SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

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

**HELD ON THURSDAY 26TH May 2022 at 5.30p.m.**

### **PRESENT**

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** |  |
| Cllr Liam Sinclair (Chair) | Mary Maguire | Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr Yvonne Collins | Hazel Craigie | Senior Planner |
| Cllr Paul Nicholas Gogarty | John Hegarty | Senior Engineer |
|  | Michael McAdam | A/Senior Engineer |
|  | Sheila Kelly | Administrative Officer |
|  | Susan Sinclair | Administrative Officer |
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| **Non Elected Members** |  |  |
| Eoin Ahern | PPN |  |

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### Apologies were received from Cllrs Eoin Ó Broin and Derren Ó Bradaigh, and Director of Services Mick Mulhern, who were all unable to attend the meeting

### **H-1 (1) Item 75045 Minutes of 24th February, 2022 LUPT SPC**

### [**Mins SPC Meeting held on 24th February 2022.docx**](Mins%20SPC%20Meeting%20held%20on%2024th%20February%202022.docx)

Minutes of Land Use Planning & Transportation SPC, held on 24th February, 2022 were proposed by

Cllr Yvonne Collins, seconded by Cllr Paul Gogarty and **AGREED**

**H-1(2) Item 75064 Bus Connects Update**

[Bus Connects Update May 2022 2.pptx](Bus%20Connects%20Update%20May%202022%202.pptx)

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

The presentation focused on the following three main areas:

**4 Core Bus Corridors**

* Blanchardstown to City Centre
* Liffey Valley to City Centre
* Ballymun / Finglas to City Centre
* Ringsend to City Centre

Information on these schemes are available here:

[Sustainable transport for a better city | Busconnects](https://busconnects.ie/)

**Bus Interchanges**

* Liffey Valley Interchange – this is a joint venture with NTA and LVSC
* Tallaght Interchange and Layover – NTA and SDCC Part 8
* Red Cow interchange

**Further Bus Spine Routes**

* G Spine – starting August 2022
* S Spine Southern Orbital Routes – Starting November 2022
* W- Spine – Western Orbitals – Starting Spring 2023

Mr. Hegarty responded to queries raised by Eoin Aherne, Cllr Yvonne Collins and Cllr Paul Gogarty regarding the Red Cow Drawings, bicycle storage and safety, and on C2 Adamstown

A request was made by Cllr Sinclair for a briefing for all Council Members and Mr. Hegarty agreed to discuss with the NTA.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (3) Item 75065 – Residential Zones Lands Tax Update**

[Residential Zoned Land Tax SPC 26th May 2022.pptx](Residential%20Zoned%20Land%20Tax%20%20SPC%2026th%20May%202022.pptx)

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

Ms. Craigie gave an overview of

* What the Residential Zoned Land Tax is with reference to Finance Act (No. 45 of 2021) 1921, to replace the Vacant Site Levy by end of 2023
* The process
* Timeframes
* Responsibility Tax will be collected by the Revenue Commissioners and not Local Authorities
* Implications / How it will work:
* Each Council will draw up a map using the criteria in the act
* Publish a draft map by 1st November 2022
* Submissions to be made by 1st January 2023
* Submissions to indicate whether to be included or excluded on map
* LA evaluates and notifies owner by 1st April 2023
* Appeal can be made by land owner and determination made within 1 month
* A request for a variation of the zoning can be requested
* LA can publish a supplementary map by 1st May 2023 where additions to Draft map have been identified
* Further public consultation up to 1st June
* Owner notified of LA determination by 1st August 2023
* Determination may be appealed by ABP
* Final Map to be published by 1st December 2023
* Any lands still on appeal or in JR are included
* By 31st January 2024, and each year thereafter, revised maps will be published
* Charges will be levied annually from January 2024
* Charged at 3%%
* Will remain a charge on the land
* Revenue will be responsible for collection of the charge

Ms. Craigie responded to queries raised by Cllrs Collins and Sinclair regarding issue presenting on lands where Planning Permission was refused, probate is going through courts, and other concerns.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-I (4) Item 75066 – Cycle South Dublin – Year 1 Update**

[**Cycle South Dublin Year 1 Update report.pdf**](Cycle%20South%20Dublin%20Year%201%20Update%20report.pdf)

[**Cycle South Dublin Walking and Cycling Index.pdf**](Cycle%20South%20Dublin%20Walking%20and%20Cycling%20Index.pdf)

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

Mr. McAdam provided update on the walking and cycling Index for 2021 which is the biggest assessment of walking and cycling in urban areas in the UK and Ireland. The statistic from this index informs the NTA and SDCC to help with public consultations on future schemes.

A list of the AT Now and Soon schemes were presented, and updates provided regarding progress of each scheme.

Mr. McAdam advised the meeting of the Active Travel Administration team, which was set up last year with 3 staff, and who also manage bike a parking scheme for schools and sports sports clubs / SDCC bike to work schemes etc.

The Active Travel Website currently in development will go live mid-June 2022

Mr. McAdam responded to queries raised by Cllrs Collins and Sinclair, and from Eoin Ahern.

**The report was NOTED**

**H-1 (4) Item 75235 - Report from Joint SPC Sub-Committee for Biodiversity**

[**2- Report from Joint SPC Sub-Committee for Biodiversity - May 2022.docx**](2-%20Report%20from%20Joint%20SPC%20Sub-Committee%20for%20Biodiversity%20-%20May%202022.docx)

The report as circulated was presented by Cllr Yvonne Collins who is a member of the Joint Sub Committee

Some of the items discussed were the

* Swift nest box project
* Submission for funding to National Parks and Wildlife Service by Public Realm for the survey of hedgerows and woodlands in Corkagh Park
* Grant application made to Heritage Council for biodiversity survey of the Woodstown Village Estate and Park
* Annual Swan tagging is underway
* Autumn programme for mink trapping is identified for Oct/Nov 2022

The report was **NOTED**

The meeting concluded at 7.00p.m.