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

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

### **PRESENT**

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| **Councillors** |  | **Councillors** |
| Bailey, C.  Carey, W.  Collins, Y.  Costello, T. |  | McCrave, L.  McMahon, R  McManus, D.  Moynihan, S. |
| Donaghy, L. |  | Murphy, E. |
| Duff, M. |  | Ó Brádaigh, D. |
| Dunne, L.  Edge, A. |  | O’Brien, E.  Ó Broin, E |
| Egan, K.  Gogarty, P.  Hayes, A. |  | O’Connell, G.  O’Connor, C.  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. |
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### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor L. Donaghy, presided

Apologies were received from Councillor V. Casserly and Councillor T. Gilligan

Prior to the commencement of the meeting a minute’s silence was observed as a mark of respect for the people of Ukraine.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor L. Donaghy, informed the Members that members of the public will be in attendance at the meeting, and 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.

### **H1/0322 CONFIRMATION AND REAFFIRMATION OF MINUTES - FOR APPROVAL**

Minutes of the February County Council Meeting on 14th February 2022 which had been circulated were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed in the proposition of Councillor L. Donaghy seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh.

1. [February Council Minutes 14th February 2022](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74456)

### **H2/0322 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.

### **H3/0322 STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE - FOR APPROVAL**

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

### **H4a/0322 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

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

(i) - Report ofMeeting – 2nd February 2022

**Venue: MS Teams Meeting**

**In attendance:**

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** | |
| Cllr. A. Edge (Chair) | Jason Frehill | Director of Service |
| Cllr. P. Kavanagh (Mayor) | Paul Fusco | County Librarian |
| Cllr. A. Hayes | Rosena Hand | Senior Executive Librarian |
| Cllr. T. Costello | Orla Scannell | Arts Officer |
|  | Aideen McLaughlin | Music Development Officer, Music Generation |

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| **Sectoral Members** |
| Elaine Vince O'Hara |
| Freda Manweiler |

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| **Apologies** |
| Cllr. M. Duff |
| Cllr. K. Egan |

**The meeting was Chaired by Cllr Alan Edge**

Chair Cllr. Alan Edge opened the meeting and paid tribute to Cllr. Mick Duff, the previous chair.

**Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes**

The [minutes](http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=74108) of Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries SPC meeting held on 3rd November 2021 were proposed by Mayor Cllr. Peter Kavanagh and seconded by Cllr Alan Edge.

**Agreed.**

**Item 2: County Librarian: Introduction, Library Spaces**

Chair Cllr. Alan Edge welcomed and introduced Paul Fusco as the new County Librarian.

Paul Fusco, County Librarian, presented a [report](http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=74109) which addressed our spaces, branch network, mobile libraries and library services. It outlined plans for new Libraries in Adamstown and Citywest along with a library hub in Rathcoole and refurbishment plans for Lucan and Clondalkin libraries. Paul discussed plans for new approaches to mobile libraries, revitalizing our network and other uses of Library spaces including ideas such as Foodlab, Gamelab, Timelab and Quiet space.

A brief discussion was held with contributions from Cllr. Alan Hayes, the Mayor Cllr. Peter Kavanagh, Cllr. Teresa Costello, Cllr. Alan Edge and Elaine Vince O’Hara who all expressed their appreciation of Library services and welcomed the enthusiasm to the expansion and development of Library services and spaces.

Cllr. Alan Edge expressed his support for the idea of using Food themed events in creating Community spirit.

Mayor Cllr. Peter Kavanagh welcomed plans to sympathetically refurbish Clondalkin Library while embracing its heritage.

Following these contributions questions were invited from the members.

Cllr. Alan Edge enquired about the numbers availing of the restricted mobility services and the timeline for delivery of Adamstown and Citywest Libraries.

Paul Fusco and Jason Frehill responded to questions raised.

The report was **NOTED**

**Item 3: North Clondalkin Library & Creative Studio**

Rosena Hand, Senior Executive Librarian presented a [report](http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=74110) on North Clondalkin Library’s Creative Studio. The report tracked Creative Studio’s evolution from concept, to securing funding from the Public Service Innovation Fund, the design process in conjunction with Anne Lynch County Architects Department and Creative Studio’s setup and use. Rosena discussed the promotion of Creative Studio undertaken through multiple media channels, the initial and ongoing community engagement, the organised programmes for schools and local patrons and of the collaboration with Music Generation in organising recent live events with NOISE Music and Sub Sounds. Rosena outlined Creative Studio’s current use for schools podcasting sessions and how library staff assist local musicians and patrons to book the Creative studio, software and instruments. Rosena also discussed it’s impact and future plans for an Acoustic Meeting Pod, a suggestion of providing coffee in the absence of a local coffee shop and the wish to promote cross generational use of Creative Studio through recording workshops for an Intergenerational choir.

A brief discussion was held with contributions from The Mayor Cllr. Peter Kavanagh, Cllr, Teresa Costello, Freda Manweiler, Elaine Vince O’ Hara and Jason Frehill and appreciation for the range of activities, outreach to local schools and community engagement provided by North Clondalkin Library were expressed.

Questions were invited from members.

Cllr. Teresa Costello asked about the use of Creative Studio.

Rosena Hand responded to questions raised and credited staff for their innovation and commitment.

The report was **NOTED**

**Item 4: Music Generation Work Plan 2022**

Aideen McLaughlin, Music Development Officer, Music Generation, presented an [update](http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=74111) on Music Generation and its work plan for 2022 and outlined the growth of the programme since 2019, as well as the regions in the county where the Music Generation programme is currently reaching into. The report highlighted the impact of the pandemic on the programme and how it was necessary to transfer the programme online in order to continue providing the service, particularly for community hubs where 100% attendance was recorded in January 2021. Pathways of Progression for children and young people were highlighted, and Aideen demonstrated an outline of how a young child can progress through the programmes on offer from 0-18 years. Some new focuses for the programme were prioritised since 2019: Recruitment, Expansion of Programming and Outreach. A snapshot of the 2021 financial outcome for the Music Generation programme was given, and the outturn for the 12 months in terms of fee income versus expenditure. Aideen finished the presentation with some illustrations of new programming across 2021, some highlights and events from that year including collaboration with Libraries as well as plans for 2022 and beyond.

A brief discussion was held with contributions from Cllr. Alan Edge, Mayor Cllr. Peter Kavanagh and Elaine Vince O’ Hara

Questions were invited from the members.

Cllr. Alan Edge asked what Outreach entailed.

Aideen McLaughlin responded to questions raised.

The update was **NOTED**

**Item 5: Action Items**

Chair Cllr. Alan Edge invited contributions for Action Items.

Jason Frehill requested and Cllr. Alan Edge agreed that an update on Tallaght Cultural Quarter be included at the next SPC.

The request was **Noted.**

**Item 6: Any Other Business**

Mayor Cllr. Peter Kavanagh expressed his apologies for the delay and indicated that Coiste na Gaeilge will report back to the next Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage and Libraries SPC.

Mayor Cllr. Peter Kavanagh and Jason Frehill reiterated the commitment of the SPC to Heritage and agreed a presentation from the Heritage Officer would be welcome at the next SPC.

Jason Frehill confirmed that the proposed Tallaght Heritage Centre would be included on both the Art, Culture, Heritage, Gaeilge SPC and the Economic Development, Enterprise & TourismSPC.

The requests were **Noted.**

Mayor Cllr. Peter Kavanagh thanked the new chair.

Chair Cllr. Alan Edge thanked members for their attendance.

**The meeting concluded at 6:56pm.**

(ii) - Minutes of Meeting – 3rd November 2021

**In attendance:**

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** | |
| Cllr. M. Duff (Chair) | Jason Frehill | Director of Service |
| Cllr. P. Kavanagh (Mayor) | Síle Coleman | Senior Executive Librarian |
| Cllr. A. Hayes | Orla Purcell | Arts Officer |
| Cllr. T. Costello |  |  |
| Cllr. G. O’Connell |  |  |

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| **Representative** |
| Freda Manweiler |

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| **Observer** |
| Cllr. A. Edge |

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| **Apologies** |
| Cllr. K. Egan |
| Elaine Vince O'Hara |

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

**Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes**

The [minutes](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=72332) of Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries SPC meeting held on 1st September 2021 were proposed by Cllr Mick Duff and seconded by Cllr Peter Kavanagh. **Agreed.**

**Item 2: Libraries Update**

Síle Coleman presented an update to the committee on the Red Line Book Festival and the programme of upcoming events in South Dublin Libraries for November and December.

Chair Cllr Mick Duff invited questions. The Mayor Cllr. Peter Kavanagh and Cllr. Alan Hayes requested that Libraries explore the possibility of greater collaboration with the One Dublin One Book festival in 2022 as the chosen author, Nuala O’Connor is from Palmerstown. Libraries noted past involvement in the festival and that future collaboration will be considered.

Síle Coleman responded to questions raised.

The update was **NOTED**

**Item 3: Arts Update**

Orla Scannell presented an update on upcoming Arts events for November and December; the Exploring and Thinking Award 2021-2022; and SDCC’s Public Art Programme 2021-2025.

Cllr Mick Duff invited nominations to the Public Art Working Group. Freda Manweiler self-nominated and the nomination was agreed by the committee. Cllr Mick Duff proposed the incoming Chair of the committee Cllr Alan Edge also sit on the Public Art Working Group.

Cllr Mick Duff, Cllr Alan Hayes, Cllr Peter Kavanagh and Freda Manweiler contributed to the discussion.

Orla Scannell responded to questions raised.

The update was **NOTED**

**Items 4: Tallaght Cultural Quarter**

Jason Frehill presented a report on the Tallaght Cultural Quarter and the opportunities around its role particularly in light of the Tallaght Streets public realm enhancement scheme and the ongoing €30m investment in capital projects in the Tallaght area.

Chair Cllr Mick Duff invited questions. Questions were raised by Cllr Peter Kavanagh, Cllr Alan Hayes, Cllr Mick Duff and Freda Manweiler. Cllr Peter Kavanagh and Cllr Teresa Costello confirmed their interest in sitting on a Cultural Quarter Working Group.

Jason Frehill and Orla Scannell responded to questions raised.

The update was **NOTED**

**Item 5: Any Other Business**

Cllr Peter Kavanagh expressed his thanks and gratitude to Cllr Mick Duff for his work in chairing the committee to date. This was seconded by Cllr Guss O’Connell and agreed by the committee.

Freda Manweiler gave an update on an event, which took place in the Chester Beatty.

Cllr Mick Duff updated members on the ‘map’ exhibition currently taking place in Rua Red.

**The meeting concluded at 6:33pm.**

The reports were **NOTED.**

### **H4b/0322 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

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

(i) - Report ofMeeting – 9th February 2022

**In attendance:**

**Elected Members Sectoral Members**

Councillor David McManus (Chair) Ms. Una Ruddock

Councillor Madeleine Johansson Mr. Donie Anderson

Councillor Dermot Richardson Ms. Deirdre Mooney

Councillor Yvonne Collins

Councillor Guss O’Connell

# **Officials**

Teresa Walsh, Director of Service

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer

Leo Magee, Senior Engineer

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent

Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer

Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer

Fiona Hendley, Administrative Officer

David Grant, A/Project Resident Engineer

Fionnghuala Ryan, Climate Action and Environmental Awareness Officer

Michael Heffernan, Senior Executive Engineer

# **Apologies**

Councillor Francis Timmons

**Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 2nd November 2021**

The minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 2nd November 2021 were proposed by Councillor Johansson, seconded by Councillor Collins, and agreed.

**Item 2: Flood Alleviation and Surface Water Schemes**

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

Councillor McManus (Chair) noted local appreciation of works proposed for Whitechurch Stream The Report was NOTED

**Item 3: Local Authority EV Charging Strategy**

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer presented the report to the committee. The presentation was available to all members to view separately.

Councillor O’Connell and Ms. Mooney raised queries on the report. Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer responded to the queries raised The Report was NOTED

**Item 4: SDCC Sustainable Drainage Systems (Suds) Explanatory, Design & Evaluation Guide**

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer presented a report to the committee.

Councillors Johansson and Collins raised queries on the report. Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer responded to the queries raised

The Report was NOTED

**Item 5: Climate Change Action Plan 2019 - 2024**

Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer presented an update on the Climate Change Action Plan 2019 - 2024 to the committee by means of the Climate Change Implementation Plan 2022

Councillor Johansson raised queries on the update. Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer responded to the queries raised

The Update was NOTED

**Item 6: Update on Environmental Awareness Activities**

Fionnghuala Ryan, Climate Change and Environmental Awareness Officer presented an update to the committee.

The Update was NOTED

**Item 7: Allotments Policy Update**

Fiona Hendley, Administrative Officer presented an update to the Committee.

Mr. Anderson and Councillor Collins raised queries on the update. Fiona Hendley, Administrative Officer and Teresa Walsh, Director of Service responded to the queries raised

The Update was NOTED

**Item 8: Pollinator Plan Update**

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent presented an update to the committee.

The Update was NOTED

**Item 9: Sustainable Uplands Agri-environment scheme (SUAS) update**

Mr. Donie Anderson presented an update to the committee

**The Update was NOTED Item 10: Any Other Business**

Councillor Gus O’Connell was nominated to the Biodiversity sub-committee by Councillor McManus (Chair) and seconded by Councillor Collins and Mr. Anderson

Una Ruddock invited the committee members to a virtual tour of the Cloughjordan eco village at 7pm on the 22nd of February next.

Teresa Walsh, Director of Service thanked Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer for all his work on this SPC over the past number of years, this will be his last meeting before leaving South Dublin County Council.

Councillor Mc Manus thanked Councillor Yvonne Collins for her contribution to the committee as this will be her last meeting

(ii) - Minutes of Meeting –  2nd November 2022

**Elected Members Sectoral Members**

Councillor Brian Lawlor (Chair) Una Ruddock

Councillor Alan Edge

Councillor Madeleine Johansson

Councillor Suzanne McEneaney

Councillor Dermot Richardson

(Chair) Councillor Yvonne Collins

Councillor Francis Timmons

Councillor Guss O’Connell

**Officials**   **Guest**

Teresa Walsh, Director of Service Hugh Coghlan, Regional Co-ordinator,

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer Su Clarke

Leo Magee, Senior Engineer Jagoda Ennis

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent Ellen Staunton

Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer Melissa Cooney

David Grant, A/Project Resident Engineer Noeleen O’Brien

Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer

Máire Ni Dhomhnaill, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Anne O’Gorman, Administrative Officer

Richard Fitzpatrick, Exec Environmental Scientific Officer

**Apologies**

Donie Anderson

Councillor Brian Lawlor (Chair) thanked Councillor Alan Edge for his contribution to the Committee as this will be his last meeting.

Councillor Brian Lawlor (Chair) had to leave the meeting at 6pm and Councillor Dermot Richardson Took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting,

**Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 7th September 2021**

The minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 7th September 2021 were proposed by Councillor Timmons, seconded by Councillor Edge, and agreed.

**Item 2: Regional Waste Management Office Presentation**

Hugh Coghlan, Regional Co-Ordinator, Eastern Midlands Waste Region presented a report to the committee.

Councillors Johansson, Collins and Edge raised queries on the report. Hugh Coghlan responded to the queries raised.

The Report was NOTED

**Item 3: Living with Trees Revised Draft**

Maire Ni Dhomhnaill, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent presented the report to the c ommittee.

The Director thanked Maire and her team and the also the subcommittee for their work on this Policy.

An update on the progress of the Policy’s action plan will be presented to the Area Committee Meetings. The Living with Trees 2021 -2026 will be presented to the December Council meeting.

The Report was NOTED

**Items 4: Update on Current Flood Alleviation Schemes**

David Grant, A/Project Resident Engineer presented an update to the committee.

The Update was NOTED

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

Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer presented the Annual update on the Climate Change Action Plan 2019 - 2024 to the committee.

Councillors Edge and Johansson raised queries on the update. Chris Galvin, Senior Engineer responded to the queries raised.

The Annual Update on the Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 will be presented to the December Council Meeting for noting.

The Update was NOTED

**Item 6: Draft River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2022 - 2027**

Richard Fitzpatrick, Exec Environmental Scientific Officer presented a report to the committee.

Councillors Collins and Edge raised queries on the report. The Senior Engineer and the Environmental Scientific Officer responded to the queries raised

The Report was NOTED

**Item 7: Report from the Joint EWCC & LUPT Biodiversity Action Plan Subcommittee**

Councillor Alan Edge presented a report to the Committee.

The Report was NOTED

**Item 8: Pollinator Plan Update**

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent presented an update to the committee.

The Update was NOTED

**Item 9: Presentation – Comhairle na nÓg**

Jagoda Ennis, Ellen Staunton, Melissa Cooney and Noeleen O’Brien from Comhairle na nÓg presented a report to the committee.

Due to a technical issue with the sound on the video, it was agreed that a link to the video would be circulated to all following the meeting.

Councillors Edge, Richardson, Collins and McEneaney commented on the presentation and t hanked the presenters.

The Report was NOTED

**Item 10: Any Other Business**

There was no further business and the meeting concluded at 7.00PM

The reports were **NOTED.**

### **H4c/0322 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

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

(i) - Report ofMeeting – 9th February 2022

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** | |
| Cllr. R. McMahon | Jason Frehill | Director of Service |
| Cllr. L. McCrave |
| Cllr. L. O’Toole | Laura Leonard | Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr. L. Whelan |
|  | Tom Rooney | Head of Enterprise |
|  | Justin Mulhern | Senior Enterprise Development Officer |
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| **Representative** |
| John Kiberd |
| Sherri Brennan |

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| **Apologies** |
| Cllr. E. O’Brien |
| Cllr. P. Kearns |
| Sean Reid |
| Sherri Brennan |
| John Kiberd |

In the absence of the Chairperson, Cllr. King, the members present nominated Cllr R. McMahon to chair the meeting.

**Headed Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes**

EETD SPC held on 24th November 2021. **AGREED**

Proposed by Cllr. R. McMahon and seconded by Cllr. L. McCrave

**Headed Item 2:**

**Local Enterprise Office Development Plan 2021-2024**

Tom Rooney, **Head of Enterprise,** presented to the members on the Local Enterprise Office Development Plan 2021 -2024 which has a vision to deliver in the following areas:-

* to promote entrepreneurship,
* to foster sustainable business start-ups,
* to develop existing micro and small businesses
* to drive job creation
* to provide accessible high-quality supports for Business ideas

and the following strategic priorities were outlined

* Digitalisation & Competitiveness
* Green/Sustainability
* Innovation
* Exporting/ Internationalisation
* Leadership Development
* Networks and Clustering

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

Tom Rooney and Jason Frehill responded to the questions raised by members.

**The Report was Noted.**

**Headed Item 3:**

**LEO Performance Activity for 2021**

Tom Rooney, **Head of Enterprise,** presented a review of Local Enterprise Office activity and performance for 2021. The presentation focused on the following areas:-

* Measure 1 & Measure 2 – 2021 Vs 2020
* 2021 Recap – Statistics
* Measure 1 Overview / Financial Supports
* Trading Online Voucher
* Training & Mentoring Supports
* Business Supports
* Programmes provided by LEO
* Networks

Following the contributions, Chair Cllr. L. Dunne invited questions. Questions were raised by Cllr. McCrave who suggested that the item be brought to the attention of the relevant Area Committee.

Tom Rooney and Jason Frehill responded to the questions raised.

**The Report was Noted.**

**Headed Item 4: Shopfront Grants Update and Scheme 2021 -2022**

Tom Rooney, **Head of Enterprise,** presented a review of the Shopfront Grants Scheme 2021 -2022, a very positive scheme that increasing in uptake year on year.

Following the contributions, the members welcomed the update and commended the scheme for 2022.

**The Report was Noted.**

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

A short video capturing the recent visit of Minister Damien English to South Dublin LEO was shown to the members.

**Headed Item 6: A.O.B.**

Cllr L. McCrave raised items in relation to

* + 1. Ballyroan Library Market Stall Access
    2. Roundtower Visitor Centre

Cllr L. O’Toole raised a query in relation to

* + 1. Corporate Social Responsibility

Laura Leonard, Justin Mulhern and Jason Frehill responded to items raised.

**Cllr R. McMahon then concluded the meeting.**

**The meeting ended at 19:05 p.m.**

(ii) - Minutes of Meeting – 24th November 2021

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| **In Attendance:** |
| Cllr. C. King (Chair) |
| Cllr. L. Dunne (Acting Chair) |
| Cllr. L. McCrave |
| Cllr. L. O’Toole |
| Cllr. L. Whelan |
| Cllr. R. McMahon |
| Jack McDonnell |

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| **Apologies:** |
| Cllr. E. O’Brien |
| Cllr. P. Kearns |
| Sean Reid |
| Sherri Brennan |
| John Kiberd |

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| **Officials Present:** |
| J. Frehill, Director of Service |
| L. Leonard, Senior Executive Officer |
| J. Mulhern, Senior Enterprise Development Officer |

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| The meeting was Chaired by Cllr C. King from 17.30 until 17:44 and again at from 18:40 to close.  Cllr L. Dunne Assumed Acting Chair at Cllr C. Kings Request until his return at 18:40  Cllr. C. King acknowledged and thanked Cllr L. Dunne for agreeing to act as Chair during his absence. |
| **Headed Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes**  EETD SPC held on 8th Sept 2021. **AGREED**  Proposed by Cllr. C. King and seconded by Cllr. L. Dunne |
| **Headed Item 2: Circular /Green Economy – Overview**  Justin Mulhern, **Senior Enterprise Development Officer,** presented a report updating members on initiatives and programmes delivered and supported by the Local Enterprise Office and the inclusion of a Green programme in the 2022 LEO activity plans. The report included information on –   1. Government Green for Micro Initiative 2. Environmental reviews 3. Sustainable Business Programme 4. GreenStart & GreenPlus 5. Modos   Following the contributions, Chair Cllr. L. Dunne invited questions. Questions were raised by Cllr L. Dunne and Cllr. L. McCrave.  Justin Mulhern responded to questions raised.  **The Report was Noted.** |
| **Headed Item 3: Policy - Lighting Round Tower**  Laura Leonard, **Senior Executive Officer,** presented a Policy on Illuminating with tinted or coloured light the Round Tower at the Round Tower Visitor Centre, Tower Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 to members. The policy covered -   * Policy Statement * Context * Lighting up the Round Tower * Decision making process * Requests outside policy   Following the contributions, Chair Cllr. L. Dunne invited questions. Questions were raised by Cllr. McCrave who suggested that the item be brought to the attention of the relevant Area Committee.  Laura Leonard responded to the questions raised.  **The Policy was Noted.** |
| **Headed Item 4: Projects Updates**  Laura Leonard, **Senior Executive Officer,** presented a report updating members on a number of capital projects -   1. **Tallaght Stadium**    * 1. Overview of Project Details      2. Project Progress 2. **Grange Castle West Access Road**    * 1. Utilities      2. Road & Attenuation Lake      3. Entrance works      4. Landscaping 3. **Grand Canal Greenway**    * 1. Grant Allocation €1.5 million awarded September 2021      2. Final Design Underway      3. Site Investigation Works Commenced Nov2021      4. Ecology studies in progress      5. Construction to Commence Spring 2021      6. Build Programme -14 months      7. Economic Development Opportunities      8. 12th Lock Masterplan   Justin Mulhern, **Senior Enterprise Development Officer,** presented a report updating members on the Innovation Centre project –   1. **Innovation Centre**    * 1. Review of Plan      2. Space Allocation      3. Updated on project stage      4. Timeline update      5. Layout of building   Following the contributions, Chair Cllr. L. Dunne invited questions. Questions were raised by Cllr L. Dunne and Cllr. L. McCrave, Cllr R. McMahon, Cllr L. O’Toole and Mr. J. McDonnell.  Laura Leonard, Justin Mulhern and Jason Frehill responded to questions raised.  **The Reports were Noted.** |
| **Headed Item 5: Local Enterprise Office Development Plan 2021-2024**  This item was deferred to the next SPC due to time restrictions. |
| **Headed Item 6: A.O.B.**  Cllr L. McCrave raised items in relation to   * + 1. Ballyroan Library Market Stall Access     2. Roundtower Visitor Centre   Cllr L. O’Toole raised a query in relation to   * + 1. Corporate Social Responsibility   Laura Leonard, Justin Mulhern and Jason Frehill responded to items raised. |
| **The meeting ended at 18:50 p.m.**  **Cllr C. King concluded the meeting** |

The reports were **NOTED.**

### **H4d/0322 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

**d) Housing SPC**

(i) - Report ofMeeting – 10th February 2022

**In attendance:**

Cllr. C. O’Connor (Chair), Cllr. W. Carey, Cllr. D. O’Donovan, Cllr. B. Lawlor, Cllr. J. Tuffy, B. Tyrell Collard (ICTU), G. Stockil (PPN) and S. Harty (PPN).

**Apologies:**

Cllr. K Mahon, Cllr. L. Donaghy.

**Officials in attendance:**

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

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. C. O’Connor and commenced at 5:30pm.

**H1. Minutes of the meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 11th of November 2021 were Noted and Agreed.

**H2. Priority Areas and SPC Working Plan**

C Ward delivered report and confirmed the plan was agreed at the February meeting of the Corporate Policy Group. He said it was likely that working groups would need to be established during the 2022 work programme to progress the following policies:

* Scheme of Priorities for Allocation of Affordable Housing
* Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy

He asked Committee members to consider participating in these groups.

**H3. Housing Delivery**

The Housing Delivery presentation was pre-recorded by B. Pierce and made available to members in advance of the meeting.

The report was Noted.

**H4. Estate Management Review**

E. Leech updated the Committee on the process to date.  External consultants were engaged to carry out the review, liaised with staff, other stakeholders and members of this committee (S. Harty & Cllr K. Mahon) before delivering a report with key recommendations including:

* Area based delivery of Estate Mgt & Community Development services
* Neighbourhood planning:
* Partnership working with residents’ groups & external agencies
* Enhance local knowledge & relationships
* Reshape our priorities in each service in line with service objectives
* Clear facility & asset planning & management approach (esp. community facilities)
* Define and identify specific resources for grants, facility management, governance, standards, serious ASB
* Proactive consideration of resource requirements, staff development & mobility

Next steps include advising staff of the proposed changes and establishing a model ensuring an evidence-based approach.

There were contributions from S Harty and G Stockil agreeing that the process was innovative and focused. There were further contributions from Cllr. J. Tuffy and Cllr. W. Carey. C. Ward responded on the issue of training in dispute resolution and assured the committee that it would be a priority to have a specialist team dealing with the serious anti-social behaviour incidents.

The report was Noted.

**H5. Allocations Update**

The report was pre-recorded by N. Hanly and was made available to the committee in advance of the meeting.

There were queries from Cllr. W. Carey and S. Harty in relation to acquisitions of properties and numbers of rough sleepers in the County which were responded to by C. Ward. N. Hanly agreed to follow up with S. Harty on rough sleepers after the meeting.

The report was Noted.

**H6. Kilcarbery Affordable Housing**

C. Ward provided details of the proposed pilot affordable purchase scheme for an initial 16 affordable purchase homes that would be available in May 2022 in the Kilcarbery development and asked the committee to consider the details.

There were contributions from Cllr. J. Tuffy, Cllr. B. Lawlor and Cllr. W. Carey. It was suggested that the process for selection of successful candidates should be a lottery once all applications are received and verified. This was agreed.

There was a discussion relating to the size of the household that could apply for the scheme and it was agreed by the Committee that a minimum household size of three or more people would be required in the first instance - Cllr. Lawlor consented to this, noting his objection.

The report was Noted and Agreed.

**H7. Housing Online**

N. Hanly updated the Committee on the progress with the integrated housing system and the digital strategy, with the next steps in the process would be online applications with pushback notifications so clients could digitally upload documents.

The report was Noted.

**H8. Items for Noting**

A number of information items and reports provided for the Committee were noted as follows:

* Introduction of new loan Management System
* Healthy Age Friendly Homes Project
* Tenant (incremental) purchase scheme
* Private rental inspections
* Housing Acquisitions
* Local authority home loan.

**H9. Matters Raised by Committee Members**

    (i) Fire safety in Multi-Storey Apartment Buildings.

Mr G Stockil (PPN) asked if this item could be reviewed at the next meeting as he had to excuse himself from the current meeting. This was agreed.

**H10. AOB**

* The Director advised Committee members that they were welcome to provide any input or suggestions for agenda items for upcoming meetings.
* Harty asked if the update of the Traveller Accommodation Plan has been conducted yet. E. Leech advised that the Dept had not given provided guidance on this as yet and the Committee would be updated as soon as the review was progressing.
* The Director noted that this was Cllr O’Connor’s last meeting as a member and Chair of the Housing SPC. He thanked him for his service on the committee and wished him well. Cllr O'Connor thanked the Director for his comments and acknowledge the ongoing work of Committee colleagues and Council staff in relation to the Committee.

There was no other business and the meeting concluded at 7.00pm.

(ii) - Minutes of Meeting – 11th November 2021

**In attendance:**

Cllr. Charlie O’Connor (Chair); Cllr. David McManus, Cllr. William Carey, Ms. Sharon Harty (PPN), Mr. Gerry Stockil (PPN), Cllr. Kieran Mahon, Cllr Deirdre O’Donovan and Cllr. Laura Donaghy.

**Apologies:** Ms.Betty Tyrrell-Collard (ICTU), Cllr. Joanna Tuffy.

**Officials in attendance:**

Colm Ward, Director of Services; Brenda Pierce, Senior Executive Officer; Neil Hanly, Senior Executive Officer; Elaine Leech, Senior Executive Officer; Michael Murtagh, Administrative Officer; Fionnuala Keane, Senior Staff Officer.

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. C. O’Connor and commenced at 5:30pm.

**H1. Minutes of Housing SPC Meeting on 9 September 2021.**

The minutes of the Housing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting of 9 September 2021 were AGREED.

**H2. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**H3. Housing Delivery Action Plan**

C. Ward delivered a presentation on the Housing Delivery Action Plan process and responded to contributions from Cllrs. Carey, Mahon, Donaghy and McManus and G.Stockill in relation to site selection, caps on long term leasing and delivery targets.

The report was NOTED.

**H4. Housing Delivery Report (Pre-recorded)**

A pre-recorded presentation on Housing Delivery by B. Pierce was made available to the Committee in advance of the meeting which included a time-lapse video of work at Kilcarbery. Following a contribution from Cllr. O’Donovan relating building projects completed in the Rathfarnham/Templeogue area, the report was NOTED.

**H5. Statutory Homeless Action Plan 2022-2024**

N. Hanly provided an update on the regional Homeless Action Plan and advised Committee members to provide input to him for the DRHE who are drafting the plan on behalf of the Dublin Region.

There was questions and contributions from Cllr. McManus, S. Harty and Cllr. Carey in relation to challenges with homeless accommodation, homeless persons with addictions and coming from prison, and the increases in numbers presenting as a result of the rental accommodation crisis which were responded to by C. Ward and N. Hanly and the report was NOTED.

**H6. Allocations and Homeless Report (Pre-recorded).**

A pre-recorded presentation on Allocations and Homeless by N. Hanly was made available to the Committee in advance of the meeting.  Following contributions from G. Stockil, Cllr. Mahon and S. Harty, C. Ward and N. Hanly responded, advising the Committee of ongoing work with Peter McVerry Trust to ensure best practice responses to homelessness.

The report was NOTED.

**H7. Planned Maintenance & Energy Efficiency Programme**

E. Leech provided an update on planned maintenance and energy efficiency retrofit programmes, outlining the current challenges associated with the programme including labour and material shortages. She advised that there is a new dedicated workstream & team to deliver planned, cyclical and energy retrofit programmes with extra recruitment & a 2022 apprenticeship programme planned. Other issues of note include:

After contributions and questions from Cllrs. O’Donovan and Carey and G. Stockil, E. Leech responded and advised that the installation of heat pumps has been well received by a number of tenants and that it will be a rolling apprenticeship programme, following which the report was NOTED.

**H8. Anti-Social Behaviour (Pre-recorded)**

A pre-recorded presentation on anti-Social Behaviour statistics and issues by E. Leech was made available to the Committee in advance of the meeting, highlighting areas of focus for 2022.  Cllr. O'Donovan made a contribution following which E. Leech confirmed that the WhatsApp number for reporting anti-social behaviour was local authority homes and social housing tenancies only.

The report was NOTED.

**H9. Housing Grants Report (pre-recorded)**

A pre-recorded presentation by N. Hanly and B. Pierce on housing grants was made available to the Committee in advance of the meeting, highlighting the different types of grants available: Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability (HAG), Mobility Aid Grants (MAG), Housing Aid for Older People Grant (HOP) and Tenant Disabled Persons Grant (DPG).

There were contributions from S. Harty regarding Occupational Therapist assessments for private house grants and Cllr. Carey in relation to mid-terrace extensions in Council properties and N. Hanly advised that applications in relation to same are dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

The report was NOTED.

**H10. 2022 SPC Work Programme**

C.Ward updated the Committee on the proposed work programme for 2022 for the SPC which was noted and AGREED.

**H11. Any Other Business**

Cllr. Carey raised queries about the Choice Based Letting (CBL) web portal for housing customers including issues relating to the property details provided which C. Ward responded to, confirming that the portal has the facility to upload more details and both he and N. Hanly would review same.  Cllr. Carey also asked about AHB properties and additional costs for their tenants, such as bin charges or additional charges for parking spaces and Cllr. Carey and N. Hanly agreed to discuss further outside of the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 7pm.

The reports were **NOTED.**

### **H4e/0322 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

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

(i) - Report ofMeeting –  15th February 2022

**In Attendance**: Cllr. T. Gilligan (Chair), Cllr. V. Casserly, Cllr C. O’Connor, Cllr. S. O'Hara, L. Byrne (PPN), D. Hennessy (PPN).

**Apologies:** Cllr C. Bailey, Cllr. P Holohan.

**Officials Present:** C. Ward (Director of Services), J. Moroney Ward (Senior Executive Officer), J. Hayden, (Administrative Officer), M Murtagh, (Administrative Officer), C Farrelly, (Sports Recreational Officer), M. Nugent (Senior Staff Officer), F. Keane (Senior Staff Officer), M. Farrell (Clerical Officer).

The Chair, Cllr T. Gilligan opened the meeting and welcomed Cllr. Charlie O’Connor and Lynn Byrne (PPN) to the committee.  He also thanked Cllr. Emma Murphy for her contributions to the committee during her membership.

**H1. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes from the last meeting held on the 16th of November 2021 were Noted and Agreed.

**H2. 2022 Workplans and Priorities**

C. Ward presented the 2022 SPC workplans and confirmed that two working groups would need to be established during the 2022 work programme to help progress the Local Sports Plan and the Community Facilities Governance & Strategy. The report was Noted.

**H3. School Sports Programmes**

C. Farrelly delivered a report on the school sports programmes by the Council and the South Dublin County Sports Partnership outlining why and how the Council work with schools. There were contributions from Cllr. Gilligan and D. Hennessy in relation to the importance of sports in dealing with mental health issues and the importance of the schools to clubs links. C Ward asked the committee for their suggestions in relation to the Local Sports Plan and encouraged them to submit ideas to him.

The report was Noted.

**H4. Community Development Review**

C.Ward updated the Committee on the process to date. External consultants were engaged to carry out the review, liaised with staff, other stakeholders and a representative of this committee (Cllr E. Murphy) before delivering a report with key recommendations including:

* Area based delivery of Estate Mgt & Community Development services
* Neighbourhood planning:
* Partnership working with residents’ groups & external agencies
* Enhance local knowledge & relationships
* Reshape our priorities in each service in line with service objectives
* Clear facility & asset planning & management approach (especially community facilities)
* Define and identify specific resources for grants, facility management, governance, standards, serious anti-social behaviour
* Proactive consideration of resource requirements, staff development & mobility

Next steps include advising staff of the proposed changes and establishing a model ensuring an evidence-based approach.

Following a contribution from Cllr. Gilligan, the report was Noted.

**H5. Community Grants 2021 Overview & 2022 Timetable**

A pre-recorded presentation by J. Hayden was made available to the committee in advance of the meeting outlining the timeline for Grants administration in 2022 and the use of the Salesforce platform in helping to refine the online application process and to help with oversight.

There were queries from D. Hennessy, L. Byrne, Cllr. O'Connor and Cllr. Gilligan in relation to distribution spread of grants throughout the county and skills necessary to complete the application forms. The queries were responded to by J. Hayden and C. Ward.

The report was Noted.

**H6. SPC Rep on Sports Partnership Committee**

C Ward informed the committee that Cllr. Emma Murphy, who is a nominee to the board from the Council's Social, Community & Equality SPC, notified South Dublin County Sports Partnership of her intention to step down from the committee with immediate effect. The Committee was therefore requested to propose and agree a suitable replacement from the Elected Members within its membership to replace Cllr. Murphy.

C Ward said he would follow up with the committee members for nominations.

The report was Noted.

**H7. Age Friendly Update**

A pre-recorded presentation was made available to the committee in advance of the meeting by J. Moroney Ward.   There was a question from Cllr. Gilligan in relation to the installation of Carbon Monoxide Alarms & the Home Security Scheme in 2022. C. Ward and J. Moroney Ward responded, and the report was Noted.

**H8. Selected Capital Project Updates**

A pre-recorded presentation by P. McAlerney was made available to the Committee in advance outlining updates on selected Community Department capital projects in the County.  There were queries from Cllr. O’Hara, Cllr. Gillian and Cllr. O’Connor which were responded to by C. Ward and J. Moroney Ward in relation to timelines on delivery of projects.

**H9. Leisure Centre Management**

J. Moroney Ward delivered a report on the current activities in Lucan Leisure Campus and updates on SDLC in Clondalkin and Tallaght.

There were two queries from Cllr. Gilligan in relation to the financial arrangements in place with the management companies of some of the leisure facilities and a request for an update in relation to the repair works on the boom in the Clondalkin pool. Both queries were responded to by C. Ward and the report was noted.

**H10. Items for Noting**

A number of information items and reports provided for the Committee were noted as follows:

* Healthy Age Friendly Homes Project
* Community Activities Fund
* Community Facilities Survey
* Local Economic and Community Plan

There was a query from Cllr. Gilligan in relation to the Community Facilities Survey and if it would be made available to the SPC. J. Moroney Ward confirmed that she would have a full report at the next SPC.

**H11. Any Other Business**

There was no further business and the meeting concluded at 4.15pm.

(ii) - Minutes of Meeting – 16th November 2021

**In Attendance**: Cllr. T. Gilligan (Chair), Cllr. V. Casserly, Cllr. E. Murphy, Cllr. S. O'Hara, D. Hennessy (PPN).

**Apologies:** Cllr C. Bailey, Cllr. P Holohan, E. Hendrick (PPN).

**Officials Present:**C. Ward (Director of Services), Jennifer Moroney Ward (Senior Executive Officer), J. Hayden, (Administrative Officer), M Murtagh, (Administrative Officer), P. McAlerney (Senior Community Officer), T. Mc Dermott (Sports Partnership Coordinator), M. Nugent (Senior Staff Officer), F. Keane (Senior Staff Officer), Margaret Farrell (Clerical Officer).

**H1. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st September 2021 were noted and agreed.

**H2. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**H3. Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme**

C Ward presented a report outlining the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme including:

* The Council have agreed a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Dept of Health up to 2024 for delivery of the programme.
* Recruitment process for Local Sláintecare Implementation Officers will commence shortly.
* The LCDC will have an oversight role for the Sláintecare programme with programme reporting will be through that Committee
* Outline of funding for infrastructure and community support projects under the programme

Cllr. Gilligan queried updating of the deprivation indices and C Ward advised that these are based on Census figures and will be updated when the next census is undertaken.  The report was then noted by the Committee.

**H4. SICAP Programme and LCDC Oversight**

A pre-recorded presentation by J. Moroney Ward on the SICAP programme and LCDC oversight was made available in advance of the meeting.  This report updated the Committee on oversight and issues relating to the SICPA programme and associated LCDC oversight.

The report was NOTED.

**H5. Community Sports Hubs**

A pre-recorded presentation by T. McDermott was made available to the Committee in advance of the meeting outlining activities and information relating to the community sports hubs in (i) North Clondalkin - Collinstown Sports Centre (since 2016) and (ii) West Tallaght Brookfield Youth & Community Centre (since 2017).  These hubs aim to increase participation in sports and activity in expanding areas with less developed club infrastructure and lower participation levels.

The report was NOTED by the Committee.

**H6. Community Facilities Governance**

J. Moroney Ward updated the Committee on plans to enhance community facilities governance with priorities for 2022 including a review of the existing community facilities across South Dublin, to help future proof the facilities with strong governance and to drive best practice in Finance, HR, sustainability and governance practices across all Council owned community facilities in the County owned facilities. She outlined that the proposed development of a building management network to enable and support communities to run facilities, build capacity and to run fully accountable & transparent centres that respond to local community needs with enhanced training & development support for boards of management and facility managers.

Queries by Cllrs. Gilligan and Murphy on the budget associated with the initiative were addressed by C. Ward who advised that there is a significant amount proposed for this in the 2022 Budget and the report was NOTED.

**H7. 2022 Grants overview (Pre-recorded)**

A pre-recorded presentation by M. Nugent was made available to the Committee in advance of the meeting informing the members about the various grants being administered by the department and the use of the salesforce platform to help with the administration.

The report was Noted.

**H8. Disability Participation and Awareness Fund (Pre-recorded)**

A pre-recorded presentation by N. Hanly outlined proposed applications under the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth Disability Participation and Awareness Fund which was NOTED by the Committee.

**H9. Leisure Centre Management**

J. Moroney Ward delivered a report about leisure centre management covering:

* Closure of the Lucan Leisure Centre
* Governance of SCDLS

A query by Cllr. Gilligan in relation repair of the boom in Clondlakin pool was responded to by  C. Ward and the report was then NOTED.

**H10. Selected Capital Projects Update**

A pre-recorded presentation by P. McAlerney was made available to the Committee outlining the current status of selected capital projects managed by the Community Department.  C. Ward also highlighted the proposed additional funding in the 2022 Budget to help support delivery

The report was NOTED.

**H11. 2022 Work Programme**

C. Ward shared a proposed 2022 work programme for the Committee and advised that any proposed additions or amendments could be submitted to the Chair as necessary following which the report was NOTED.

**H12. Any Other Business**

* *Sports Plan* – C. Ward update the Committee on the proposed tender for a local sports plan.
* *Estate Management/Community Development Review –* update from C. Ward on staff and stakeholder engagement and the current stage of the process.
* *Booking System Update* – Committee were advised that this is being explored in conjunction with Smart Dublin to inform the best way forward.
* Age-Friendly Homes Website: now live <https://agefriendlyhomes.ie/>
* Ward assured Cllr. Gilligan he is looking at the number of tennis courts across the county and would revert at a future meeting.

The meeting concluded at 4p.m.

The reports were **NOTED.**

### **H4f/0322 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

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

(i) - Report ofMeeting – 25th February 2022

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** |  |
| Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh | Mick Mulhern | Director of Services |
| Cllr Yvonne Collins | Mary Maguire | Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr Eoin Ó Broin | John Hegarty | Senior Engineer |
| Cllr Paul Nicholas Gogarty | Eoin Burke | Senior Planner |
|  | Michael McAdam | A/Senior Executive Planner |
|  | Sheila Kelly | Administrative Officer |
|  | Siobhan Duff | Senior Executive Planner |
|  | Ally Menary | Road Safety Officer |
| **Non Elected Members** |  |  |
| Eoin Ahern | PPN |  |

Apologies were received from Cllr Liam Sinclair (Chair) who was unable to attend.

It was proposed by Cllr Paul Gogarty and seconded by Councillor Yvonne Collins and **AGREED** that Cllr. Eoin Ó Broin would chair the meeting.

**H-1 (1) Item 74296 Minutes of 25th November, 2021 LUPT SPC**

Minutes of Land Use Planning & Transportation SPC , held on 23rd November, 2021 were proposed by

Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh, seconded by Cllr Paul Gogarty and **AGREED**

**H-1(2) Item 74297 N81 Integrated Transport and Planning Strategy**

The report as circulated was presented by Michael McAdam, A/Senior Engineer.

It was noted that a meeting will need to be held with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to gain agreement to implement the measures as outlined in the Strategy for the N81.

The Council commissioned Atkins Consulting Engineers to carry out a Planning and Transport Strategy for the N81 and to make recommendations for the section of road from Junction 11 on the M50 to the Junction with the Citywest Road.

The N81 divides Tallaght TC from the suburbs to the south and there are significant traffic levels along the route including high levels of HGV traffic.

The general speed is 80kph along most of this stretch of roadway, reducing to 60kph in some parts.

A key aspect of the proposed strategy is the balancing of the local active and sustainable travel. The Strategy also assessed and considered the future role of the N81 beyond its current function. The strategy will include a longer list of works that would be beneficial, but the final strategy will include a set of priority projects.

Once agreed by SDCC, NTA and TII, it is hoped that Stage 2 Concept Design and Planning will commence. During this stage each of the proposed measures that are identified in the strategy will be developed in further detail to Stage 3 Implementation.

IT is recommended that all elements of the strategy would proceed to planning and design, an implementation plan has been proposed which divides the measures into short, medium and long term measures. Several factors are included:-

* Feasibility
* Deliverability
* Delivery and maintenance
* Cost

A map of the locations where measures are envisaged was presented. There are 17 locations along the N81 route.

A final report will be brought back to the SPC and the Council identifying the priorities.

Following the presentation Mr. McAdam and Mr. Mulhern, DOS responded to queries from Cllrs Ó Broin, Collins, Ó Brádaigh, and Eoin Ahern. Cllr Ó Broin requested access to the Atkins document and it was agreed that this could be forwarded to the committee members.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (3) Item 74347 – Road Safety Strategy 2022 – 2026: Progress Report**

The report as circulated was presented by Ally Menary, Road Safety Officer

Mr. Menary gave the background to the Government Road Safety Strategy. The new Strategy is titled “Our Journey Towards Zero Vision” and it aims to have zero road deaths and injuries on our roads by 2050.

The Strategy is using the Safe System approach which is based on four principles.

* People make mistakes
* Human body is limited ability to tolerate collisions
* Shared responsibility among those who design, build, manage and use the roads and vehicles to reduce collision impacts and those who provide post-crash response to mitigate injury
* All parts of the traffic system need to be strengthened

There are seven safe system priority intervention areas in the strategy which include

* Safe speeds
* Safe roads and roadsides
* Safe vehicles
* Safe road use
* Post-crash response
* Safe and healthy modes of travel
* Safe work-related road use

There are 50 high impact and 136 supporting actions within the above priorities in the strategy, and these will be put in place for Phase 1 of the Strategy.

**SDCC – Progress to date**

Council staff attended an information session held by the Road Safety Authority (RSA) on the 1st February and the RSA are currently working on a template which will be used by all LA’s to develop their own strategies to run alongside the Government Road Safety Strategy (GRSS). IT is anticipated that this will be delivered by March 2022.

The Council’s Strategy is a non-statutory one, it should be noted that there was an extensive public consultation process run by the RSA.

SDCC will have an annual road safety action plan, and this will aid delivery of our objectives in the strategy.

The plan should be brought to the June Council meeting for noting and strategy in place by summer 2022.

Mr Menary responded to query raised by Cllr Collins regarding the task force and agreed to update her in this regard.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (4) Item 74293 - City Edge: Progress Update**

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

Ms. Duff outlined the strategy objectives which break down the vision into eight scenarios

1. Housing Analysis which will review permissions with the city edge area, this will be done by reviewing international case studies, tenure type, dwelling mix, typologies, densities and quantum – how much housing is required.
2. Natural infrastructure

20% of greening will be provided by Natural infrastructure and

30% by development

There are challenges in that there is a certain amount of land take and the balancing of amenity with ecology

1. Districts and Character areas

There will be 5 districts

1. Kylemore
2. Greenhills
3. Redcow
4. Cherry Orchard
5. Naas Road
6. A package of Infrastructure Requirements is being progressed

Ms. Duff outlined the infrastructure requirements including schools, transport links, flood alleviation, flagship parks and utilities

Mick Mulhern informed the meeting that post finalising the framework it will take 12 – 18 months to get a Local Area Plan ready.

IT is proposed to have the report brought to the April Council meeting in SDCC and May meeting in Dublin City Council for approval.

Ms. Duff and Mr. Mulhern address queries raised by Cllrs. Ó Broin and Collins.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (5) Item 74298 – SHD’s to LRD’s**

The report as circulated was presented by Eoin Burke, Senior Planner

Mr. Burke informed the meeting that the Strategic Housing Developments (SHD’s) are being replaced by Large Scale Residential Developments (LRD’s).

Mr. Burke gave the background to the new Schemes (LRDs) and that is part of the Programme for Government. They will restore two stage planning in which the Local Authorities will be the decision maker, and the right to appeal will rest with An Bord Planala. The current SHD scheme process was in three stages, pre planning with PA, Pre Planning with ABP and application to ABP.

LSD’s are being made effective from 17th December 2021 under the P&D(Amendment) (LSD) Act 2021 and Regulations (SI 716 of 2021) and Regulations re fees

Two main changes under the new LRD arrangements are

* Up to 30% of gross floor space of the development to be for other uses, instead of 15% cap with SHD’s
* Mixed developments combining housing and student accommodation to be c lassified as an LRD where the thresholds is met for either element
* The LRD is not applicable for SDZ (i.e. Adamstown and Clonburris)

Three Step Process

1. Pre Planning
2. LRD Meeting/Opinion
3. Planning Application and Appeal to ABP

The pre planning stage is mandatory

**LRD Appeals**

* PA decisions can be appealed to ABP
* Time limit of 16 weeks for ABP decision
* Limited scope for “further information” requests
* Financial penalty for late decisions

Any party to a judicial review challenge in the High Court may apply to appeal the High Court judgement and have the appeal referred directly to the Supreme Court, bypassing the Court of Appeal.

Mr. Burke also informed the members of statutory changes to Planning Compliance timelines, also effective from 17th December 2021.

Mr. Burke and Mr. Mulhern responded to queries raised by Cllr Collins.

The report **NOTED**

The meeting concluded at 7.10p.m.

(ii) - Minutes of Meeting – 25th November 2021

### **PRESENT**

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** |  |
| Cllr Liam Sinclair (Chair) | Mick Mulhern | Director of Services |
| Cllr Shane Moynihan | Mary Maguire | Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr Eoin Ó Broin | John Hegarty | A/Senior Engineer |
| Cllr Paul Nicholas Gogarty | Hazel Craigie | Senior Planner |
| Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh | Gary Walsh | Senior Engineer |
|  | Eoin Burke | Senior Planner |
|  | Sheila Kelly | Administrative Officer |
|  | Tracy McGibbon | Executive Planner |
| **Non Elected Members** |  |  |
| Eoin Ahern | PPN |  |

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### **H-1 (1) Item 71956 Minutes of 23rd September 2021 LUPT SPC**

Minutes of Land Use Planning & Transportation SPC , held on 23rd September 2021 were proposed by

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

**H-1(2) Item 72734 Adamstown SDZ Progress Report**

The report as circulated was presented by Eoin Burke, Senior Planner

Mr. Burke gave an update on the following:

* Approved ABP non material amendment to Planning Scheme – this was issued by ABP in October 2020 and results in changes to the SDZ Planning scheme
* URDF Allocation - €12m funding application to include for Housing and Infrastructure (this includes 25% landowner match funding)
* LIHAF Projects – CLR, Tandy’s and Airlie Park – Scheme is in Phase 4 (2601 – 3400 units) – c3000 units occupied. In 2021 PP was granted for 279 units in District Centre, retail and car parking in District Centre, 185 units in District Centre, 32 classroom primary school – Tandy’s Lane, 235 units in Aderrif, 122 units in Tobermaclugg Village, 113 units in St. Helen’s. A

Applications pending decision by ABP for further information

* Bus Connects /NTA

Following the presentation Mr. Burke responded to queries from Cllrs Ó Broin, Ó Bradaigh, Gogarty regarding schools, need for Primary Care, Doctor’s surgeries, bus connectivity. Eoin Ahern asked about bicycle parking and would there be some at the train stations.

The condition of footpaths in Shackleton Estate was also highlighted and Mr. Burke agreed to raise it with the developers of the estate.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (3) Item 72873 – Street Improvement Management Guide**

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

Mr. Hegarty gave the context of the guide and the objectives of the Guidance document which was to

Create local transport interventions to benefit all road users by :

* Encouraging walking, cycling and public transport use
* Improving safety at junctions
* Small permeability schemes
* Appropriate additional pedestrian crossings
* Traffic calming measures where vehicle speeding was happening
* Support universal access for vulnerable users

Mr. Hegarty outlined the types of traffic calming proposals which included for ramps, raised tables, varied surfaces, vertical control measures, Belisha/Toucan crossings, buildouts/chicanes and tree planting; Slow zones in Housing Estates and Universal Access to include for age friendly/disabled parking.

Traffic Section would use a marking scheme to prioritise the types of traffic calming schemes that would apply at various locations.

Pilot Study trials would be undertaken to access the effectiveness of the various measures, and the best performing combination of measures would then be rolled out as the preferred interventions throughout the county.

Mr. Hegarty recommended that SDCC write to DTAS, CCMA and NTA to get a workshop organised to update the “warrant” guidance to incorporate provisions for vulnerable users and key desire lines into the methodology for pedestrian crossing location selections.

Mr Hegarty advised that following a review of the draft, a further document would be brought back to an informal meeting of this SPC on 6th January 2022, with a view to going to Council with a non-statutory policy document in Q1 2022.

Mr Hegarty responded to queries raised by Cllr E Ó Broin, Eoin Ahern and Cllr S Moynihan regarding the marking scheme to include for Sports Clubs/facilities, slow zones (30 KPH)

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (4) Item 73080 - Development Plan 2022 – 2028 – Update**

The report as circulated was presented Hazel Craigie, Senior Planner

Ms. Craigie updated the meeting on the status of the CDP process, with a focus on the following timelines:

* Cllrs approved Draft Plan to go on display on 24th June 2021
* Draft Plan went on display on 7th July 2021
* Public consultation closed 15th September 2021 - Approximately 300 submissions were received with c 900 issues raised within the submissions received

Following the assessment of the submissions

* CE report prepared which will list and assess submissions, provide responses and make recommendations
* CE report on the submissions will issue to all members on 7th December 2021
* Submissions received from OPR, NTA and EMRA will be assessed, and their recommendations will be responded to separately

Next Steps Following issue of report on 7th December

* Briefing of Members on 9th December 2022 re next steps and structure of CE Report
* Statutory meetings will be scheduled in Feb/March 2022
* Motions will be made in advance of these meetings and briefings will be held prior to these meetings to guide with drafting / submitting motions
* By 9th March Cllrs will Adopt or Amend Draft Plan
* If material amendments are required there will be further consultation on these proposed amendments which will lead to adoption of the plan in July and come into effect in August 2022 (99 weeks in the making)

Ns. Craigie responded to questions raised by Cllr Gogarty regarding land rezoning

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (5) Item 73086 – City Edge: Update on public Consultation**

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

Following public consultation and international conference 280 issues were raised regarding

* Transport and movement
* Economy and employment
* Liveable city and sustainability
* Community, Sports and Cult and
* Natural infrastructure

The next key tasks include

* Review and summarise submissions with response to themes
* Draft CE report on public consultation
* Present to Dublin City Council on 7th December for noting and present to SDCC Council on 13 December 2021 for noting
* Inform Final Strategic Framework proposals (ongoing)

Cllr Shane Moynihan expressed praise for the brilliant site analysis.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (6) Item 73087 - LUPT SPC – Draft 2022 Works Programme**

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

Ms. Maguire informed meeting that a report on the works programme will be presented to the CPG in January 2022 for noting. She advised that The work programme as presented is fluid and open to alteration.

Cllr Gogarty requested that EV charging points be added to the SPC programme, and Cllr E Ó Broin requested that E Scooters also be added to work programme. This was agreed.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1(7) Item 72874 - Naming of Infrastructure Policy: Notification of iniation of policy review**

Ms. Maguire advised the members that a policy review is to commence, and a meeting of the committee will be held on 9th December 2021 to further access applications which were not sufficiently advanced at the last meeting.

**This was NOTED**

**H-1(8) Item 73164 – GDA Transport Strategy and Dart + South West: Notification of Public Consultations**

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

Strategy is currently on public consultation which runs up until Friday 17th December, 2021

There are several online information sessions and links were included in the report.

The Strategy seeks to address all aspects of land based GDA transport and sets out a variety of actions including

* Planning for sustainable transport
* Integration and inclusion
* Walking, accessibility and public realm
* Cycling and personal mobility vehicles
* Public transport – bus, Luas, metro and heavy rail
* Roads
* Traffic management and travel options
* Freight, delivery and servicing
* Climate action management

A report on the Consultation will be brought back to the February SPC

The report **NOTED**

The meeting concluded at 7.00p.m.

Councillors C. King and P. Kearns requested their apologies be noted for non-attendance at the SPC

The reports were **NOTED.**

### **H5/0322 REPORTS REQUESTED BY AREA COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

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

It was proposed by Councillor L. Donaghy, seconded by Councillor D. Ó'Brádaigh **RESOLVED:**

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 13, Questions numbered Q1 – Q23 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

### **Q1/0322 QUESTION: Councillor Yvonne Collins**

To ask the Chief Executive what the expected completion dates are for the NTA funded light segregation schemes throughout the County which were due to be completed in 2021

**REPLY:**

There are 2 light segregation schemes (LSS) that carried over from 2021 to 2022.

These are Templeville Road and the D12 Bike Bus Route.

The Templeville Road scheme will be delivered as a new raised adjacent cycle track this year rather than a LSS. An update on this was provided to the RTFB ACM in February.

The D12 Bike Bus Route will be delivered in 2 phases - Limekiln Lane to Riverview will be delivered as a LSS in Q3 this year. The Whitehall Road West section of the route will have to go through a Part 8 process which will commence later this year.

The 2022 NTA funding provides for €1.5 million for further LSS across the county. Assessment of suitable routes has commenced.

### **Q2/0322 QUESTION: Councillor M. Johansson**

To ask the Chief Executive what actions are being taken to implement the recommendations set out in the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission report on the SDCC Traveller accommodation Equality Review, and to specifically comment on the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty as specified in the report?

**REPLY:**

In 2020, this Council was invited to carry out an Equality Review of Traveller Accommodation pursuant to section 32(1) of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act 2014.  Updates on actions being taken in this regard are set out below:

**Conduct a detailed Census of Traveller Accommodation Needs**

In preparing our Traveller Accommodation Programme (TAP), the Council must, having undertaken appropriate consultation, make an estimate of the current and projected accommodation needs of Traveller families arising over the five-year programme. The next Traveller Accommodation Programme will cover the period 2024- 2029 and, accordingly, the next scheduled detailed Traveller census to be prepared in South Dublin is provisionally scheduled to take place in late 2023/early 2024 in preparation for that new TAP.   In the interim, the next national census will take place on 3rd April 2022 with results projected to be available on a phased basis from April to December 2023 – this will provide an analysis of local Traveller demographics at county level that will also assist and inform our next TAP.

**Equal Status Policy/Equality Statement**

The Council has established an interdepartmental working group to progress the Human Rights and Equality Framework, as set out in our Corporate Plan 2020-2024 and required under Section 42 of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act 2014 (Appendix 1). The Senior Executive Officer with responsibility for Traveller Accommodation has been nominated as a member of this working group recognising the housing function as a service to which human rights and equality considerations are particularly essential. It is our intention to include an equality statement in upcoming TAP review.

**Presentation of Data in TAPs and Progress Reports**

The recommendation was noted, and it will be incorporated into how relevant data and updates are presented, particularly using our recently introduced Integrated Housing System which will assist greatly with recording and presentation of data as recommended from now on, including for the upcoming required TAP review.

**Respect for Traveller culture and identity in the provision of housing and accommodation services to Travellers**

The Council is currently in consultation with Travellers regarding the redesign and construction of new Traveller accommodation developments in Oldcastle, Clondalkin and Owendoher Haven, Rathfarnham. CENA (Culturally Appropriate Homes), a Traveller-led accommodation association, have been engaged to consult with existing residents of these sites in relation to the delivery of new culturally appropriate accommodation that respects their ethnicity. We are taking this approach to ensure that there is ownership, input and full participation by Travellers on in meaningful consultation mechanisms to deliver accommodation that reflects Traveller culture and ethnicity including the needs of older Travellers and Travellers with a disability. These processes are ongoing with proposed designs emerging form them. We also intend to engage CENA on similar initiatives in future where possible and appropriate to do so.

**Strengthening the needs assessment process and verifying the preferences of the Traveller community in relation to type of accommodation**

The imminent inclusion of an ethnic identifier in the application for Social Housing Support and in associated online application forms within our new Integrated Housing System will, over time, greatly strengthen the quality, accuracy and analysis of data regarding the accommodation preferences of Travellers.

**Responding to the practical implications of Traveller ethnicity, in the provision of standard housing, in particular for supporting and sustaining integrated diverse communities**

Recent years have seen a significant increase in the number of Travellers who opt for standard social housing to meet their accommodation needs. As a Housing Authority, it is important that Travellers are aware that standard social housing is an alternative option available in addition to Traveller specific accommodation options, as opposed to feeling they have no option but to take standard social housing where Traveller specific accommodation is unavailable or unsuitable. It is also important to note that a standard tenancy agreement applicable to all standard social housing tenants which it would not be appropriate to amend to suit particular or diverse needs on a case-by-case or group-by-group basis.

**Tracking the experiences of the Traveller community in seeking to secure accommodation in the private rented sector and addressing the issues identified**

The imminent inclusion of an ethnic identifier in the application form for Social Housing Application (i.e., to allow applicants identify themselves as a Traveller if they wish) will assist with tracking the experiences of Travellers who are new applicants for the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) and Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) in securing private rented accommodation. This will require the development of data sharing protocols with the National HAP shared service provider hosted in Limerick City and County Council.

**Developing culturally specific responses to the needs of Travellers experiencing homelessness**

The Council and the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive are not currently in a position to provide culturally specific emergency accommodation for Travellers experiencing homelessness. We are open to exploring reasonable options for emergency accommodation for Travellers and also to suggestions to better address the needs of Travellers experiencing homelessness on a regional basis in conjunction with the other Dublin authorities, but we recognise the potential challenges in doing so. The inclusion of an ethnic identifier nationally on the application form for Social Housing Supports will also assist in providing data on the number of Travellers currently accessing homeless services.

**Establishing and developing a response to the needs of Travellers who are nomadic within and through the county through the provision of transient halting site bays as required**

The Council will continue to consider the need for, the provision of and suitable locations, if necessary, for transient accommodation in the County in conjunction with the other Dublin Local Authorities and in consultation with local Travellers and their representatives throughout the period of the current TAP. However, we re-state our commitment in the TAP to prioritise the provision of Traveller specific accommodation to meet the current accommodation needs of Travellers in South Dublin ahead of provision of a transient site.

**Strengthening the relevance and accessibility of the Caravan Loans Scheme**

South Dublin is one of four local authorities who, in conjunction with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, are piloting a new Caravan/Mobile Home Loans Scheme. €1 million has been made available under the pilot scheme with South Dublin County Council receiving an allocation of €450,000 for this pilot. A maximum loan of €30,000 has been awarded to 15 applicants following assessment and we are currently in the process of procuring mobile homes/caravans.

**Reviewing the provisions in relation to ‘indigenous Travellers’ and the local connection requirements to access housing supports, to ensure that there is no discrimination when compared to the requirements on the wider community**

The Housing (Traveller Accommodation Act, 1998) requires that the Council to prepare and adopt a 5- year Traveller Accommodation Programme to meet the existing and projected accommodation needs of indigenous Travellers i.e., those families who have been resident in the county for three years prior to the adoption of our Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019- 2024.The current TAP aims “to meet the existing and projected accommodation needs of members of the indigenous Travelling Community, i.e., those families who have been resident in the county for three years prior to the adoption the TAP compared to the five-year requirement for standard social housing applicants.

**Implementing the public sector equality and human rights duty in the forthcoming review of the Traveller Accommodation Programme**

The Council is committed to ensuring that there is a culture of respect for human rights and equality among our staff and for the people to whom we provide services. As referenced earlier, a cross department working group has recently been established to drive implementation of our Public Sector Duty. The cross-department, cross-grade working group will assess what human rights and equality issues are relevant to our functions and identify the policies, plans and actions in place to address those issues.  The recommendations of the working group will significantly inform subsequent reviews of the current TAP and the development of the next TAP.

**Establish and implement an ethnicity identifier in data gathering and analysis in relation to the provision of social housing and homelessness services for Travellers including outdoor space for dogs/horses and preference to be accommodated close to family members**

The inclusion of an ethnic identifier in the application form for Social Housing Application (i.e., to allow applicants identify themselves as a Traveller if they wish) has been recommended by the Traveller Accommodation Expert Review Programme Board. Travellers can apply for any form of social housing supports which best meets their accommodation needs. Traveller applicants can be on both a Traveller specific housing list for group housing/halting site bay and the standard social housing list. The Council currently provides facilities for and funds some operational costs for a Horse Project in Fettercairn and an Equine Centre in Ballyowen. These centres are well utilised by Travellers in the locality. In addition, we will examine the possibility of smaller scale equine facilities in proximity to new Traveller specific accommodation sites and in compliance with animal welfare and other statutory requirements but not specifically within the curtilage or site of individual dwellings. Our tenancy agreements provide that only domestic pets, and a maximum of two of same, can be kept in the associated property and must be kept under control.

**Develop a more transparent recording of the methodology of collection and data obtained in the annual count of members of the Traveller community**

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage requests local authorities to complete an Annual Estimate of Traveller Families and their accommodation position. The annual estimate is an informal annual estimated count of Traveller families that is undertaken by local authorities each year on the last Friday of November, with data subsequently published on the Department’s website. The Annual Estimate is a snapshot of the accommodation position of Travellers on a given year and provides a relatively consistent measure of, and tracks changes to, that position, year on year.

**While the Council was running a pilot with monthly clinics held in the offices of the Traveller Development Group, consider the possibility of employing a Traveller Liaison Officer.**

The Council’s dedicated Traveller Accommodation Unit (TAU) directly engage and solely liaise with Traveller households on accommodation issues. In addition, there are two specific Housing Welfare Officer posts to support Traveller households from a social care perspective. TAU staff attend advice clinics for local Travellers together with Accommodation Workers from local Traveller development/support groups, who represent and advocate on behalf of members of Travellers regarding their accommodation needs. These clinics will resume shortly have being suspended due to COVID restrictions permit. The Council is also seeking funding from the DHLHG for the recruitment of a dedicated Traveller Liaison Officer. Training sessions will be organised in the coming weeks and months for local Travellers and staff from the local Traveller Development Groups on how to use the Council’s new Housing Online Portal (HOL) which will allow applicants make housing applications online, express an interest for a property through the Choice Based Letting System or to manage their tenancy including requesting maintenance responses or dealing with rent accounts.

**Record data on both funds allocated and drawn down for Traveller-specific accommodation and those for general accommodation. This would help to inform the  Council to ensure that there is no less favourable treatment of Travellers in the provision of accommodation. Account may be taken of the true preferences of members of the Traveller community whose accommodation needs are met through general housing funds and of the fact that some forms of accommodation are more expensive than others”**

South Dublin County has a population of 278,767 (Census 2016) of which 2,208 are Travellers, representing 0.79% of the total population of the County. The Council records all data on annual basis in relation to the funds drawn down from central government for both standard housing and Traveller specific accommodation and a comparison of spend can be undertaken based on demographics. The inclusion of an ethnic identifier, referenced on several occasions herein, will greatly assist with quantifying expenditure on standard accommodation allocated to Travellers and should demonstrate that there is no less favourable treatment in the provision of accommodation. It is also acknowledged that due to family composition Traveller specific accommodation units tend to be larger and construction and maintenance costs are higher per unit than standard social housing.

**The Council should assess over the coming years whether the new procedures set out in Circular 03/2020 of the DHPLG improve its rate of draw down for Traveller-specific accommodation. If no improvement is evident at that point, the Council should commission an independent report into the reasons for this and follow any recommendations made**

Since January 2020, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) no longer allocates specific budgets to individual local authorities for Traveller accommodation capital programmes. Instead, for ease of funding, local authorities can now apply for and drawdown funding at any time throughout the year. Each year the amount drawn down is published for each local authority. The rate of draw down is reviewed and reported on regular basis to the Council’s Elected Members and the LTACC. Delays in progressing Part 8 public consultation processes for Traveller Accommodation are often a significant factor impacting on our ability to draw down funds. Any independent report on the drawdown of funds should be cognisant of local and national challenges for the sector in this regard.

The statutory Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) is considered an appropriate mechanism for the oversight, verification and review of this information.

### **Q3/0322 QUESTION: Councillor C. King**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an updated report on the estimated delivery dates of the Social & Voluntary Housing projects approved to commence in 2022 and those onsite and across the County at present with a particular emphasis on the over 55's Units and can he make a statement on the matter.

**REPLY:**

On the 10th of February 2022 a full report on the housing delivery pipeline was presented to the Housing Strategic Policy Committee. The full report is attached for members to view on the link attached <http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/73960>.

In relation to older persons units currently under construction a total of 125 units (85 units in Sallypark, Clondalkin and 40 units in Fernwood/Maplewood) are due for delivery in 2022.  A further 81 units older persons units are currently under construction in Whitestown Way and are scheduled for completion in 2023.

### **Q4/0322 QUESTION: Councillor C. King**

To ask the Chief Executive, when it comes to requests for the erection of mobile CCTV on sites for the purposes of assisting in identifying or deterring individuals or groups from engaging in illegal dumping - is there a Countywide Policy with regards GDPR in this regard or does each case or site have to be processed through the Data Commissioners office and can the Chief Executive make a statement on the matter.

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council has a CCTV code of practice for the operation of such systems under the remit of South Dublin County Council, and there is no requirement to process the erection of individual units through the Data Protection Commission (DPC). However the use of CCTV for any purpose is considered high risk to personal data and so specific safeguards and controls must be put in place before any new CCTV systems are commissioned, including that a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) be completed, the use of CCTV is clearly signposted in the vicinity of any cameras, all recorded CCTV footage must be adequately secured and access to playback of recorded footage must be password-protected. Each CCTV system has an Authorised Person (and nominee(s)) within the Council who are authorised to operate and monitor that CCTV system. This authorised person is responsible for making sure that the system is only used in an appropriate manner in conformance with legislative requirements.

It is a priority that the privacy of individuals is protected at all times, in line with the General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Acts 1988 to 2018. The Council must also comply with the Garda Siochana Act 2005, the Councils Data Protection Policy and Data Protection and Compliance Guidelines, the Private Security Authority Licensing requirements, guidance from the Irish Aviation Authority, and the Law Enforcement Directive (EU) 2016/680 (LED) (Part 5, Data Protection Act, 2018) which applies to the Council’s Law Enforcement activities under the Waste Management Acts and the Litter Pollution Acts. The DPC has issued recent decisions related to a local authority's legal basis for processing of personal data through CCTV usage within the Litter Pollution Acts and the Waste Management Acts. SDCC and the local government sector are examining the implications of these decisions currently.

### **Q5/0322 QUESTION: Councillor C. King**

To ask the Chief Executive, has the full cost of the Halloween 2021 Clean-up been fully collated yet and can he report on same and state if any additional proposed measures to mitigate same are being considered for 2022.

**REPLY:**

The clean up of bonfire sites was completed in November 2021, landscape reinstatement at sites where required has not taken place as yet as ground conditions in general have not dried and firmed up sufficiently yet for this to happen.  It is expected that this will happen later in March or early April.  The cost information given previously and copied below does not include reinstatement costs which are not known as yet, however these are not expected to increase the total costs in a major way.  The measures to be taken in 2022 will be very similar to those taken in recent years, with one addition being the provision of a sum of €20,000 to hold a fireworks display for the benefit of the community this Halloween**.**

A total of 180 bonfire sites were recorded around the County in 2021 and this is a substantial reduction from the 280 sites recorded in 2020.  There are a number of factors to which the reduction can be attributed and these include the vigilance and efforts taken by local residents to prevent bonfires in their areas.  The Council held meetings with Kilnamanagh Neighbourhood Watch as well as residents from Aylesbury and Tymon North this year in advance of Halloween to coordinate the efforts of the residents, the Council and the Gardai in identifying and removing material stockpiles and minimising the impact of bonfires on those areas.  A meeting was also held with Clondalkin area elected members on the same matter.  The pre-Halloween collections of the Council show an increase from 2020 in materials intercepted before Halloween with Council crews out collecting material on 13 of the 14 days prior to Halloween. It is also quite likely that the weather helped to reduce the number of bonfires held this year also.

The tonnage collected before Halloween in 2020 was 237 tonnes however this increased to 332 tonnes in 2021.  Public Realm crews collected 70 tonnes of bonfire material on Halloween weekend itself in 2021 and 33 tonnes of material on the bank holiday weekend prior to Halloween. The tonnage removed from bonfire sites after Halloween has reduced which is consistent with the number of fires held, this figure was 355 tonnes in 2020 and this has decreased to 276 in 2021.  The overall tonnage has increased slightly from 592 tonnes in 2020 to 608 tonnes in 2021.  The overall cost shows a slight increase also however the final figure is estimated at present.

A comparison of statistics for 2020 and 2021 is set out below.

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|  | 2021 | 2020 |
| Number of bonfires | 180 | 280 |
| Tonnage collected before Halloween | 332 | 237 |
| Tonnage collected after Halloween | 276 | 355 |
| Total tonnage collected | 608 | 592 |
| Total costs | €155,000 (estimated) | €150,000 |

### **Q6/0322 QUESTION: Councillor Shane Moynihan**

To ask the Chief Executive for an itemised list of all properties under investigation as derelict sites, categorised by local electoral area and date of when first flagged as derelict.

**REPLY:**

The information requested is set out below. Sites/properties that constitute derelict sites within the definition contained in Section 3 of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 are entered on the Register of Derelict Sites. Sites that are under investigation are not routinely entered on the register until such time as investigations are completed and a determination made that the site is derelict.

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| **DS Ref** | **Reg No** | **Address of Property** | **Owner** | **Address of Owner** | **Occupier** | **Electoral Area** | **Section 8(2) Notice Intention to Register** | **Section 11 Notice Works Required** | **Section 8(7)Entered on to Register** | **Valuation** | **Valuation Date** | **Levy applied from** | **Annual value of Levy to date 31/12/19** | **Annual Value of Levy 2020** |
| 1595X | 19 | Sites at No,3 Ballymount Road Lower, Walkinstown, Dublin 12 | Mr. Yung Yiu Ronnie Tang & Miss Sokam Wong | c/o 65 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin 1 | Unoccupied | Rathfarnham - Templeogue | 21/02/2014 | 14/03/2014 | 26/06/2014 | €300,000 | 20/03/2020 | 2016 | €15,000 | €21,000 |
| 1734 | 20 | Capri' Bungalow, Whitechurch Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16 | Cashwood Poles Ltd | Cashwood Poles Ltd. Ballycrystal, Bunclody, Co. Wexford | Unoccupied | Firhouse - Bohernabreena | 03/03/2014 | 26/01/2015 | 29/07/2014 | €750,000 | 18/03/2020 | 2016 | €16,500 | €52,500 |
| 1317A | 22 | Ballyroan House Lodge, Ballyboden Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16 | Ballycragh Developments Ltd | 4 Inver Mews, Old Chapel Ground, Arklow, Co. Wicklow | Unoccupied | Rathfarnham - Templeogue | 14/11/2013 | 05/02/2013 | 04/11/2014 | €300,000 | 20/03/2020 | 2018 | €7,500 | €21,000 |
| 1726 | 27 | 38 Russell Crescent, Jobstown, Tallaght,   Dublin 24 | Sean McGowan | 38 Russell Crescent, Jobstown, Tallaght,        Dublin 24 | Unoccupied | Tallaght South | 08/12/2014 | 21/01/2014 | 16/02/2015 | €70,000 | 30/03/2016 | 2018 | €2,100 | €4,900 |
| 1759 | 30 | Land Between New Hall & Deselby, N81 opp Topaz,Tallaght, Dublin 24 | David McCreevey & Kevin O'Hare | 2 Saggart Lakes, Citywest. Saggart, Co. Dublin & River Lodge, Firhouse, Dublin 24 | Unoccupied | Tallaght South | 29/05/2015 | 18/09/2014 | 26/08/2015 | €65,000 | 14/04/2016 | 2018 | €1,950 | €4,550 |
| 1701 | 34 | 35 Wheatfield Road, Palmerstown, D.20 | Della Moynihan | 3/4 Ushers Quay, D.8 | Unoccupied | Palmerstown - Fonthill | 10/06/2016 | 08/07/2014 | 15/08/2016 | €275,000 | 24/01/2017 | 2018 | €8,250 | €19,250 |
| 1817 | 40 | Lynch's Lane, Newcastle, Co Dublin | Anthony Mc Dermott | 36 Cloona Crescent, Dunmurray, Belfast BT17 OHG, Northern Ireland | Unoccupied | Clondalkin | 30/11/2016 | 16/09/2016 | 02/02/2017 | €160,000 | 20/07/2017 | 2018 | €4,800 | €11,200 |
| 1825 | 45 | 61 Swiftbrook Park, Tallaght, Dublin 24 | Permanent TSB | 56-59 St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2 | Unoccupied | Tallaght South | 29/03/2017 | n/a to date | 16/03/2018 | €180,000 | 16/10/2018 | 2019 | €5,400 | €12,600 |
| 1865 | 48 | Chetwynd's Cottage, Greenhills Road, Dublin 12 | Walkinstown Capital Development Ltd | 29, Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin 2 D02Y Y38 | Unoccupied | Rathfarnham - Templeogue | 11/12/2018 | n/a | 27/02/2019 | €290,000 | 01/11/2019 | 2020 | ------ | €20,300 |
| 1880 | 49 | Land adjacent to Rowlagh House, Saint Mark’s Crescent, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 | Michael O’Connor | Rowlagh House, Saint Mark’s Crescent, Clondalkin, Dublin 22, D22V0A3  Ballymount House, Parkway Business Centre, Ballymount Road Lower, Dublin 24, D24XNE2  C/O Kelland Group Limited, Russell Square Centre, Unit 5 Fortunestown Way, Tallaght, Dublin 24 D24TX4H  19 Bellevue Copse, Booterstown. Blackrock, Co Dublin, A94W524 | Unoccupied | Palmerstown - Fonthill | 18/05/2021 | N/A | 08/06/2021 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1882 | 50 | 9 Castle Lawns, Tallaght, Dublin 24 | Niamh Pawle | 9 Castle Lawns, Tallaght, Dublin 24, D24EYH7 | Unoccupied | Tallaght Central | 18/05/2021 | 03/03/2020 | 08/06/2021 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1807 | 51 | 24, 24a, 24b, 24c St. Maelruan's Park, Tallaght, Dublin 24 | Ashleigh Roche, Receiver, Grant Thornton | 13 - 18 City Quay, Dublin 2, D02 ED70 | Unoccupied | Tallaght Central | 02/06/2021 | 09/11/2016 | 12/07/2021 |  |  |  |  |  |

### **Q7/0322 QUESTION: Councillor Derren Ó Brádaigh**

To ask the Chief Executive the following; I understand that a survey was conducted 2 years ago to assess the needs for community centre upgrades. Can the Chief Executive please inform the members as to what Council specific budget is now available from which to do major upgrade works?

**REPLY:**

No such comprehensive survey or assessment in relation to potential upgrade works across all of the Council's community facilities has been undertaken in recent years. A COVID-related health and safety audit of all community facilities was undertaken in 2020 to assess facility capacity and responsiveness to public health requirements at that time. More recently the Community team have circulated a detailed survey to all our community facilities to gather key information about buildings, governance and utilisation to inform the approach to enhanced centre governance management and support in line with the increased budget provided in this regard in the Council's 2022 Budget.

A number of specific proposed community centre upgrade works are included in the Council's Three-Year Capital Programme 2022-2024 and provision of €150,000 per annum is also made in the Council's Annual Budget for additional community centre upgrade works.  The Community team works with boards of management in relation to identifying maintenance/upgrade requirements and are prioritised based on technical assessment/inspection, available budget and related considerations.

### **Q8/0322 QUESTION:** **Councillor Derren Ó Brádaigh**

To ask the Chief Executive to clearly outline if this Council have a 'Standard Detail' for the reinstatement of public footpaths under the Council's footpath renewal works, and to provide a copy of the Standard Detail - Furthermore, what is the accepted height/level where a pedestrian section of a footpath meets the road where pedestrians are expected to cross.

**REPLY:**

The Road Maintenance section require all re-instatements to be done as per the “Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads” (2017) as issued by the Department of Transport unless agreed otherwise with the Area Engineer. This guideline can be downloaded here <https://assets.gov.ie/44340/93268cf8e49943cb836fda4f6ea6dfd0.pdf>

At a dished pedestrian crossing point the kerb upstand should be 6mm.

### **Q9/0322 QUESTION:** **Councillor Derren Ó Brádaigh**

To ask the Chief Executive to expand on previous response with respect to Q.10 Item ID 73772 - 'Responsibility for boundary walls, fencing & gates'. Has policy / tenancy agreement in this regard changed in recent years and if so, does this not exclude those pre-tenancy agreements/signees prior to any change?

**REPLY:**

As advised in the recent response on this issue, paragraph 15 of the Council's current, standard tenancy agreement, relating to boundary walls, fences etc., states that tenants are responsible for the proper maintenance and replacement of all walls and fences.  The tenancy agreement has not been amended in this regard for a significant number of years, is consistent with other local authorities' policies and outlines the Council's general policy in this regard for all tenancies unless specifically otherwise stated.

A tenancy pack is provided to new tenants which explains their tenancy obligations and provides advice in respect of maintenance of their home.

### **Q10/0322 QUESTION: Councillor Eoin Ó Broin**

To ask the Chief Executive if it is correct to state that upon receipt of either HAP approval or a council house, that one’s income can rise indefinitely beyond the limits for eligibility for housing supports, however if one is in receipt of HAP and then applies for a council house via CBL, one’s income must be below the income threshold for housing supports in order to make a successful application, the implication being that if one is in receipt of HAP and wishes to eventually obtain a council house, one’s income must remain below the eligibility threshold?

**REPLY:**

Currently, where an applicant has been approved for social housing supports and secures a private rented tenancy with Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) support, that applicant is not subsequently reassessed in relation to social housing eligibility and/or income thresholds if they make a successful expression of interest for a social housing tenancy through Choice Based Letting (CBL).

However, it is a requirement for such prospective tenants to provide updated household income details for the purposes of rent assessment in accordance with Council or Approved Housing Bodies' differential rent schemes upon accepting a tenancy.

This current practice could potentially be amended by revised social housing guidelines at any stage.

### **Q11/0322 QUESTION:** **Councillor Eoin Ó Broin**

To ask the Chief Executive if tree maintenance in estates continues throughout the year or if it is restricted to occurring outside of the nesting season?

**REPLY:**

Section 40 of The Wildlife Act 1976 (as amended 2000) prohibits cutting of vegetation on uncultivated land between 1 March and 31 August. It is accepted in practice that street trees are cultivated and as such, this allows for tree maintenance works to be carried out during the closed period subject to compliance with best practice protocols in regard to pre-works assessment of trees for active nests or nesting birds.

Where an active nest or nesting birds are observed, no tree works should be carried out. The primary reason for a year-round programme of street tree maintenance is to ensure public safety and minimise tree hazards. Phenological and biological research also indicates that a number of tree species including cherry and walnut are best pruned in mid-summer to avoid introduction of disease while maple and horse chestnut will bleed sap extensively if pruned during early season growth.

The Council’s tree maintenance crews or contractors engaged by the Council, are required to thoroughly check trees for nesting birds during the nesting period (1 March - 31 August).

The Council’s  Tree Management Policy – Living with Trees -  Appendix three outlines the Code of Practice for Pre Works inspection of trees for Nesting Birds.

### **Q12/0322 QUESTION:** **Councillor Eoin Ó Broin**

To ask the Chief Executive when council might receive a report on the feasibility study being carried out into the installation of public toilets as agreed at the October 2020 meeting of council.

**REPLY:**

The feasibility study requested on the provision of public toilets was discussed by the Council at a time when access for the public to toilet facilities at cafes, restaurants and bars was not available due to Covid-19 restrictions and measures.

These restrictions no longer apply, and public access is available to all of those facilities which have been traditionally open to the public.  Information available on-line in relation to publicly accessible toilets indicates that there are many options available in all town and village centre locations in the county.

Preliminary costings had been prepared on the provision of public toilets and these varied depending on the type of facility which might be provided and lie in a range which starts at around €50,000 per year for a single person, temporary pay-as-you-go type unit.  A more permanent facility which would cater for more than one user at a time would involve a capital cost to put it in place as well as an ongoing cost to service and maintain it and would be expected to cost circa €150,000 per unit to develop and approximately €25,000 per year to maintain it.  It had been suggested that multiple units should be provided in each urban centre, and this would obviously multiply the unit costs.  We have had a brief examination of siting, services and potential levels of usage.

The likely costs, given above even though they are rough estimates, are very high and cannot be justified bearing in mind the lack of real need for them.

Figures given do not factor in the need to get connections to water and sewer from Irish Water and the likely cost of these.

The move in the recent past has been away from the provision and the closing of this type of facility where it is open because they are difficult to maintain and attract Anti-Social Behaviour.  The Council will be investing substantially in the provision of coffee shop facilities in parks which will include the provision of toilets.

Provision of public toilets is no longer needed; it was a particular need that arose during Covid and the Council is no longer recommending to continue with this feasibility study.

### **Q13/0322 QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive for details of Sports Capital Programme Grants recently announced in respect of applications made by the Council and in reporting will he detail plans for the works and make a statement?

**REPLY:**

Following a successful application to the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media under their Sports Capital Grant programme, SDCC are the recipients of over €2 million in funding granted to 18 individual projects. The applications were made by the Public Realm Section of the Environment Water and Climate Change Dept in partnership with the Community Dept’s Sports Development Section.

The grants will further enhance the development of sport and facilities countywide and  allow SDCC to continue to successfully implement our Sports Pitch Strategy, adopted by the Council in 2021. The Grants received include funding towards the upgrade of existing grass and all-weather pitches and the provision of ancillary facilities. The Department also granted funding towards the further delivery of the pavilion programme in our larger parks to allow groups and clubs access to changing facilities to replace existing container use. There are also grants towards the development of new pitches at Kiltipper Park and a new bike track at Dodder Valley Mt. Carmel, in accordance with the Part 8 grant of planning permission for those parks. The individual amounts are set out below:

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| **REGIONAL GRANTS** |  |  |  |
| SCP20 Lucan Athletics Track infield works phase 3 | Multi-sport | €111,792.00 |  |
| SCP20 Pavilion Collinstown Phase 2 | Multi-sport | €230,905.00 |  |
| SCP20 Water Sports Facility Lucan | Multi-sport | €233,512.00 |  |
| 2020 - Killinarden GAA Pitch 82 | Multi-sport | €249,960.00 |  |
| 2020 - Kiltipper Soccer Pitch 02 | Multi-sport | €249,960.00 |  |
| SCP20 Pavilion Dodder Valley Mount Carmel | Multi-sport | €259,458.00 |  |
| **REGIONAL TOTAL** |  |  | **€1,335,587.00** |
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| **LOCAL GRANTS** |  |  |  |
| 2020 - Ball Courts Dodder Valley | Multi-sport | €35,000.00 |  |
| 2020 - Ball Courts Beechfield | Multi-sport | €70,000.00 |  |
| 2020 - Glenaulin Park GAA Pitch 24 | Multi-sport | €35,000.00 |  |
| 2020 - Weston Hockey Pitch Re-Surfacing | Multi-sport | €150,000.00 |  |
| 2020 - Bowling Green SWP | Multi-sport | €150,000.00 |  |
| 2020 - Storage Facilities Greentrees | Multi-sport | €14,300.00 |  |
| 2020 - Storage Facilities Ballymount | Multi-sport | €14,250.00 |  |
| 2020 - Ball stop nets Kilnamanagh | Multi-sport | €10,500.00 |  |
| 2020 - Ballymount GAA Pitch | Multi-sport | €35,000.00 |  |
| 2020 - Clondalkin Park GAA Pitch 50 | Multi-sport | €35,000.00 |  |
| 2020 - Dodder Valley Mount Carmel BMX | Multi-sport | €105,000.00 |  |
| 2020 - Storage Facilities Griffeen Park | Multi-sport | €14,300.00 |  |
| **TOTAL LOCAL** |  |  | **€668,350.00** |
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| **OVERALL TOTAL** |  |  | **€2,003,937.00** |

### **Q14/0322 QUESTION:** **Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on the success of his actions to deal with recent serious weather events; will he give assurances that such plans can deal effectively with any eventuality and may we have a statement?

**REPLY:**

Recent severe weather events included Storms Dudley, Eunice, and Franklin, and regular briefings were held by the National Directorate of Fire and Emergency Management (NDFEM) in the lead up to these to advise on potential impacts across the country. In addition to these briefings, Met Éireanns’s weather warnings are issued by email and SMS text message to relevant staff in advance of all severe weather events.

The National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management (NDFEM) are in contact with Local Authorities throughout the winter. Met Eireann also contact the Severe Weather Assessment Teams from across the Local Authority Sector during the winter season.

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.

The SWAT Team holds a pre-winter meeting annually to plan for the winter season ahead and ensure that preparations are put in place.

South Dublin County Council  has under the Major Emergency Management Framework,  the following plans:

* Major Emergency Plan
* Flood Emergency Plan,
* Severe Weather Plan, and
* Rest Centre Plan.

The protocols for Severe Weather are contained in the plans, and being actioned upon receipt of weather warnings from Met Éireann, are as follows:

Status Yellow: Be Aware - A general notification email is sent to relevant staff across the organisation- inspections of key infrastructure and equipment carried out by relevant departments.

Status Orange: Be Prepared - Triggers a meeting of the Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT) comprised of senior management across all departments, who discuss the issues particular to that weather event and agree the appropriate response/ action from each department.

Status Red: Take Action - this should be a comparatively rare event and implies that recipients take action to protect themselves and/or their properties. The SWAT team is now a Crisis Management Team and meets as often as necessary - hourly, twice daily, etc., depending on dynamics of the weather event, possibly over the conference call facilities. National and Regional Emergency offices are likely also being updated via teleconference at this stage to facilitate inter agency cooperation between the LA, HSE and AGS.

The 2021-2022 Winter Maintenance Plan issues in November which covers information on the 7 gritting routes and also on salt barns, salt bins etc.

The Eastern Region Emergency Planning Steering and Working Groups are forums that manage Emergency Planning and Management.  These groups meet on a regular basis and are comprised of representatives from An Garda Siochana, HSE, DFB, Defence Forces, Coast Guard, Civil Defence, and the Local Authorities from DCC, SDCC, FCC, DLR, WCC, KCC.

South Dublin County Council provides information to citizens through weather events on all available social media including our website ([www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie/) ), facebook and twitter.

The national winter ready web site also has very useful information and can be found at <https://www.winterready.ie/en>

As per the protocols in our Severe Weather Plan, our Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT), consisting of senior operational staff and our communications section, met to review our preparedness in advance of the incoming storms. Actions following these meetings included advance clearing of trash screens at culverts to prevent possible flooding, operational crews being placed on standby, and weather warnings and travel advice being reposted on our social media feeds.

It can be difficult to predict all eventualities of potential weather impacts, however, SDCC’s Severe Weather Plan, Roads Winter Maintenance Plan, Flood Management Plan, Drainage network and waterway maintenance programs, and Public Realm’s gully clearing program and rapid response to fallen trees, ensure that we are prepared as and will act in a timely fashion to any weather impacts that may occur.

### **Q15/0322 QUESTION:** **Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive if he has any details of Rough Sleepers across the County; will he confirm assistance offered to such people and will he make a statement?

**REPLY:**

The Council operates an outreach service and multi-agency approach to address rough sleepers across the County.  Our Homeless Outreach Worker works closely with the HSE and other relevant agencies in identifying rough sleepers and sourcing appropriate accommodation and support services, with eight current clients of our homeless services identified as rough sleepers but the needs of rough sleepers are often very complex and challenging and require a comprehensive and coordinated approach.

The Council provides hostel-type accommodation in our own administrative area and through the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive Central Placement Services and there is presently sufficient capacity in the system for any rough sleeper to be referred to emergency accommodation.  Our homeless team works with our public realm and parks sections to identify any rough sleeping and the outreach worker will visit and try to engage with the client, while liaising with various other outreach and support services in relation to their needs.  Unfortunately, some clients refuse to engage and avail of any services and in such cases, the situation will continue to be monitored and contact will be maintained where possible.

The Council is also committed to the Housing First programme which aims to provide a person sleeping rough, or someone who has been long-term homeless, with their own secure accommodation as well as access to intensive and specialised support services.

### **Q16/0322 QUESTION:** **Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail his plans for Tourism Recovery in our County following the lifting of Covid restrictions and will he make a statement?

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council continues to work to improve the tourism potential of South Dublin County and has delivered a number of offerings to date whilst continuing to develop other opportunities.  Work is progressing on developing the physical infrastructure across the County needed to facilitate the recovery, and growth of the tourism industry across the County.

The Council sought the services of a consultant to work on Interpretative Planning and, Facilitation of an Exhibition of South Dublin’s Heritage as part of a visitor experience in a new Tallaght Heritage Centre recently. Tender evaluations are currently underway. It is hoped to have a consultant appointed by April. A site for the centre has been identified in the centre of Tallaght Town Centre.

South Dublin County Council continues to progress work in relation to the designation of Lucan as a Destination Town by Fáilte Ireland. The recent creation of a tourism product development plan will help the tourism and hospitality sector in Lucan and environs to attract more visitors to the town. As part of this, the Council is pursuing an interest in the Old School House in Lucan Village which could act as a bike hire and tourist information hub.

In terms of connecting South Dublin County to the increasing number of Greenways in the country, the Council is a member of a working group with Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council, the OPW and Waterways Ireland pursuing the development of a longer-term circular canal route, which will link the Royal and Grand Canals via Lucan. The Council has received funding of €1.4m from Department of Transport, with the rest of the funding coming from SDCC, to progress works on the Grand Canal Greenway from the 12th Lock to Hazelhatch. Site investigation works are currently underway at this location. The council is working with Offaly and Kildare County Councils, and Waterways Ireland to ensure a continuous link from South Dublin to Shannon Harbour. Works on the Dodder Greenway are progressing with three new bridges constructed. This route links Bohernabreena Reservoir with Rathfarnham village and Bushy Park.

The Council is progressing the hospitality, food, retail and tourism project at the courtyards at Rathfarnham Castle with a capital budget agreed and in place. Market sentiment research is currently being undertaken.

The Tallaght ‘chapter’ of the South Dublin County Heritage Walking Trail app will be launched in St Maelruin’s church in Tallaght village on 08/03/22. The trail brings the user along 19 sites of social, cultural and heritage interest. The audio and text within the app are available in four languages (English, Irish, French and German) and can be downloaded from the Apple App Store and the Goggle Play Store. The Clondalkin ‘chapter’ is also available on the same app.

The Council and Fáilte Ireland recently launched visitor interpretation enhancements at the Round Tower Visitor Centre, Clondalkin.  The co-funded project places a strong focus on telling new stories about monastic life and the Round Towers of Ireland using a range of media including a free downloadable multi-lingual audio guide available in 5 languages – English, Irish, French, German and Spanish, interactive touchscreens, and printed interpretative panels, making a visit to the centre a much more immersive experience for all ages. The addition of a heated outdoor space and opportunities to take the perfect #towerselfie add further value for the visitor.

Following the success of the trial ‘urban picnic’ outdoor market in Corkagh Park last Autumn, the Council is considering developing two new markets for the summer of 2022 and it is hoped to issue tenders for market operators soon.

The evaluation of tenders of the construction of the north stand at Tallaght Stadium were completed recently and it is expected contractors will be on site within the next few months. In the meantime, the Council is preparing tender documents for the proposed naming rights and sponsorship opportunities at the stadium.

Since 2018 the Council has operated the Tourism Event and Festival Grant scheme which makes funding available to businesses and community groups across South Dublin County to support key priority areas such as cultural, food, sports and activity-based tourism aimed at growing the visitor economy. The aim is to fund innovative events/festivals that will be supported by local businesses and community groups, and which add value to our tourism product.  The budget allocation for the scheme is currently €40,000 and the scheme for 2022 will be launch later in March.

How the streetscape looks plays an important part in attracting visitors to our towns and villages. The council developed the shopfront grant scheme to improve the  appearance of independently owned shops fronting public streets, making our streets and villages more aesthetically pleasing to both residents and visitors. The 2022 scheme was launched in February and the County Promotion Unit is currently accepting applications from eligible businesses. More information on the scheme and how to apply can be found here <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/business/enterprise/business-support/shop-front-grant/shop-front-grant.html>

The tourism, hospitality and creative sector have been among the worst affected sectors by the COVID-19 pandemic with tourism, museums, galleries and visitor experience businesses closed for lengthy periods. Consumer research undertaken by Fáilte Ireland during the pandemic has shown that the public and visitors remain interested in our key urban centres, but anxieties regarding personal safety continue. Despite recent removal of restrictions, some parts of the tourism and hospitality sector are still not fully operational.  It is in this context that Fáilte Ireland continue to provide step-by-step guidance through their customised support hub — featuring expert insights, advice on support schemes and more. These supports are designed to help those operating within the tourism sector understand and adjust to the extreme challenges they are facing. The Council continue to work closely with Fáilte Ireland on various initiatives.

Planning permission for the Dublin Mountain Visitor Centre at Montpelier Hill was granted by An Board Pleanála in June 2020. The visitor centre will comprise a dedicated interpretative exhibition and educational facility as well as a café and shop, a rambler’s lounge and toilets.  There will be enhanced access to the site with increased car parking and public transport, road improvements and the construction of a new footpath to the site. The proposal will also deliver improved quality and quantity of walks and trails for people of all ages and abilities incorporating an iconic tree-top walkway/bridge from Montpelier Hill into Massy’s Wood. Legal proceedings in relation to the project is currently before the Supreme Court.

The Council has been a member of the Dublin Mountains Partnership (DMP) since it was formed in 2008. The role of the DMP has been to provide and manage sustainable recreation in the Dublin Mountains on public / state lands. Through the DMP the Council continues to explore the issues and identify the opportunities associated with facilitating the recreational enjoyment of the Dublin Mountains whilst looking after their special qualities.

A food strategy is due to be launch later in 2022, and food and culinary tourism has been identified as opportunities for the County.

### **Q17/0322 QUESTION:** **Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm his continued actions to attract new job opportunities to our County; will he detail contacts he has maintained in the matter and will he make a statement?

**REPLY:**

Economic Development support was one the key cross cutting themes that emerged from the consultations of the South Dublin Corporate 2020-2024 plan and is at the heart of everything we do. We work to facilitate investment and enterprise, which helps to create sustainable employment, which, in turn, supports our communities and contributes to the competitive urban economy within the capital.

The December 2021 Corporate Plan Annual Report highlights how the upgrade and enhanced aesthetic presentation of the County continued, with the commencement of the Templeogue Village enhancement project, the planning of major works for Lucan Village and our first district enhancement project at Tymon shopping centre. The second phase of the N81 landscaping project was also completed. These improvements, underway and planned, are all part of our Economic Development Strategy, as is the expansion of Grange Castle Business Park, and the planned Innovation Centre in Tallaght town centre, which is about to commence construction in Q1 2022.

Forward planning is also a key component of our Economic Development Strategy. In 2021 we published our new Draft County Development Plan for the period 2022 – 2028, which provides the strategic framework for economic policy over the next 6 years. This project has involved engagement with all of the key national stakeholders and statutory bodies.

We also commenced consultation on the largest planned urban regeneration project in this country, incorporating 700 hectares along the Naas Road, east of the M50, which will create a new mixed-use environment for the Dublin region. The associated “CITY EDGE” Strategy will be published and submitted to government early in 2022. This project has involved engagement with all of the key national stakeholders and statutory bodies, including the IDA, Enterprise Ireland and Failte Ireland, with a major focus on job creation in the longer-term.

South Dublin Local Enterprise Development Plan which was launched in November 2021 highlights the focus on local enterprise support for job creation in its Mission Statement details reproduced below:-

Local Enterprise Office (LEO) South Dublin aim to promote entrepreneurship, foster sustainable business start-ups, and develop existing micro and small businesses to drive job creation and to provide accessible high-quality supports for your Business ideas. Entrepreneurs and Businesses are supported to:

* Increase exports
* Build resilience
* Increase productivity
* Prepare for the Low carbon economy
* Embrace the Digital economy
* Innovate
* Be managed by ambitious & capable individuals
* Fuel regional growth

### **Q18/0322 QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to present a report detailing his efforts to respond to the housing needs of our County; will he confirm contacts he has had with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in respect of targets set and will he make a statement?

**REPLY:**

As part of the preparation of the Draft South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028, an Interim South Dublin Housing Strategy and Interim Housing Needs Demand Assessment were prepared to ascertain future housing needs in the County. This contains information on the context for the strategy, baseline demographics for the county including current and future population, population per electoral area, age profile etc and baseline housing data including housing stock, tenures, size, social housing provision, social housing list etc.  The housing needs demand assessment contains projected data focusing on future population, household size, age profile, household tenure and composition and a section dedicated to meeting future social housing demand including delivery and targets. (See <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/devplan2022/stage-2-draft-plan/appendices/appendix-11-housing-strategy-and-hnda-.pdf> for further details).

Based on the strategy and needs assessment and having regard for the Housing for All delivery targets for this Council, a draft Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022-2026 was shared with the Elected Members and submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for consideration in December 2021.  A formal response from DHLGH in this regard is awaited.

### **Q19/0322 QUESTION:** **Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for an report into the council’s inspections of private rented accommodation by private contractor, to include length of contract and number of houses involved?

**REPLY:**

As per the most recent Residential Tenancy Board Tenancy Register figures provided to this Council, there are 17,079 registered tenancies in South Dublin County. The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage now require 25% of tenancies to be inspected per annum equating to a target of 4,270 for 2022.

Inspections are conducted by both external contractors and Environmental Health Offices (EHOs).  Our external contractors carry out inspections in respect of all rental property types including private rented properties, HAP rental and Approved Housing Body properties registered with the Residential Tenancies Board (RTB) while EHOs undertake inspections of RAS properties as well as any inspections relating to complaints, improvement notices and/or prosecution notices.

The external contractor was procured in April 2019 and will undertake over 4,000 inspections during 2022.  The contract can potentially be extended up to April 2024 depending on performance and other relevant considerations.

### **Q20/0322 QUESTION:** **Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for an report into Council and HAP homes inspections and to ask how often they are carried out and to report on how many have been found to breach standards and what action was taken? Can council/HAP tenants request an inspection?

**REPLY:**

All private rental dwellings are now scheduled for inspection at least every four years.  HAP properties are generally targeted to be inspected within eight months of a new sign-up while RAS properties are inspected when a contract is due for renewal and must be compliant before a new contract is agreed.

Our experience has been that significant numbers of inspections fail due to easily remedied contraventions of the minimum housing standards legislation e.g. no fire blanket in the kitchen, out of date or non-functioning smoke alarms, no microwave, recent changes requiring multiple carbon monoxide detectors, window restrictors required for all openable windows 1400mm above ground etc.

Results of first inspections in recent years are shown below:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Year | No. of Dwellings Inspected | Non-Compliant on First Inspection | % Non-Compliant |
| 2019 | 2,748 | 2,606 | 95% |
| 2020 | 2,987 | 1,606 | 54% |
| 2021 | 789 | 719 | 91% |

The Council continues to work with landlords and the Residential Tenancies Board to achieve compliance by following up on inspections, distributing information on the minimum standards to landlords to make them aware of their responsibilities, and highlight these common failure areas so they can address issues in advance and significant numbers of properties subsequently become compliant in advance of further inspections.

More complex structural, electrical, sanitary issues etc. are followed up by Environmental Health Officers who may utilise additional legislative powers to pursue the landlord to effect necessary remedial and upgrade works.

Tenants of private rental properties including HAP, RAS and Approved Housing Body properties should firstly report any issues to their landlord directly for resolution. In the case where the landlord fails to carry out required works the tenant can complete the [online tenant complaint form](https://secure.southdublin.ie/Forms/Item/72) in respect of Private Rental Housing Standards.

### **Q21/0322 QUESTION:** **Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update report into what progress had been made on my below motion and to ask would he have this done by June in time for Pride Month?

"That this council put a Rainbow walk on at least one road Crossing in SDCC as a symbol of Equality and a visual symbol of the LGBTQ+ community. (https://gcn.ie/derry-permanent-rainbow-crossing/)"

**REPLY:**

The Council is supportive of providing a Rainbow crossing in South Dublin as a symbol of Equality for the LGBTQ+ community. We are currently assessing possible locations and it is our intention to have a crossing installed before June 2022 and in time for Pride month this year.

### **Q22/0322 QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for an report into the Community centre review to be carried, out when will this be done and would he consider a subcommittee with some elected members on it as part of this review?

**REPLY:**

As part of the proposed review of the operation and governance of community facilities that has been discussed at the Social, Community and Equality SPC, a survey of the use and management of existing facilities is underway.  The survey returns will be analysed and will inform how the Community Development team can support best practice in governance, management development and centre use.  This will include developing a management network as a forum for training, development and peer support for community facilities and will inform the approach to enhanced centre governance management and support in line with the increased funding provided in this regard in the Council's 2022 Budget.

The SPC has agreed that it will establish a working group from its membership to oversee this review.

### **Q23/0322 QUESTION:** **Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for an report into the Anti-social behaviour review, how it will be done and ask for a timeframe and how the public can feed into this review ?

**REPLY:**

The recent high-level strategic review of the Council's estate management and community development services has signposted the need for a more strategic and responsive approach to anti-social behaviour.  In this context, the Housing SPC has agreed in 2022 to undertake a review of the current Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy that was adopted in 2018 to update the strategy and response to anti-social behaviour in the County to meet the evolving challenges in this area.  The review will involve consultation with the Joint Policing Committee, An Garda Síochána, the Health Service Executive and other key stakeholders including Approved Housing Bodies, local Drugs and Alcohol Task Forces, neighbouring local authorities and other relevant organisations with a view to the SPC recommending an updated strategy to full Council for adoption as this is a reserved function of the Council.

### **H6/0322 DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE MADE PUBLIC ROADS**

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

### **H7/0322 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES/SITES - FOR APPROVAL**

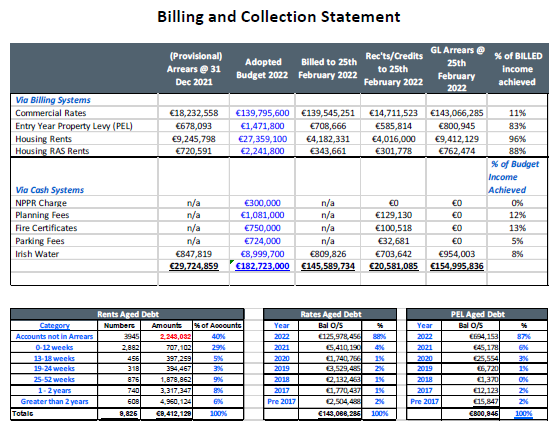
It was **NOTED** that there was **NO** Business under this Heading.

### **H8/0322 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:**

[H8 (a) Chief Executive's Report March 2022](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74441)

[H8 (b) February Statistics Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74478)



**Use of overdraft facility**

Department approved overdraft facility = €25,000,000

No of days in Overdraft from 1st January to 25th February 2022= 0

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors E. Ó Broin, M. Johansson, D. Ó Brádaigh, D. McManus, K. Mahon, L. O'Toole, S. Moynihan, P. Kavanagh, and R. McMahon. Queries were raised regarding bicycle parking in schools, Adamstown Civic Plaza, home loan funding, affordable housing, social housing construction energy rating standard and the statistics report.

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

The report was **NOTED**

### **H9/0322 PART 8 AIRTON ROAD EXTENSION - FOR APPROVAL**

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

**AIRTON ROAD EXTENSION – COOKSTOWN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE ROAD TO BELGARD ROAD.**

**Report on Part 8 consultation process for the above proposal.**

* The construction of approximately 335 m. of a two-way single 6-metre-wide road connecting Cookstown Industrial Estate Road to Belgard Road. Cross sections consisting of 2.0 metre raised adjacent off-road cycle lanes and 2.5-metre-wide footpaths.
* The construction of three signal-controlled junctions, Junction of Cookstown Ind. Estate Road with Airton Road Extension, Junction of Airton Road Extension with the entrance into Belgard Retail Park and the Junction of Airton Road Extension and Belgard Road.
* The construction of associated drainage and culverts.
* The provision of associated road markings, traffic signage and public lighting.
* The construction of boundary walls, fencing and access treatment.
* Associated earthworks and appropriate landscape works.

The scheme has been designed in accordance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS), the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) and the National Cycle Manual.

The Council seeks to support and facilitate the regeneration of underutilised industrial lands that are proximate to town centres and transport nodes to provide for a more intensive mix of enterprise and/or residential led development. The South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2016-2022 changed the zoning of the Cookstown area to REGEN (To facilitate enterprise and/or residential lead regeneration).

The Six-Year Roads Programme incorporates the Airton Road Extension – Cookstown Industrial Estate Road to Belgard Road. The construction of the proposed scheme is considered essential to facilitate the future development of the Cookstown area.

The scheme aims to provide for

1. To improve accessibility to the Cookstown area.
2. To provide direct alternative access route to and from Cookstown industrial estate to Tallaght.
3. To facilitate and support the future residential and commercial development in the Cookstown/Tallaght area by allow greater access for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists to Tallaght mitigating congestion that would otherwise arise on the existing road network.

The proposed Scheme has undergone **Appropriate Assessment Screening** under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and a determination has been made that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment will not be required.

The proposed Scheme has undergone **Environmental Impact Assessment Screening** under the EIA Directive 2014/52/EU and a determination has been made that an Environmental Impact Assessment will not be required.

1. **Introduction**
   1. **Purpose of the Report**

The purpose of this Chief Executive’s Report is to present the outcome of the Part 8 consultation, to respond to submissions made during the consultation period and to make recommendations in relation to the proposed development where appropriate.

* 1. **Structure of the Report**

This report provides the following:

* + - An introduction including details on the purpose of the report and an outline of the public consultation programme that was carried out.
    - Description of Proposed Development
    - List of Submissions received
    - A summary of the issues raised in the submissions made during the consultation period

together with the Chief Executive’s Responses and Recommendations.

* + - Assessment as to whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.
    - Recommendation as to whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed, or as varied or modified as recommended in the report, or should not be proceeded with, as the case may be.
  1. **Outline of Public Consultation Programme**

1.3.1 Statutory Consultation

The Part 8 proposals were presented at a meeting with locally elected members prior to commencement of Part 8 with a presentation to the Tallaght Area Committee members on the Monday 28th June 2021 on Microsoft Teams.

The proposed development and accompanying **Appropriate Assessment** and **Environmental Impact Assessment Screening** were placed on public display for the statutory period from Thursday 13th January 2022 to Friday 10th February 2022.

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 Thursday 13th January 2022 to Thursday 10th February 2022 only; by appointment at the offices of South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24, between the hours 10.00am – 12.00noon & 2.00pm to 4.00pm Monday to Friday, and available online on the Consultation Portal [http://consult.sdublincoco.ie](http://consult.sdublincoco.ie/)

Appointments could have been made by contacting the Planning Department by email at [planningdept@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:planningdept@sdublincoco.ie) or by phoning (01) 4149000.

**Submissions**

Submissions and observations with respect to the proposed development dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development will be situated, could have been made in writing up to 5.00pm on Thursday 24th February 2022 and may have been submitted either:

* Online: at https://consult.sdublincoco.ie
* By Post: In writing to the Senior Engineer, Roads Construction & Design, LUPT, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 YNN5

Public Notice Published / Site Notice Erected on Thursday 13th January 2022 3 No Submissions were received by the closing date for public consultation.

* 1. **Legislative Background**

Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), requires that the Chief Executive of a local authority shall, after the expiration of the period during which submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development may be made, in accordance with regulations under subsection (2), prepare a written report in relation to the proposed development and submit the report to the members of the authority.

Section 179(b) outlines that a report prepared in accordance with paragraph (a) shall—

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

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

1. **Proposed Development**
   1. **Description of the Proposed Development**

The proposed Airton Road Extension – Cookstown Industrial Estate Road to Belgard Road. The proposed road scheme is approximately 335 metres in length. The road will be a single two-lane carriageway with 50km/h design speed. The overall road reservation will be 15 metres wide.

**The proposed works primarily comprises the following:**

* The construction of approximately 335 m. of a two-way single 6-metre-wide road connecting Cookstown Industrial Estate Road to Belgard Road. Cross sections consisting of 2.0 metre raised adjacent off-road cycle lanes and 2.5-metre-wide footpaths.
* The construction of three signal-controlled junctions, Junction of Cookstown Ind. Estate Road with Airton Road Extension, Junction of Airton Road Extension with the entrance into Belgard Retail Park and the Junction of Airton Road Extension and Belgard Road.
* The construction of associated drainage and culverts.
* The provision of associated road markings, traffic signage and public lighting.
* The installation of ducting for statutory service relocations and the diversion of existing statutory services that are affected by the works.
* The construction of boundary walls, fencing and access treatment.
* Associated earthworks and appropriate landscape works.

# South Dublin County Council will look to include additional planting on the lands either side of the road close to the Cookstown and Airton Road Junction

* 1. **Plans and Details**

Plans and details are available at the following link:

<https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/airton-road-extension-part-8-application>

1. **List of Submissions**

Submissions were received during the specified period of the public consultation in respect of the proposed development from the following:

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| SD-C214-1 | Dermot Finch |
| SD-C214-2 | Elizabeth Hickey |
| SD-C214-3 | John Shanahan |

1. **Summary and Categorisation of Issues Raised and Chief Executive’s Responses**
   1. **Introduction**

This section presents an analysis of the submissions and includes a summary of each of the issues raised and the responses and recommendations of the Chief Executive.

The responses of the Chief Executive have been framed taking account of the statutory obligations of the local authority, relevant Government and Ministerial guidelines and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

* 1. **Summary of Issues Raised, Responses and Recommendations**

**Submission No.1 –** Dermot Finch

This submission relates to the following issues

The number of carparking bays should be increased on the river side of Lucan Main Street opposite the shops by not bringing the pedestrian area out to the road between the proposed carparking bays (2,2 and 1).

Also land at the back of Collins Butchers should be bought to provide carparking in Lucan.

**Chief Executives Response and Recommendation:**

**Submission No.2 –** Elizabeth Hickey

This submission relates to the following issues

1. A one-way system would facilitate the development of a public realm that affords more space for planting and grass as well as improving cycling and walking infrastructure.
2. A bi-directional cycle-path with grass verge segregation from both pedestrians and the carriageway would provide an improved experience for all users of this road including motorists.
3. Reducing turning radii to adjoining roads, with ramped (table) crossing creating priority for people walking and on bicycles.
4. Improving active travel infrastructure at either end of the scheme is necessary to ensure connectivity.
5. Submission was most likely for the Part 8 for Proposed Works in Lucan Village Green and Main Street.

**Chief Executives Response and Recommendation:**

* 1. This road will form the main access for the future development of the area so a one way system cannot apply to this road.
  2. Off-road raised adjacent cycle tracks and footpaths have been provided for cyclists and pedestrians on both sides of the road with safe crossing facilities at the junctions.
  3. Reduced turning radii to adjoining roads, with ramped (table) crossing creating priority for people walking and on bicycles will be included in the detailed design at the junction with adjoining roads.
  4. Active travel infrastructure has already been constructed on the west end of the proposed Airton Road Extension. The Belgard Square North Link was constructed in 2021 and contains off road cycle lanes and footpaths. There are plans proposed to improve Belgard Road which will include connectivity for the east end of the proposed Airton Road Extension.
  5. Route 12B of the Cycle South Dublin programme proposes improved active travel infrastructure along the existing Belgard Road. This scheme will be progressed in due course.

**Submission No. 3** John Shanahan

This submission relates to the following issues -

I would be grateful it the following requests be considered:

1. cycle tracks should be raised and continue across side road junctions, not go down and turn into lanes. Provide continuous footpaths at side road entrances.
2. The cycle track and footpath adjacent to the Belgard retail park are too narrow. A turning lane should be removed to ensure sufficient space is provided for active travel.
3. Please provide a grass/green verge with trees between the cycle track and road where possible.

4.

The junction at Belgard Rd should be upgraded to enable people cycling and walking to

safely and comfortably make all movements with due priority.

5. Why is this scheme being funded with active travel investment money when it is not primarily an active travel scheme? If it were, it would resemble something similar to the Grange Rd/Barton Rd. Greenway scheme.

**Chief Executives Response and Recommendation:**

1. Raised continuous cycle tracks and footpaths will be included in the detailed design at the junction with adjoining side roads.
2. Airton Road Extension alignment must tie in with the existing Airton Road Alignment. The width of the cycle track and footpath adjacent to the Belgard retail park cannot be increased in width as the road alignment will not work. Extensive traffic modelling has been carried out in the area, which indicates that the turning lanes are required due to predicted traffic volumes requiring that movement.
3. South Dublin County Council (SDCC) endeavours to provide a grass verge with trees between cycle tracks and the road where possible. On this scheme, there is only room at one location that will enable the inclusion of additional planting on the lands either side of the road. That area is close to the Cookstown Ind. Estate and Airton Road Extension Junction, where it is proposed to provide landscaping behind the Cycle-lanes/footpaths (It will not be possible able to include a grass verge with trees between the cycle track and road due to the location close to the junction). Throughout the remaining length there is no space as the Road, Cycle-lanes and footpaths take up the full width of the available lands.
4. There are plans to upgrade the Belgard Road to enable people cycling and walking to make all movements safely and comfortably with due priority.
5. The proposed Airton Road Extension is only being partly funded with active travel investment money. This contribution is for the proposed junction of Airton Road Extension with Cookstown Industrial Estate Road/Fourth Avenue. The junction is to be designed as a protected junction in accordance with NTA Guidelines.

**XX.0 DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES**

**South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2016-2022**

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| **It is the policy of the Council to support sustainable enterprise and employment growth in South Dublin County and in the Greater Dublin Area, whilst maintaining**  **environmental quality.** |
| **ET1 Objective 2:** To promote enterprise and employment development at locations that are proximate to or integrated with transportation and other urban land uses, to promote compact urban development and sustainable transport. |
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| **It is the policy of the Council to facilitate and support the regeneration of underutilised industrial areas that are proximate to urban centres and transport**  **nodes and to promote and support more intensive compatible employment and/or residential led development in regeneration zones.** |
| **ET2 Objective 1:** To promote and support the consolidation or relocation of existing employment uses in Regeneration ‘REGEN’ zones and the upgrade of these areas to create opportunities for regeneration.  **ET2 Objective 3:**  To support proposals for incubator, starter and/or live work units on lands designated with Zoning  Objective ‘REGEN’ (to facilitate enterprise and/or residential led regeneration). |

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| **It is the policy of the Council to continue to develop the County’s network of town centres, village centres, district centres and local centres, based on the following hierarchy:**  **Tallaght as the County Town; Clondalkin as a vibrant Town Centre; Traditional Village Centres as vibrant and sustainable centres;**  **A network of District Centres to serve a district catchment; and**  **A network of Local Centres and local shops to serve a local catchment.** |
| **UC1 Objective 4:**  To promote a high standard of urban design in urban centres that contributes to the creation of safe and attractive streets and spaces and creates desirable places to work, live and visit.  **UC1 Objective 6:**  To improve the accessibility of town centres from the surrounding catchment area through public transport provision, sustainable transport infrastructure and the road network, and incorporate good local linkages between car parks, public transport stops, cycle parking facilities and the various attractions within the centre.  **UC1 Objective 8:**  To prepare Local Area Plans and/or Framework Plans to inform growth and urban consolidation in urban centres that are likely to experience significant expansion. |
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| **It is the policy of the Council to reinforce the role of Tallaght as the County Town and**  **Clondalkin as a major Town Centre at the top of the County’s urban hierarchy.** |
| **UC2 Objective 4:**  To encourage and facilitate the re-use and regeneration of derelict land and buildings for retail and other appropriate centre uses and encourage the full use of buildings and in particular the use of upper floors and backlands with due cognisance to the retail sequential approach, quality  of urban design, integration and linkages. |
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| **It is the policy of the Council to encourage the provision of an appropriate mix, range and type of uses in District Centres, including retail, community, recreational, medical and childcare uses, at a scale that caters predominantly for a district level catchment,**  **subject to the protection of the residential amenities of the surrounding area.** |
| **UC4 Objective 4:**  To improve walking and cycling infrastructure within the local catchment of the County’s district  centres. |
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| **It is the policy of the Council to promote the sustainable development of the County through the creation of an integrated transport network that services the needs of**  **communities and businesses.** |
| **TM1 Objective 2:**  To spatially arrange activities around, and improve access to, existing and planned public transport infrastructure and services.  **TM1 Objective 4:**  To prioritise new road construction that provides access to new communities and development areas and supports the economic development of the County.  **TM1 Objective 5:**  To balance the needs of road users and the local community with the need to support the development of a sustainable transportation network.  **TM1 Objective 6:**  To support the delivery of sufficient public transport and road capacity to facilitate sustainable new development in the County. |
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| **It is the policy of the Council to promote the sustainable development of the County by supporting and guiding national agencies in delivering major improvements to the** |
| **TM2 Objective 4:**  To create an interlinked network that maximises the efficiency of existing services, reduces overall journey times and facilitates easy exchanges between modes and/or routes. |
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| **It is the policy of the Council to re-balance movement priorities towards more sustainable modes of transportation by prioritising the development of walking and cycling facilities within a safe and traffic calmed street environment.** |
| **TM3 Objective 1:**  To create a comprehensive and legible County-wide network of cycling and walking routes that link communities to key destinations, amenities and leisure activities with reference to the policies and objectives contained in Chapter 9 (Heritage, Conservation and Landscape) particularly those that relate to Public Rights of Way and Permissive Access Routes.  **TM3 Objective 2:**  To ensure that connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists is maximised in new communities and improved within existing areas in order to maximise access to local shops, schools, public transport services and other amenities, while seeking to minimise opportunities for anti-social behaviour and respecting the wishes of local communities.  **TM3 Objective 3:**  To ensure that all streets and street networks are designed to prioritise the movement of pedestrians and cyclists within a safe and comfortable environment for a wide range of ages,  abilities and journey types. |
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| **It is the policy of Council to ensure that streets and roads within the County are designed to balance the needs of place and movement, to provide a safe traffic-**  **calmed street environment, particularly in sensitive areas and where vulnerable users are present.** |
| **TM6 Objective 1:**  To appropriately apply speed limits taking into account the characteristics of the surrounding area, the design of the street environment and the presence of vulnerable users.  **TM6 Objective 2:**  To ensure that all streets and street network s are designed to passively calm traffic through the creation of a self-regulating street environment.  **TM6 Objective 3:**  To advance national and local initiatives in relation to road design and safety |
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| **It is the policy of Council to take a balanced approach to the provision of car parking with the aim of meeting the needs of businesses and communities whilst promoting**  **a transition towards more sustainable forms of transportation.** |
| **TM7 Objective 1:**  To carefully consider the number of parking spaces provided to service the needs of new development.  **TM7 Objective 3:**  To ensure that car parking does not detract from the comfort and safety of pedestrians and cyclists or the attractiveness of the landscape. |

**South Dublin Co Co Development Plan 2016-2022 Land Use Zoning Objectives**

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| **Zone** | **Abbreviation** | **Objective** |
| **Regeneration** | REGEN | To facilitate enterprise and/or residential led regeneration. |

**Zoning Objective ‘REGEN’: ‘To facilitate enterprise and/or residential-led regeneration’**

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| **USE CLASSES RELATED TO ZONING OBJECTIVE** | |
| **Permitted in Principle** | Advertisements and Advertising Structures, Childcare Facilities, Community Centre, Education, Enterprise Centre, Health Centre, Home Based Economic Activities, Hotel/Hostel, Housing for Older People, Industry-Light, Live-Work Units, Motor Sales Outlet, Office- Based Industry, Office less than 100 sq.m, Offices 100 sq.m –1,000 sq.m, Offices over 1,000 sq.mi, Open Space, Petrol Station, Public Services, Recreational Facility, Residential, Restaurant/Café, Residential Institution, Science and Technology Based Enterprise, Shop-Local, Sports Club/Facility, Stadium, Traveller Accommodation. |
| **Open for Consideration** | Allotments, Bed & Breakfast, Betting Office, Boarding Kennels, Car Park, Crematorium, Cultural Use, Doctor/Dentist, Embassy, Funeral Home, Garden Centre, Guest House, Hospital, Industry-General, Nursing Home, Off-Licence, Place of Worship, Primary Health Care Centre, Public House, Recycling Facility, Retail Warehouse, Retirement Home, Service Garage, Shop-Neighbourhood, Social Club, Veterinary Surgery, Warehousing, Wholesale Outlet. |
| **Not Permitted** | Abattoir, Aerodrome/Airfield, Agriculture, Camp Site, Caravan Park- Residential, Cemetery, Concrete/Asphalt Plant in or adjacent to a Quarry, Conference Centre, Fuel Depot, Heavy Vehicle Park, Industry-Extractive, Industry-Special, Nightclub, Outdoor Entertainment Park, Refuse Landfill/Tip, Refuse Transfer Station, Rural Industry-Food, Scrap Yard, Shop-Major Sales Outlet, Transport Depot, Wind Farm. |

**Tallaght Local Area Plan 2006-2011 (Extended to 2017)**

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| 1.7 Cookstown South  4.7.3 Future Land Use   * The area is ideally positioned on the northern side of the Core Area to provide a quieter   residential enclave that is supplemented by commercial development.   * Commercial uses could comprise offices, as well as shops and services that serve the local   population.   * More intensive commercial and residential development may be appropriate fronting Belgard Road and sites adjacent to the junction of Cookstown Road and Fourth Avenue. * The expansion of existing commercial and other non-residential uses may be acceptable provided there will not be a negative impact on the amenities of existing and future residents.   4.7.5 Future Access and Movement   * The development of lands within the precinct is dependent on the establishment of a more permeable street network. New street links should be provided from Belgard Road and Belgard Square North in accordance with the objectives of the County Development Plan 2004-2010. * A new road network that incorporates existing streets will permeate the area to provide north- south and east-west circulation and to allow for mid-block penetration and local access. * Key pedestrian links should provide direct access to the Core Area and the Hospital. |
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| 1.8 Core Area |
| 4.9.3 Future Land Use |
| * The land use mix in the Core Area should reflect that of recent developments and focus on   sustaining an intensive and integrated working and residential population.   * Extensive car-borne activities such as retail warehousing, showrooms, and garden centres are discouraged. * Night-time entertainment and leisure uses should be clustered in the areas to the north and north-west of the Square, adjacent to high frequency public transport and taxi services.   4.9.5 Future Access and Movement   * The existing street pattern should be maintained. Through site links should be provided on large   blocks to allow for mid-block penetration and access via shared routes or pedestrian/cyclist routes.   * Private vehicle circulation should remain largely unchanged around the Tallaght Box, however a greater emphasis should be placed on the movement of buses, taxis and cyclists by providing QBC type priority. * Key pedestrian routes should focus on east-west and north-south movement into the principal area of activity around the Square Shopping Centre and LUAS Station. Pedestrian routes through the Square should be improved. * A one-way bus/public transport ‘loop’ should be considered north of the Square. * A bus interchange should be provided in an area that is directly visible to and within a short   walking distance from the Tallaght LUAS Station.   * The areas adjacent to Belgard Road could provide a possible route for the Orbital Metro. |

**6.0 Recommendation**

**Following consideration of the above submissions, I recommend that the proposal be approved in line with the recommendations set out in this Report.**

[H9 (b) AA Screening](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74466)  
[H9 (c) Airton Road Extension Map](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74469)  
[H9 (d) Ecological Assessment](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74467)

It was proposed by Councillor L. Donaghy and seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh and **AGREED** that Part 8 Airton Road Extension, be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

### **H10/0322 PART 8 FOR SYNTHETIC- GRASS SPORTS PITCHES AT BELGARD COMMUNITY CENTRE SITE, OLD BELGARD ROAD TALLAGHT, DUBLIN 24 - FOR APPROVAL**

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

**Chief Executive’s Report on Public Consultation for Proposed Development of 4G Synthetic Grass Sports Pitches and Associated Works at Belgard Community Centre, Dublin 24**

**1. Introduction**

In accordance with the requirements of Part XI of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) (the Act) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) (the Regulations), South Dublin County Council is seeking planning consent to develop 4G synthetic grass sports pitches and associated works including mesh-fencing, 12- metre floodlighting, car-parking, CCTV landscaping, surface-water drainage and associated works at lands adjacent to Belgard Community Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

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

**2. Site Description**

The proposed site is located on the grounds of Belgard Community Centre in the townland of Tallaght, South Dublin County on proposed development area of 0.945ha. The proposed location is undeveloped land, relatively free of onsite services within the existing curtilage of the community centre and is well served by public transport.

**3. Scheme Description**

The proposed scheme comprises the following:

* 4g synthetic grass sports pitches approximately 75 metres by 40 metres in size in total that can be divided into three smaller pitches of approximately 40 metres by 25 metres in size.
* Four 12-metre-high floodlighting columns and 5.4-metre-high surrounding weldmesh- type fencing with additional 1.4-metre-high ball stop fence and netting.
* CCTV installation.
* Eight car-parking spaces.
* All necessary associated landscape works including surface drainage/attenuation storage areas, footpaths, planting and ancillary works.

Full plans and reports for the originally proposed development are shown on the following links:   
[Sheet 1 – Existing & Proposed Site Location](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Home/ViewDocument/6ccaa3b9-cec3-4ffc-9865-ae5100cdd745)

[Sheet 2 - Existing Site Plan, Elevations & Sections](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Home/ViewDocument/1bdef395-1ce0-4bd1-a443-ae5100ccec45) [Sheet 3 – Proposed Site Plan, Elevations & Sections](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Home/ViewDocument/b8772cfa-4be2-4f78-954c-ae5100cc21f0)  [Screening for Appropriate Assessment](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Home/ViewDocument/6b0e167a-0441-47e6-926c-ae5100cf7455)

[Screening for Environmental Impact Assessment Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Home/ViewDocument/13792f3d-a196-41ba-9441-ae5100d0116f) [County Architects Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Home/ViewDocument/fb6a5a8d-d720-41b6-a2b6-ae5100d18cb8)

**4. Public Consultation**

Plans and particulars of the proposed development were on public display for four weeks from 13th January 2022 to 10th February 2022 (inclusive). During this period for public consultation, information on the proposed development was disseminated to the public and submissions were invited.

The public consultation on the proposed development included the following statutory and non- statutory elements:

* Newspaper notices in The Echo.
* Online public consultation portal.
* Display in South Dublin County Council offices at County Hall, Tallaght.
* Information on social media including Facebook and Twitter.

Submissions and observations on the proposed development could be made online and in writing for a period of six weeks from 13th January 2022 to 24th February 2022 inclusive.

**5. Legislative Background**

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

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

i. Describe the nature and extent of the proposed development and the principal features thereof and shall include an appropriate plan of the development and appropriate map of the relevant area.

ii. Evaluate whether or not the proposed development would be consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development relates, having regard to the provisions of the Development Plan and giving the reasons and the considerations for the evaluation.

iii. List the persons or bodies who made submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development.

iv. Summarise the issues, with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the proposed development would be situated, raised in any such submissions or observations, and give the response of the Chief Executive thereto.

v. Recommend whether or not the proposed development should be proceeded with as proposed, or as varied or modified as recommended in the report, or should not be proceeded with, as the case may be.

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

**6. Environmental Impact Assessment and Appropriate Assessment**

The proposal has undergone an Appropriate Assessment Screening under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) consistent with relevant legislation and having regard for the appropriate guidance. This Council has determined that the implementation of the proposed development would not be likely to have significant adverse eﬀects on the integrity or conservation objectives of any Natura 2000 network of sites. It has also undergone a preliminary examination for an Environmental Impact Assessment and the Planning Authority has concluded that there will be no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and therefore it does not need to be subject to Environment Impact Assessment and no Environmental Impact Report is required. These conclusions are based on an objective review of the proposed development, including its characteristics, location and the likelihood of it causing significant environmental impacts.

Therefore, in accordance with Part XI of the Act, the Elected Members of the Council can consider the proposed development of 4G synthetic grass sports facilities at Belgard Community Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

**7. Outcome of Public Consultation Programme**

A total of twelve submissions/observations were received. A list of all the persons, organisations and bodies that made submissions is provided in the table below together with a link to a copy of each submission received. (For reasons of data protection, these documents have the personal addresses of submitters redacted.)

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| **Name of Person(s)/Prescribed Body Making Submission** | **Submission** |
| Mr. Proinsias Mac Fhlannchadha | [Link](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Home/ViewDocument/f8d43544-ea5c-4cf6-9c5e-ae5100b7cd83) |
| Ms. Samantha Ledden | [Link](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Home/ViewDocument/187da202-16a7-4b63-9760-ae5100bacadf) |
| Ms. Lisa O Connell | [Link](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Home/ViewDocument/22662abe-ec0c-4367-a3cd-ae5100bd11b0) |
| Mr. Wayne Stewart | [Link](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Home/ViewDocument/512584df-2f35-4db2-90b9-ae5100be0c63) |
| Ms. Doireann O'Byrne | [Link](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Home/ViewDocument/abac8521-4553-41c6-a664-ae5100beeb68) |
| Ms. Laura Dalton | [Link](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Home/ViewDocument/ec0683a7-191c-4b69-af32-ae5100bfac9f) |
| Ms. Eileen Shanahan | [Link](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Home/ViewDocument/0a3fe51b-319b-4894-a0ca-ae5100c02d7c) |
| Mr. Colin Morrison | [Link](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Home/ViewDocument/e73db7c6-1657-4beb-90db-ae5100c4c7c9) |
| Mr. Austin O'Sullivan | [Link](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Home/ViewDocument/16e31f36-7219-4baa-9c4f-ae5100c6529b) |
| Mr. John Murphy | [Link](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Home/ViewDocument/f58374c0-b0c2-4a3b-ba0e-ae5100c70155) |
| Mr. Eamon Heffernan & Ms. Jacintha Ward Heffernan | [Link](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Home/ViewDocument/36992f1b-9b26-4f12-b603-ae510109c9a2) |
| Kilnamanagh AFC | [Link](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Home/ViewDocument/eb728046-1174-41f6-accd-ae5100c78165) |

A breakdown of the categories of issues raised in the submissions received is shown in the table below: (Summaries and responses to issues raised are provided in Section 8 below):

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| **No.** | **Category of Submission** |
| 1 | Impact of Floodlighting |
| 2 | Provision of bicycle parking. |
| 3 | Access to and use of pitches |

**8. Summary of Issues Raised and Chief Executive’s Responses and Recommendations**

**8.1 Impact of Floodlighting**

The impact of the proposed 12-metre-high floodlighting columns on adjoining residential amenity and local traffic was cited in a submission with proposed mitigation suggested through appropriate tree planting.

**Response:**

The submission proposed mitigating any impact of floodlighting through appropriate tree planting and screening and to shade adjoining homes. This is considered a thoughtful and sustainable response to the issue and will be explored and implemented during the construction phase.

**8.2 Increased Bicycle Parking Facilities**

A submission proposed providing additional bicycle parking spaces in lieu of the car parking spaces, particularly given the proximity of the area to the adjoining Luas Stop and in line with climate action and mobility goals.

**Response:**

The proposal is accepted. The car-parking spaces provided for in the design will be reviewed to provide for increased cycle parking facilities in the development.

**8.3 Access to and Use of pitches**

Several submissions queried the design of the pitches for football usage only and requested that the proposal be amended to incorporate other sports. In addition, there were queries in relation to use of the facilities by local clubs, the availability of changing facilities, how bookings would be managed and the proposed cost of using the facilities.

**Response:**

The existing site and community facility is managed by the Belgard Heights Community and Youth Centre whose mission is to provide a focal point for the local community and to encourage local groups and individuals to use the centre and its facilities. The proposed development follows a successful sports capital grant application by the centre who will be responsible for managing booking schedules, usage charges and the provision of changing areas within the existing centre if possible. The centre’s board of management includes a representative from South Dublin County Council and the Council’s ongoing support for the centre will be related to continuing local community access, at reasonable cost, to the centre including the proposed new pitches.

Pitch markings on the consultation drawings showing mini-football pitches, were indicative only, solely to demonstrate possible pitch use and size but, when developed, pitches will neither be limited to football nor any single sporting code and will not be dedicated to any single club. Final pitch markings will be agreed and implemented at construction stage to optimise the number of sports and activities possible.

**9. Chief Executive’s Recommendation**

Following consideration of the submissions received and having satisfactorily addressed the issues raised as outlined in the foregoing report., it is considered that the proposed development is in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and therefore it is recommended that the Council adopt the following Motion:

“As the proposed development is in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, the Council approves the development of 4G synthetic grass sports pitches approximately 75 metres by 40 metres in total size, car-parking/bicycle-parking spaces, mesh-fencing/ball-stops, CCTV, 12-metre-high floodlighting columns with appropriate tree- planting, landscaping, drainage and all associated works at lands within the grounds of Belgard Community Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24.”

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors C. King, E. Ó Broin, C. O'Connor and P. Kearns. Queries were raised regarding the booking system and funding.

Mr. C. Ward, Director of Housing, Social and Community Development responded to the members queries informing that the Board of Management of the Belgard Community Centre will manage the facility. He further informed of the significant fund raising carried out by the Board of Management and Sports Grant commitment.

It was proposed by Councillor C. King and seconded by Councillor C. O'Connor and **AGREED** that, as the proposed development is in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, the development of 4G synthetic grass sports pitches approximately 75 metres by 40 metres in total size, car-parking/bicycle-parking spaces, mesh-fencing/ball-stops, CCTV, 12-metre-high floodlighting columns with appropriate tree-planting, landscaping, drainage and all associated works at lands within the grounds of Belgard Community Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

### **H11/0322 AUDIT COMMITTEE - 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**:

1. Annual Report 2021

[H11 (a) Annual Report of the Audit Committee 2021](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74357)

It was proposed by Councillor L. Donaghy and seconded Councillor P. Kavanagh by and **AGREED** that The Annual Report 2021, be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

1. Audit Committee Charter

[H11 (b) Audit Committee Charter](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74358)

It was proposed by Councillor L. Donaghy and seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh and **AGREED** that The Audit Committee Charter, be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

(c) Annual Work Programme

[H11 (c) Audit Committee Work Programme](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74359)

It was proposed by Councillor L. Donaghy and seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh and **AGREED** that The Audit Committee Work Programme, be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

Councillors P. Kavanagh and D. McManus expressed thanks to the Audit Committee.

### **H12/0322 ASTRO PITCH EAST OF COUNTY – SITE SELECTION REPORT - FOR NOTING**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Ms. Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent, Environment, Water and Climate Change, and were **CONSIDERED:**

Please see attached Presentation and 2 Reports (Technical Feasibility Report and Sports Development Report); detailing the site selection process and making a recommendation regarding the selected site for the Astro in the east of the county.

The recommended site following the site selection process is at Knocklyon Park, Woodstown.

[HI 12 (b) Site Selection presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/74482)  
[HI 12 (c) Technical Feasibility Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/74485)  
[HI 12 (d) Sports Development Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/74486)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors A. Edge, K. Mahon, L. O'Toole, E. Ó Broin, R. McMahon, E. Murphy, D. O'Donovan, P. Kearns, C. Bailey, G. O'Connell, W. Carey, and L. Donaghy, who welcomed the report. Queries were raised regarding site selection, size of pitch, access, operation of the facility, parking, future users of the pitch and liaison with the club involved during construction phase.

Mr. D. McLoughlin, Chief Executive, and Ms. Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent, responded to the Members queries

The report was **NOTED.**

### **H13/0322 ROAD AND FOOTPATH PROGRAMMES 2022 - FOR NOTING**

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:**

[H13 2022 Roadworks Programme](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74287)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors D. McManus, L. O'Toole, W. Carey, P. Kearns, E. Murphy, S. Moynihan, R. McMahon, E. Ó Broin, J. Tuffy, P. Holohan, Y. Collins, and L. Donaghy. Queries were raised regarding speed ramps, further N81 repairs, Blessington Road, cycle infrastructure maintenance, direct labour, and mobility issues.

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

The report was **NOTED**

### **H14/0322 RATHFARNHAM CASTLE OUTBUILDINGS – UPDATE ON BUSINESS MODEL AND PROCUREMENT APPROACH - FOR NOTING**

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

[H14 Rathfarnham Castle Outbuildings Business Model Procurement Approach](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74367)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors P. Kavanagh, Y. Collins, D. McManus, R. McMahon, L. McCrave, G. O'Connell, P. Kearns, K. Mahon, C. Bailey, A. Edge, and L. Donaghy who welcomed the report. Queries were raised regarding footfall, parking, the procurement process, and operation of the facility.

Mr. J. Frehill, Director of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development responded to the members queries.

The report was **NOTED**

### **H15/0322 TALLAGHT HERITAGE CENTRE PROGRESS REPORT - FOR NOTING**

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

[H15 Tallaght Heritage Centre Progress Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74398)

The report was welcomed by Councillors L. Sinclair, C. O'Connor, C. King, T. Costello, K. Mahon, R. McMahon, and G. O'Connell a query was raised in relation to the operation of the facility.

Mr. J. Frehill, Director of Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development responded to the members queries.

The report was **NOTED**

### **C1/0322 REPLIES & CORRESPONDENCE**

**Replies**

1. [Reply from Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74321)

**Correspondence**

[(b) Correspondence from Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74322)  
[(c) Correspondence from Council of European Municipalities and Regions, European Section of United Cities and Local Governments](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74323)  
[(d) Correspondence from Clare County Council re Household Benefit Package](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74324)  
[(e) Correspondence from Cork County Council re Special Parking Spaces](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74325)  
[(f) Correspondence from Clare County Council re Licensing System for Forestry](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74326)  
[(g) Correspondence from Kerry County Council re LNG Infrastructure](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74327)  
[(h) Correspondence from Tipperary County Council re "Women of Honour"](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=74328)

The replies and correspondence were **NOTED**.

### **Motions**

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor L. Donaghy **proposed and the Members AGREED to vary the sequence of items on the agenda** having regard to the subject matter, and to take Motion Nos. 1 (M1), 6 (M6) and 7 (M7) together:

### **M1/0322** [**RUSSIAN INVASION OF UKRAINE**](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=74407)

**It was proposed by Councillor Peter Kavanagh and seconded by Councillor L. Donaghy**

This County Council condemns the illegal invasion of Ukraine by Russia as it does all acts of barbarism and imperialism worldwide and offers its solidarity to the Ukrainian people.

### **M6/0322** [**RUSSIAN INVASION OF UKRAINE**](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=74316)

**It was proposed by Councillor Alan Hayes and seconded by Councillor L. Donaghy**

That this Council write to the Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Ireland voicing our opposition to the decision by his President to breach international law and violate the territorial integrity of Ukraine.

**REPORT:**

If this motion is agreed, a letter will be issued to the Russian Ambassador to Ireland. The response, when received, will be circulated to the Members.

### **M7/0322** [**RUSSIAN INVASION OF UKRAINE**](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=74313)

**It was proposed by Councillor Yvonne Collins and seconded by Councillor L. Donaghy**

That this Council stands in solidarity with the government and people of Ukraine and condemns the actions of Vladimir Putin in ordering the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and that the text of this motion be communicated to both the Ukrainian and Russian embassies in Dublin forthwith.

**REPORT:**

If this motion is agreed, letters will be issued to the Ukrainian and Russian embassies in Ireland. Responses, when received, will be circulated to the Members

A discussion arose with contributions from Councillors P. Kavanagh, A. Hayes, Y. Collins, M. Johansson, F. Timmons, and K. Mahon who spoke in support of the motion.

At this point in the meeting the Deputy Mayor, Councillor L. Donaghy, proposed and the Members **AGREED** to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting continue past its prescribed time.

The discussion continued with contributions from Councillors L. Sinclair, C. Bailey, C. O’Connor, A. Edge, E. Murphy, W. Carey, L. Donaghy. All spoke in support of the motion.

### Motion Nos. 1 **(M1)**, 6 **(M6)** and 7 **(M7)** were **AGREED.**

### **M2/0322** [**BLOODY SUNDAY**](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=74099)

**It was proposed by Councillor Derren Ó Brádaigh and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons MOVED without debate**

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.

**REPORT:**

If this motion is agreed, a letter will be issued to the British Ambassador to Ireland. A response, when received, will be circulated to the Members

### **M4/0322** [**CHARLIE BIRD**](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=74394)

**It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor W. Carey MOVED without debate**

That South Dublin County Council commend and salute former Broadcaster Charlie Bird in his facing and dealing with the challenges of Motor neurone disease, his example and dignified manner is an example to all those facing similar conditions and struggles, we also thank him for raising much needed funds for Motor neurone disease and Pieta house and highlighting these two vital services. We wish him well as he climbs Croagh Patrick and issue a letter in this regard.

**REPORT:**

If this motion is agreed, a letter will be issued in this regard.

### **M9/0322** [**LOCAL AUTHORITY RENTS**](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=74317)

### **It was proposed by Councillor B. Lawlor and seconded by Councillor P. Kavanagh** that the following motion in the name of Councillor B. Lawlor was **MOVED** and **RE-ENTERED:**

That this Council writes to Minister for Housing and Local Government, Darragh O'Brien, to support his Department's initiative of setting up a working group to examine the possibility of utilising the Housing Act of 2013 to allow for local authority rents to be withdrawn directly from social welfare payments where tenants in receipt of welfare are more than 3 months in arrears.

The meeting ended at 7.17pm

**Motions not reached**

### **(M3)** [**SERVERS HOSTING UNREGULATED DIGITAL CURRENCY EXCHANGES**](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=74329)

**Councillor Liam Sinclair**

That, due to the intense energy usage required, this Council calls for a nationwide ban on servers hosting unregulated digital currency exchanges. Following agreement of the motion that a letter issues to the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications, and the Minister of Finance.

### **(M5)** [**GENERAL MAINTENANCE COLLECTIONS AGENCY**](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=74311)

**Councillor T. Costello**

That this Council calls on the Minister of Social Protection to introduce a General Maintenance Collections Agency, given the continuous difficulties that single parents face collecting maintenance and the need to go to court to have court orders enforced when they are not abided by. This Agency is necessary in order to protect parents from having to chase these payments and in order to put an end to this form of financial abuse.

### **(M8)** [**COST OF LIVING**](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=74366)

**Councillor C. King**

That this Council calls on the Taoiseach to immediately implement a set of measures to tackle the Cost of Living Crisis that is Devastating Families across the State from both Working and Middle Class Demographics, which has seen 70% increases in Heating Oil, 30% increase in Gas, 25% increase in Electricity, 8% Increase in Rents and €1,200 average increase in petrol prices for the average driver along with increases in Groceries and other Essential Goods. This has resulted in the Highest inflation rates in 20 years of more than 5,5% and that's without the Governments scandalous proposed increases in Carbon Tax at a time of crisis. These measures at the least should include: The introduction of a living wage, the introduction of a cost of living payment based on annual income, the scrapping of Carbon Tax Increases, a ban on Rent increases for 3 years, Increase in Fuel allowance criteria, Removal of VAT on Energy Bills during winter Months, the Establishment of a discretionary utility debt Fund. These measures should form a base for tackling the crisis for struggling Families across the State.

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

Mayor

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