* Upgrading of entrance and construction of a new footpath linking existing car park to the Outer Ring Road; future-proofing for EV charging points and extension of car park; and 11m high arrival beacon at Outer Ring Road Entrance;
* Provision of a new pedestrian entrance from Kilcarbery Grange Development;
* Provision of a new pedestrian link between the Camac Valley Camping Park and Corkagh Park;
* Enhancements to pedestrian entrance and boundary at St. John's Wood Drive
* Proposed planting, furniture and landscape works associated with the proposed development.
* All associated and ancillary site works associated with the proposed development.

The areas for the proposed works are within the curtilage of a number of Protected Structures located within the subject site.

The proposal has undergone Appropriate Assessment Screening under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and screening for Environmental Impact Assessment under the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU and a Determination has been made in respect of both screenings.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, plans and particulars of the proposed scheme were available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy for a period of four weeks from the 20th December 2021 only; (disregarding the period between the 24th day of December and the first day of January, both days inclusive); by appointment at the offices of South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24, and plans and particulars of the proposed scheme were available online on the Consultation Portal <http://consult.sdublincoco.ie>

By the closing date 29 No. submissions were received. These have been summarised and responded to with recommendations in the Chief Executive's Report.

Following consideration of the submissions the Chief Executive is of the view that the issues raised by way of the submissions can be satisfactorily addressed during the detailed design stage and the operational and management stage and as outlined in the foregoing report.

**It is recommended that, as the proposal is in conformity with proper planning and sustainable development, the Council proceed with the Part 8 proposal for the proposed enhancements and upgrades at Corkagh Park, Clondalkin Dublin 22 as proposed; with the exception of the following change to the Part 8 proposals:**

**That the proposed section of footpath, adjacent and parallel to Cherrywood Crescent be removed from the current Part 8 proposals**

[02 CE Part 8 Report Final](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74012)  
[03 Corkagh Park Part 8 summary presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74013)  
[04 Corkagh Park Part 8 Public Notice](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74014)  
[05 Corkagh Park Part 8 Newspaper Notice](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74015)  
[06 Corkagh Park Part VIII Summary of Proposals](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74016)  
[07 Corkagh Park Planning Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74017)  
[08 Corkagh Park Part 8 Drawings](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74019)  
[09 Corkagh Park FRA memo](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74020)  
[10 Corkagh Park EIA Screening Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74022)  
[11 CE Order - EIA Screening Determination- Corkagh Park Clondalkin](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74023)  
[12 Corkagh Park AA Screening Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74024)  
[13 CE Order - AA Screening Determination - Corkagh Park Clondalkin](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74026)  
[14 Corkagh Park EcIA Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74027)  
[15 Corkagh Park EcIA Appendix I](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74028)  
[16 Corkagh Park EcIA Appendix II](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74029)  
[17 Corkagh Park EcIA Appendix III](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74030)  
[18 Corkagh Park EcIA Appendix IV](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74031)  
[19 Corkagh Park Archaeological Assessment](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74032)  
[20 Corkagh Park Archaeological Assessment Fig 1](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74033)  
[21 Corkagh Park Archaeological Assessment Fig 2](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74034)  
[22 Corkagh Park Archaeological Assessment Fig 3](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74035)  
[23 Corkagh Park Archaeological Assessment Fig 4](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74037)  
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[25 Corkagh Park Archaeological Assessment Fig 6](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74039)  
[26 Corkagh Park Archaeological Assessment Fig 7](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74040)  
[27 Corkagh Park Archaeological Assessment Fig 8](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74042)  
[28 Corkagh Park Archaeological Assessment Plates](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74044)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors P. Kavanagh, F. Timmons, W. Carey, E. Ó Broin and M. Johansson who welcomed the Part 8, queries were raised regarding a performance pavilion, the return of the petting farm and the beacons.

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

It was proposed by Councillor P. Kavanagh and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons and **AGREED** that, as the proposal is in conformity with proper planning and sustainable development, the Council proceed with the Part 8 proposal for the proposed enhancements and upgrades at Corkagh Park, Clondalkin Dublin 22 as proposed; with the exception of the following change to the Part 8 proposals:

That the proposed section of footpath, adjacent and parallel to Cherrywood Crescent be removed from the current Part 8 proposals, be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

### **H12/0222 ANNUAL CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2022 INCLUDING UPDATE ON INNOVATION FUND - FOR NOTING**

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

[H12 CCAP Implementation Plan 2022](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73975)  
[H12 CCAP Implementation Plan 2022 Presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73974)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors E. Ó Broin, R. McMahon, L. O'Toole, C. Bailey, P. Kavanagh, and Councillor P. Kearns. Queries were raised regarding energy procurement, EV charging points, and ICW’s.

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

The report was **NOTED**

### **H13/0222 PUBLIC REALM AND WATER SERVICES MINOR WORK PROGRAMMES 2022 - FOR NOTING**

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

**REPLY:**

Public Realm Minor Improvement Works Programme

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| **LPNC IMPROVEMENT WORKS PROGRAMME 2022** | | |  |
| **No** | **Location** | **Description of Works** | **Estimated Cost** |
| **1** | Adamstown playground | Upgrade play surface | €40,000 |
| **2** | Arthur Griffith Estate | Surface Path adjacent to houses 63 and 82 | €5,000 |
| **3** | Balgaddy open space | Upgrade section of main footpath beside playground | €30,000 |
| **4** | Balgaddy playground | Upgrade surface and provide new play items | €20,000 |
| **5** | Cluain Rí Park | Provide new vehicle & pedestrian entrances & upgrade paths | €30,000 |
| **6** | Esker Cemetery | Mark car park | €3,000 |
| **7** | Griffeen Valley Park | Upgrade path opposite King Johns Bridge to Arthur Griffith estate | €10,000 |
| **8** | Griffeen Valley Park | Upgrade kissing gates | €15,000 |
| **9** | Griffeen Valley Park | Specimen tree planting between Haydens Lane and Dog run | €5,000 |
| **10** | Hermitage Park | Mark car park | €3,000 |
| **11** | Hermitage Park | Light path linking Hermitage estate and Ballyowen Lane | €15,000 |
| **12** | Lucan Demesne | Resurface section of access road | €5,000 |
| **13** | Lucan Demesne | Accessible Picnic Benches | €5,000 |
| **14** | Quarryvale Park | Boundary upgrade at Shancastle Lawns | €10,000 |
| **15** | R148/Palmerstown Avenue | Upgrade boundary fence on R148 rear of Palmerstown Avenue | €15,000 |
| **16** | Waterstown Park | Path upgrade works | €18,000 |
| **17** | Willsbrook Park | New pillars and railing at Esker Park vehicle entrance & specimen tree planting | €15,000 |
| **18** | Ballyowen Park | Pollinator bulb planting | €8,000 |
| **19** | Collinstown Park | Pollinator bulb planting | €8,000 |
| **20** | Lucan Road outside St Edmondsbury | Pollinator bulb planting | €10,000 |
| **21** | Waterstown Park | Pollinator bulb planting | €12,000 |
| **22** | Willsbrook Park | Pollinator bulb planting | €5,000 |
|  |  |  | **€287,000** |
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| **CLONDALKIN IMPROVEMENT WORKS PROGRAMME 2022** | | |  |
| **No** | **Location** | **Description of Works** | **Estimated Cost** |
| **1** | Bawnogue Road | New path parallel to Bawnogue Road from Lindisfarne Vale to Lindisfarne Park | €15,000 |
| **2** | Castlegrange Open Space | Upgrade path on open space | €13,000 |
| **3** | Corkagh Park | Footpath upgrade Cherrywood Drive to Cherrywood Grove | €20,000 |
| **4** | Corkagh Park | Surface path by cycle track (Phase 2) | €35,000 |
| **5** | Corkagh Park | Upgrade boundary at front of playground | €28,000 |
| **6** | Corkagh Park | New benches on Main Avenue | €10,000 |
| **7** | Corkagh Park | Upgrade back entrance path into playground | €15,000 |
| **8** | Knockmitten open space | Calisthenic equipment Phase 2 | €40,000 |
| **9** | Knockmitten open space | Upgrade & widen link path on open space | €10,000 |
| **10** | Nangor Road | Upgrade planting on roundabouts & surface perimeter | €30,000 |
| **11** | Rathcoole park | Pollinator bulb planting | €10,000 |
| **12** | Clondalkin Park | Pollinator bulb planting | €10,000 |
| **13** | Knockmitten open space | Pollinator bulb planting | €10,000 |
| **14** | Corkagh Park | Pollinator bulb planting | €10,000 |
| **15** | Roundabout at entrance to Luas Park and Ride | Roundabout upgrade | €8,000 |
|  |  |  | €264,000 |
| **RTFB IMPROVEMENT WORKS PROGRAMME 2022** | | |  |
| **No** | **Location** | **Description of Works** | **Estimated Cost** |
| **1** | Rathfarnham Castle | Automate entrance gate from main road in to formal garden | €17,500 |
| **2** | Ballycragh Park | Overlay footpaths as necessary | €20,000 |
| **3** | Woodlawn Park | Overlay laneways at Woodlawn Park Avenue/Drive and Grove | €30,000 |
| **4** | Elkwood Estate | Overlay footpath around open space where necessary | €18,000 |
| **5** | Tymon Park | Overlay footpaths as necessary at Limekiln side of Tymon Park | €15,000 |
| **6** | Cypress Downs | Construct natural play area on open space | €12,000 |
| **7** | Darglewood | Install public lighting at junction with Knocklyon Road | €10,000 |
| **8** | Greentrees Park | Construct accessible entrance from community centre car park into park. | €8,000 |
| **9** | Moyville/Edwards Court | Improve access from Edmondstown Road to Edwards Court including public lighting. | €30,000 |
| **10** | Stocking Wood | Roundabout upgrade at entrance from Stocking Avenue | €10,000 |
| **11** | Rathfarnham Village | Improvements to landscaping at junction with Butterfield Avenue | €10,000 |
| **12** | Greenhills Park | Pollinator bulb planting | €10,000 |
| **13** | Beechfield Park | Pollinator bulb planting | €8,000 |
| **14** | Ballyroan Road | Bulb planting at junction with Marian Road | €8,000 |
| **15** | Ballycragh Park | Pollinator bulb planting | €10,000 |
| **16** | Sally Park | Pollinator bulb planting | €5,000 |
| **17** | St Enda’s Park | Bulb planting in beds at entrance from Grange Road | €2,000 |
| **18** | Rathfarnham Park | Pollinator bulb planting | €10,000 |
| **19** | Aranleigh/Longwood | Overlay footpath through open space as necessary. | €20,000 |
| **20** | Various locations | Installation of seating at Beverly Estate, Ballycragh Park, Rathfarnham Park, Templeogue Wood | €20,000 |
| **21** | College Park/Fortfield Road | Pollinator bulb planting | €2,500 |
|  |  |  | €276,000 |
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| **TALLAGHT IMPROVEMENT WORKS PROGRAMME 2022** | | |  |
| **No** | **Location** | **Description of Works** | **Estimated Cost** |
| 1 | Ballymount Park | Path upgrade | €17,000 |
| 2 | Ballymount Park | Pollinator friendly bulbs | €8,000 |
| 3 | Bolbrook to Homelawns | Overlay existing footpath as required | €10,000 |
| 4 | Butler McGee Park | Construct 'walking path' around park (phase 1) | €20,000 |
| 5 | Millbrook Lawns | Install public lighting on the laneway from the Crescent to the View | €10,000 |
| 6 | Balrothery Rise | Install railing around open space | €5,000 |
| 7 | Whitebrook Park | Overlay footpath as necessary adjacent to no 63 | €5,000 |
| 8 | St Maelruans Estate | Overlay footpath on open space | €5,000 |
| 9 | Tymonville | Construct new footpath to Greenhills Road | €8,000 |
| 10 | Balrothery Estate | Overlay footpath out to Tallaght main road | €3,000 |
| 11 | Carrigmore Park | Pollinator bulb planting | €8,000 |
| 12 | Sean Walsh Park | Install public lighting at the rear of St Martin’s school | €15,000 |
| 13 | Tallaght Village | Pollinator bul plantnig at the Dancer's Garden | €12,000 |
| 14 | Balrothery Estate | Overlay footpath from nos 244 to 270 | €7,000 |
| 15 | Bancroft Park | Construct new footpath along the river, at rear of school | €30,000 |
| 16 | Tymon Park | Renew car park markings in Castletymon car park | €10,000 |
| 17 | Whitestown Way | Pollinator bulb panting on roundabout at junction of Firhouse Road West/Whitestown Way | €20,000 |
| 18 | Sean Walsh Park | Pollinator planting scheme near Old Bawn entrance to park | €5,000 |
| 19 | Tymon Park | Pollinator planting scheme near Castletymon entrance to park | €10,000 |
| 20 | Verschoyle Estate | Install footpath link from Verschoyle Park to main Citywest Road | €3,000 |
| 21 | Aylesbury Estate | Construct final section of looped footpath around open space | €20,000 |
| 22 | Dodder Valley Park | Upgrade tennis and basketball courts | €25,000 |
| 23 | Westpark | Pollinator bulb planting on public open space | €10,000 |
| 24 | Butler McGee | Pollinator bulb planting scheme | €10,000 |
| **25** | Tymon North/St Aongus | Overlay footpaths on green space enclosed by St Aongus Road, Park and Green | €15,000 |
|  |  |  | €291,000 |
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|  |  | **Total** | €1,118,000 |

**PUBLIC REALM ROLLING CAPITAL PROGRAMME; 2022 EXTRACT:**

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| **Location** | **Project** | **Budget / Estimate 2022** |
| Kiltipper Park | Park Development | 648,000 |
| Sean Walsh Park and East of County | Astro programme | 1,250,000 |
| Jobstown Park | Commence park design plan and pump track | 250,000 |
| Griffeen Park, Corkagh Park | Parks Pavilions programme | 1,272,800 |
| Templeogue | Tymon Park Intergenerational Facility | 650,000 |
| N81 Scheme | Landscape Improvement Scheme N81 | 2,134,900 |
| County wide projects | Teenspace programme | 500,000 |
| Fortunestown | Carrigmore Park design | 250,000 |
| Tallaght | Killinarden Park regeneration | 1,000,000 |
| Clondalkin | St. Cuthberts design plan | 350,000 |
| Quarryvale Park | Quarryvale Park design plan | 100,000 |
| Jobstown | Upgrade works to the area around Whitestown Stream | 650,000 |
| Dodder Valley Mount Carmel | Recreational facilities | 200,000 |
| County wide locations | Boundary and Access Improvements | 500,000 |
| Corkagh Park | Corkagh Park Study implementation | 1,500,000 |
| Adamstown SDZ | Tandy’s Lane Park | 130,000 |
| Adamstown SDZ | Airlie Park | 3,000,000 |
| Lucan Demesne | Failte Ireland Destination Town Project; Phase 1 relocation and upgrade of car park | 200,000 |
| Dublin Mountains Way | Dublin Mountain Trails | 30,000 |
| County-wide delivery | Playspace programme | 100,000 |
| Tymon Park, Corkagh Park initially. | Allotments provision post strategy completion. | 100,000 |
| Dodder Valley | Playspace | 250,000 |

**Sports Capital Grant Projects:**

A number of projects are being delivered via the Sports Capital Grants programme which result in the delivery of recreational facilities within public open space; sometimes in conjunction with local sports clubs. Their continued delivery is subject to funding being available both in terms of sports capital grants and the clubs own funding.

**SURFACE WATER MINOR WORKS PROGRAMME 2022**

**1 Surface Water Sewer Projects:**

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| **Location** | **Project** | **Projected Exp. For 2022** |
| Rathcoole Park | Regrade river bank – to alleviate overspill during heavy rainfall | €5,000 |
| Tay Lane, Rathcoole | Regrade road to allow installation of upsized surface water pipework | €15,000 |
| Templeogue Village Main Street | Provision of surface water sewers on both sides of the road. Works coordinating with Village Improvement Scheme in progress since 2021  Works in progress | €80,000 |
| Lucan Village | New surface water pipeline required to facilitate and improve road drainage | €115,000 |
| Butterfield Park | New surface water sewer to allow separation of surface water and foul sewage to alleviate foul sewer flooding. | €75,000 |
| Woodville/Esker Lane | New surface water pipeline to connect road gullies to existing surface water network | €10,000 |
| Cloverhill Road (Palmerstown Woods) | New surface water pipeline required to provide improved drainage. Project will coordinate with a Roads project in same location. | €135,000 |
| **Total** |  | **€435,000** |

Above schemes are at preliminary design stage except as indicated, and are subject to detailed design and full budgetary estimates.

**2 Flood Alleviation Minor Capital Works – River & Stream**

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| **Location** | **Project** | **Projected Exp. For 2022** |
| Firhouse Weir | Upgrade and repair penstocks  Contractor appointed | €15,000 |
| Camac and Dodder Rivers | Clearing of fallen trees and overgrowth | €45,000 |
| Poddle River | Clearing of vegetation | €25,000 |
| Jobstown Stream Tributary | Upsize/replace pipework from N81/DeSelby to discharge to 525mm to remove bottle neck. | €70,000 |
| Owendoher Stream | Clearing of fallen trees and overgrowth per tree survey 2020 | €55,000 |
| Oldcourt Stream | Outfall bank stabilisation works | €40,000 |
| **Total** |  | **€** 250,000 |

The report was **NOTED**

### **H14/0222 RAISING OF LOANS FOR PUBLICLY FUNDED HOUSING - FOR APPROVAL**

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

**REPLY:**

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has provided a Capital Allocation for house purchase and home improvement schemes in the sum of €15,290,000 for 2022.

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

Approval is now sought for authority to raise loans to a limit of €15,290,000 from the Housing Finance Agency plc for this allocation including the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan (RIHL) and Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL) schemes.

[H14 (b) SDCC 2022 Allocation Letter](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73938)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors R. McMahon, C. Bailey, C. King, P. Holohan and K. Mahon. Queries were raised regarding Rebuilding Ireland home loan applications, Local Authority home loans, home improvements, and the capital acquisition scheme.

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

It was proposed by Councillor R. McMahon and seconded by Councillor C. King and **AGREED** that loans to a limit of €15,290,000 from the Housing Finance Agency plc for this allocation including the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan (RIHL) and Local Authority Home Loan (LAHL) schemes, be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

### **H15/0222 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR C. O'CONNOR FROM THE HOUSING SPC AND NOMINATION OF A NEW CHAIR - FOR APPROVAL**

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

**REPLY:**

A vacancy exists on the Housing SPC following Councillor C. O'Connor's resignation as Chair of the SPC and it is a matter for the Council to nominate a replacement to fill the vacancy.

This is now before the Council for consideration.

[H15 (b) Resignation of Councillor C. O'Connor from Chair of Housing SPC](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73707)

Councillors E. O'Brien, C. King, L. Donaghy, A. Edge, D. O'Donovan, D. McManus, C. Bailey, P. Gogarty, W. Carey, P. Kearns, B. Lawlor, and P. Kavanagh paid tribute to Councillor C. O'Connor and thanked him for his work as SPC Chair and wished Councillor D. O'Donovan well.

Councillor C. O’Connor thanked the members for their kind words.

## It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien and seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh and **AGREED** that Councillor D. O'Donovan be appointed to the Chair of Housing SPC in place of Councillor C. O'Connor

### **H16/0222 CHANGES IN SPC MEMBERSHIP - FOR APPROVAL**

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

**REPLY:**

 Further to the following resignations:

 - Councillor S. Moynihan from the Land use, Planning and Transportation SPC to the Housing SPC.

- Councillor Y. Collins from the Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change SPC to the Land Use, Planning and Transportation SPC.

- Councillor E. Murphy from the Social, Community and Equality SPC to the Environment SPC.

It is a matter for the Council to appoint replacements to fill these vacancies and this is now before the Members for consideration and recommendation.

[H16 (b) Change of Land use, Planning and Transportation SPC Membership](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73709)  
[H16 (c) Change of Environment, Public Realm, and Climate Change SPC Membership](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73710)  
[H16 (d) Change of Social, Community and Equality SPC](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73774)

It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien and seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh and **AGREED** that Councillor S. Moynihan be appointed to the Housing SPC in place of Councillor E. Murphy

## It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien and seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh and **AGREED** that Councillor Y. Collins be appointed to the Land Use, Planning and Transportation SPC in place of Councillor S. Moynihan

## It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien and seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh and **AGREED** that Councillor E. Murphy be appointed to the Environment SPC in place of Councillor Y. Collins

## It was proposed by Councillor E. O'Brien and seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh and **AGREED** that Councillor C. O'Connor be appointed to the Community SPC

### **H17/0222 SELECTION OF LEA FOR €300K HAVE YOUR SAY - FOR APPROVAL**

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

**REPLY:**

‘€300K Have Your Say’ is a participatory budgeting initiative which was run by South Dublin County Council in the Lucan local electoral area in 2017, the Clondalkin local electoral area in 2018, Firhouse Bohernabreena in 2019 and Tallaght Central in 2021. The initiative encourages local residents to develop project proposals for their local area and a public vote is then held on the shortlisted proposals. The winning projects to the value of €300,000 from the Council budget are then delivered in the following budgetary cycle by the Council.

The selection of the next local electoral area is now before the Council. The following local electoral areas will be included in the selection process at the February Council meeting. Selection is by way of the Mayor selecting an area from a hat.

* Tallaght South (including Saggart)
* Rathfarnham Templeogue

Please note that Saggart is included alongside Tallaght South to ensure they do not miss out due to the 2019 electoral boundary change.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Kavanagh and seconded by Councillor P. Kearns that a selection process of picking a name from a hat take place and local electoral area Rathfarnham Templeogue was selected and **APPROVED** for 2022 €300k Have Your Say.

It was **AGREED** that Tallaght South will be for 2023 €300k Have Your Say, as is the remaining local electoral area for this initiative.

A discussion arose with contributions from Councillors E. O’Brien, C. Bailey and L. O’Toole who highlighted the importance of this participatory budget and queried the process going forward.

The Mayor, Councillor P. Kavanagh responded to the Members.

### **H18/0222 ETHICS IN PUBLIC OFFICE - FOR NOTING**

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

**REPLY:**

Section 171 obliges Members to prepare and furnish to the Ethics Registrar an annual written declaration containing particulars of  “declarable interests”  within the meaning of section 175 of the Act, and an undertaking to have regard to and be guided by the Code of Conduct for Councillors in the exercise of his or her functions.

This form must be completed by each Member in full and not returning the form is considered an offence (penalties include being barred from membership of a Council for 5 years). The declaration is of all “declarable interests” including:

* professions/occupations specifically including those relating to land dealings;
* ownership or interest in any land (incl. family home) in the State;
* shares;
* directorships;
* gifts, property & services;
* local authority contracts you were party to;
* any remunerated consultancy/lobbyists position;
* any other additional interests.

If nothing to declare write down “Nil”.

The current Ethics Registrar is Louise Crofton and she will issue communication to Members with the relevant forms for completion and return to her by the end of February.

[H18 b) Code of Conduct](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73899)  
[H18 c) Notice to members](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73905)  
[H18 d) Declaration form](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73902)  
[H18 e) Declaration form as Gaeilge](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73903)  
[H18 f) Notes for members](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73906)

The Report was **NOTED**.

### **H19/0222 ANNUAL SERVICE DELIVERY** **PLAN 2022 - FOR NOTING**

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

[H19 Annual Service Delivery Plan](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73984)

The Report was **NOTED**.

### **H20/0222 REPORT FROM CORPORATE POLICY GROUP - AMENDMENT TO FLAG POLICY - FOR APPROVAL**

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

It was agreed at the January meeting of the Corporate Policy Group to amend the Flag Policy to include the flying of the Palestine flag on International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people each year. The United Nations International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People is observed annually on or around the 29th November.

This is now before the Council for approval.

[H20 a)Flag policy change](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73948)

A discussion arose with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, M. Johansson, P. Kavanagh, C. King, K. Mahon, and C. O’Connor.

It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor C. King and **AGREED** to amend the Flag Policy to include the flying of the Palestine flag on International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people each year.

### **H21/0222 SPORTS 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**

**Sports Development Grants**

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 and the online application system was open on a rolling basis during 2021 to ensure responsiveness to community needs in the current circumstances.  Applications received to date were 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 sports grants approved in 2021, the Elected Members are now advised of the following additional sports development grants totalling €19,165 that were approved for funding from the 2021 budget as follows:

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| **Group** | **Amount** |
| Knocklyon United Football Club | €2,850 |
| Tallaght Rugby Club | €4,750 |
| Round Towers GAA Club | €6,000 |
| Clondalkin Celtic FC. | €4,565 |
| Brothers Pearse AC | €1,000 |
| **Total** | **€19,165** |

The 2021 online grant application process closed in December 2021 and the 2022 community and sports development grants will open for applications in Q2 2022.

The Report was **NOTED**.

### **C1/0222 REPLIES & CORRESPONDENCE**

**Replies**

[(a) Correspondence from Minister for Enterprise, Trade Employment re Emergency Motion 1, December 2021](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73741)

[(b) Reply from Revenue Commissioners re. Motion 2 (Employment compliance on construction sites) from January 2022](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73813)

**Correspondence**

[(c) Correspondence from Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73711)

[(d) Correspondence from Louth County Council re Campaign of Epilepsy Ireland](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73712)

[(e) Correspondence from Sligo County Council re Patient Commercial Debt Collection](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73713)

[(f) Correspondence from Galway City Council re Help to Buy Incentive Scheme](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73714)

[(g) Correspondence from Leitrim County Council re Community Wastewater Connections](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73715)

[(h) Correspondence from Leitrim County Council re Spina Bifida](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73716)

[(i) Correspondence from Galway County Council re Epilepsy Ireland](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=73750)

The replies and correspondence were **NOTED**.

### **Motions**

### **M1/0222 PLANNING POLICY REQUIREMENTS FOR CDP**

### **It was proposed by Councillor P. Kavanagh and seconded by Councillor L. Sinclair**

In the interests of good planning and upholding the integrity of the County Development Plan, this Council agrees to write to the Minister for Housing and Local Government to withdraw the Specific Planning Policy Requirements provisions that enables Ministerial Guidelines to override such plans.

**REPORT:**

If this motion is agreed, a letter will be issued to Minister of Housing and Local Government. A response, when received, will be circulated to the Members.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors P. Kavanagh, P. Kearns, D. Ó Brádaigh, C. King, C. Bailey, L. Donaghy, J. Tuffy, K. Mahon, P. Gogarty, W. Carey, L. O'Toole, D. McManus, and Y. Collins.

Mr. Mulhern, Director of Land Use, Planning and Transportation, raised a point of clarification regarding Specific Planning Policy Requirements.

A **ROLL CALL VOTE** was then called for by the Mayor, Councillor P. Kavanagh, the result of which was as follows:

**FOR: 22(TWENTY-TWO)**

**Councillors C. Bailey, W. Carey, L. Donaghy, A. Edge, P. Gogarty, A. Hayes, P. Holohan, M. Johansson, P. Kavanagh, P. Kearns, C. King, K. Mahon, S. McEneaney, D. Ó Brádaigh, E. Ó Broin, G. O'Connell, C. O'Connor, L. O'Toole, D. Richardson, L. Sinclair, F. Timmons, L. Whelan**

**AGAINST: 0(ZERO)**

**ABSTAIN: 12(TWELVE)**

**Councillors Y. Collins, T. Costello, L. McCrave, R. McMahon, D. McManus, S. Moynihan, E. Murphy, E. O'Brien, D. O'Donovan, S. O'Hara, B. Pereppadan, J. Tuffy**

The Motion was **AGREED**.

### **M2/0222 METRO TO DUBLIN SOUTH-WEST**

### **It was proposed by Councillor A. Edge and seconded by Councillor D. McManus**

That this Council calls upon Minister Eamon Ryan: (i) To give proper consideration to the Feasibility Study on extending the Metro to Dublin South-West under the aegis of an independent working group to include political representatives. (ii) Without delay, to step in and bring to An Bord Pleanála a plan to bring MetroLink to St Stephens Green. Continuation of MetroLink to Dublin South-West would be a follow-on project thus effecting massive savings in terms of cost and time

**REPORT:**

If this motion is agreed, a letter will be issued to the Minister for Transport and the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications. A response, when received, will be circulated to the Members.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors A. Edge, Y. Collins, L. Donaghy and C. Bailey, all spoke in support of the Motion.

The Motion was **AGREED**.

### **M3/0222 BABY REDRESS SCHEME**

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

That this council agrees to write to the Relevant Minister and demands an immediate review of the mother and Baby Redress scheme given the outcome of a recent High Court case where the state has acknowledged the rights of mother and baby home survivors were breached when they were not given a draft of the final report of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes prior to its publication in January. The State has admitted that the women are indeed identifiable in the final report and should have been given a right to reply to the sections relevant to them prior to the report's publication, In light of this, an honest and fully inclusive apology with redress for all is the only acceptable next stage.

**REPORT:**

If this motion is agreed, a letter will be issued to Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth. A response, when received, will be circulated to the Members.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, P. Kavanagh, P. Holohan, T. Costello, A. Edge, K. Mahon, L. Whelan, G. O’Connell, and C. O'Connor, all spoke in support of the Motion.

The Motion was **AGREED**.

### **M4/0222 STATE FUNDING FOR FERTILITY TREATMENT**

### **It was proposed by Councillor E. Murphy and seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh**

That South Dublin County Council calls on Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly TD to implement the Programme for Government commitment on State funding for fertility treatment. Ireland was found to be amongst the worst in Europe when it came to fertility treatment provision by the European Atlas of Fertility Treatment Policies joining Albania, Armenia and Poland in the 'exceptionally poor' group at the bottom of the table.

**REPORT:**

If this motion is agreed, a letter will be issued to Minister of Health. A response, when received, will be circulated to the Members.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors E. Murphy and C. Bailey, who spoke in support of the Motion.

The Motion was **AGREED**.

### **M5/0222 JUNIOR AND LEAVING CERT TESTING**

### **It was proposed by Councillor P. Holohan and seconded by Councillor C. King and taken without debate.**

This Council calls on the Minister for Education Norma foley to submit in writing a detailed plan what steps and changes will be made in Junior Cert testing and Leaving Cert testing taking into account the time pupils have missed from school and the distractions they have had to deal with due to on going restrictions.

**REPORT:**

If this motion is agreed, a letter will be issued to Minister of Education. A response, when received, will be circulated to the Members.

### The Motion was **AGREED.**

### **M6/0222 GREEN HYDROGEN**

### **It was proposed by Councillor Y. Collins and seconded by Councillor R. McMahon**

That this Council writes to the Minister for Transport and the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications asking that detailed investigation and research be carried out in relation to sourcing green hydrogen as an alternative fuel for our motor vehicles, including lorries, buses and HGVs given the environmental concerns re the mining of lithium for car batteries for EV vehicles and the considerable cost involved in recycling lithium.

**REPORT:**

If this motion is agreed, a letter will be issued to the Minister for Transport and the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications. A response, when received, will be circulated to the Members.

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 for a further 10 minutes until 7.10pm.

A discussion arose with contributions from Councillor Y. Collins, L. Sinclair, E. Ó Broin and P. Kavanagh.

The Motion was **AGREED**.

### **M7/0222 TEENSPACES**

### **It was proposed by Councillor L. O'Toole and seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh taken without debate**

This Committee asks that Chief Executive carries out further studies, by way of a survey or similar, around teen play-spaces. A recent article has highlighted were teens spaces are by default designed with equipment for males and its now asked that we look at this further and the examine how we can bring into teens spaces equipment that young females would like to see introduced and resulting in them becoming safer environment.

<http://makespaceforgirls.co.uk/?fbclid=IwAR1RrHLTlHkhnQ9iCn7mCe7L9Fr3yLqBkh1c1aWKHEVByN5uXaGRmT5ZB2k>

**REPORT:**

The teenspace programme followed on from SDCC’s successful playspace programme and is committed to inclusive design. When designing the teenspaces the council seeks to ensure the Teenagers wishes and requirements are reflected in the spaces in a way that ensures the teenspace is welcoming to all teenagers. The whole rationale is that they are not exclusive to one particular group of teenagers but that every teenager can and will use them and will feel it is their space. We have outlined the process we have followed below and feel it is robust and has avoided, in the main, the issues highlighted in the article above. However we remain vigilant in this regard and are open to feedback from SDCC teenagers as to how we can improve further. We will continue to actively seek their opinion throughout the delivery of the teenspace programme.

The teenspace programme, from the very outset, engaged in intensive and extensive consultation directly with teenagers. This is seen as an essential component of the programme. The consultation process with teenagers in South Dublin commenced in 2017; led by the Public Realm Section with support from the Communications Section and the Community Department.

The research stage included a study of the facilities for teenagers in South Dublin County and examined both active and passive recreational requirements. Background research was carried out over the period to assess current level of provision for this group. Consultation was held with regard to the existing facilities for teenagers with particular focus on teenagers, facility providers and relevant interest groups. Contact was made with clubs and recreational providers to assess current level of provision and a focus group with teenagers from the Ballycragh / Firhouse area was implemented. In addition the Community Development Team engaged with Comhairle na Nóg in the consultation process.

After the initial research stage; SDCC Communication Unit commenced a social media consultation process with content targeted at the relevant demographic approx. 500 submissions were received and the results informed an interim report.

Further consultations were held with local teenagers and groups who worked with teenager and youth services. SDCC Community Services facilitated a meeting with the senior managers in the three primary service providers DDLETB, Foróige and Crosscare. At the meeting a presentation was made  on the preliminary teenage facility report and the draft proposals.  We received a very positive response and have their support when carrying out site specific consultations with young people if required.  SDCC also consulted with Comhairle Na N’óg and attended a youth festival with Foroige which again gave us further insights into the needs of teenagers. In addition the Council contacted SpunOut.ie to discuss the teenage facilities programme. Spunout.ie is a youth information service for people aged between 16 and 25.  They provide advice on physical and mental health and well-being and are a well-known provider of information to young people.  They were particularly useful in advising on how to make contact with and engage teenagers.

In all of our consultations throughout this initial stage we were focused on presenting the results of the survey and the draft recommendations to gain feedback with regard to the recommendations and robustly querying the conclusions. In general; teenagers told us they wanted a safe space, with hang out / seating areas, informal activity areas, wifi where possible and an area that is theirs to use without being told to move on.

Based on the above we developed the proposed Teenspace Programme which we presented to the full Council in January 2019. The Councillors approved the programme and asked us to continue to engage with teenagers locally during the roll out of the programme.

Prior to design of a specific space, we have engaged directly with teenagers in that area. This involves engaging with local schools, or clubs, or we talk directly to the teenagers already using existing facilities where possible. We have outlined some of the recent processes below and how we ensure we get a balanced response:

At one location; we noticed that our responses to the surveys were skewed to mostly male responses, in order to attempt to get some balance we contacted after-school activities that tend to have a large female teenage attendance to get additional, more balanced input.

In Rathfarnham; we met with teenagers at the Community Centre in Whitechurch. Predominately females attended this event, which gave us an opportunity to see if female teenagers had specific wishes. They told us that they like to hang out: to facilitate this we provide a wide variety of seating. They also enjoy gymnastic activity and callisthenics was something they expressed an interest in as an informal activity: we introduced callisthenics into our teenspace designs. These teenagers also told us they enjoy basketball, and also the availability of wifi and play equipment that can be used to hang around on: we  seek to provide these where possible in teenspaces.

We also consulted with teenagers using the existing Ball Wall in Lucan, this is a highly successful teenspace and is very well used with plenty of seating areas. 3 of the local schools and some local clubs in the teenage demographic (both male, female and mixed) were surveyed to see what they wished to improve in the teenspace, we had an extremely high number of responses and the balance of response based on gender was 191 female / 183 male / 14 other. As a result of this survey, Phase 2 of the teenspace programme in Lucan will include a variety of facilities that will respond to the survey results and what teenagers in the area told us they wanted. The facilities proposed include additional seating, a basket swing, enhanced basketball facilities, callisthenics as well as other facilities.

In general, based on the above intensive public consultations we find:

* Females generally are less likely to exercise in public than males.  That does not mean that they do not use skateparks , ball walls or basketball courts. We have seen in such spaces that teenagers who do not actively use these facilities, still highly value and use these spaces as social hubs.
* From our consultations female teenagers tend to prioritise seating and shelter above equipment.
* Our teenspaces have purposely included gymnastic type equipment as female teenagers report they have gymnastic experience. They also told us they enjoy basketball.
* Female teenagers tell us they enjoy swings but we also know that swings attract younger children into teenspaces and teenagers also tell us they do not want younger children and their parents taking over their spaces. We are going to incorporate a basket swing into the teenspace at Griffeen Valley Park as a trial and, if successful, we will look to continue this in future sites.

For the design of each teenspace we try to avoid generalisations as we are conscious the above could be considered a stereotype, we consider each site as an individual one and listen to what the teenagers in each area are telling us while ensuring we get a balance of voices in the response; this has the added benefit of ensuring we do not exclude teenagers who do not identify as either male or female.

As we are now some period into our teenspace programme we intend to review and check our progress: we are in the process of drawing up a survey to gather opinions from teenagers who are using the facilities that have been built and to check what other facilities teens might like to be included in any future teen spaces. This will be an online survey and will be publicised on social media and through clubs and schools.. Results of the survey will be conveyed to the members.

The Motion was **AGREED**.

The meeting ended at 7.06pm

**Motions not reached**

### **(M8) HOUSING PRIORITY FOR AGES 65+**

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### **Councillor T. Costello**

That this Council calls on management to explore operating a separate housing list similar to medical priority - giving priority to persons on the housing list age 65+ to ensure they are not facing into many years waiting to be housed.

### **(M9) BLOODY SUNDAY 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

### **Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh**

In this the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday in Derry, this Council expresses its total opposition to the British government's proposed 'amnesty' which would see an end to any further inquiries, investigations and prosecutions of members of British forces for their actions during the conflict in Ireland. The Council will write to the British ambassador to convey its view.

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

Mayor

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