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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council June 2022 County Council Meeting held on Monday 13 June 2022

### **PRESENT**

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| Bailey, C. | Mahon, K. |
| Carey, W. | McCrave, L. |
| Casserly, V. | McMahon, R. |
| Collins, Y. | McManus, D. |
| Costello, T. | Moynihan, S. |
| Donaghy, L. | Murphy, E. |
| Duff, M. | Ó Brádaigh, D. |
| Dunne, L. | Ó Broin, E. |
| Edge, A. | O’Connell, G. |
| Egan, K. | O’Connor, C. |
| Gogarty, P. | O’Hara, S. |
| Hayes, A. | O’Toole, L. |
| Hagin Meade, L. | Pereppadan, B. |
| Holohan, P. | Richardson, D. |
| Johansson, M. | Sinclair, L. |
| Kavanagh, P. | Timmons. F. |
| Kearns, P. | Tuffy, J. |
| King, C. |  |
| Lawlor, B. |  |
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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.County Architect | L. Maxwell, J. Frehill, M. Mulhern, C. Ward, T. Walsh  R. FitzGerald. T. Kavanagh.E. Conroy. |
| Senior Executive Officers | C. Hurson, |
| Administrative Officers | M. Reilly. |
| Senior Staff Officer  Assistant Staff Officer  Sord | L. Abbey  A. Hagan, D. Murphy  A. O’Brien. |

The Mayor, Councillor P. Kavanagh, presided.

Apologies were received from T. Gilligan, E. O’Brien, D. O’Donovan and L. Whelan.

The Mayor, Councillor P. Kavanagh, welcomed everyone and informed the Members of the etiquette for Hybrid Meetings:

Members attending remotely must check that they can access the “Chat Function” before commencing the meeting

Members can indicate they wish to speak on an item through the chat function – using “Speak please”

Members must be able to be seen, specifically for roll call, when speaking and voting.

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### **H1/0622 CONFIRMATION AND REAFFIRMATION OF MINUTES - FOR APPROVAL**

(a) Minutes of the April Council Minutes on 11th April 2022 which had been circulated were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed in the proposition of Councillor P. Kavanagh seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

[May Council Meeting Minutes - 9th May 2022](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=75455)

In accordance with **Standing Order No.22** it was **AGREED** with the consent of the Members to vary the sequence of business and to take **H13** next.

### **H13/0622 LCDC 2021 ANNUAL REPORT – FOR NOTING**

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

[H13 Draft LCDC Annual Report 2021](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=75420)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors D. McManus, J. Tuffy, K. Mahon, E. Ó Broin, A. Edge, S. Moynihan, P. Kavanagh, thanked Prof. Corcoran, her team, and the volunteers for all their hard work.

Mr. D. McLoughlin, Chief Executive echoed the sentiments of the Councillors and thanked Prof. M. Corcoran for her hard work.

The Report was **NOTED.**

### **H2/0622 REPORTS OF AREA COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

**a) Rathfarnham/Templeogue/Firhouse/Bohernabreena Area Committee**

Dealing with Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management

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

**b) Clondalkin Area Committee**

Dealing with Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management

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

**c) Tallaght Area Committee**

Dealing with Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management

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

**d)** **Lucan/Palmerstown/North Clondalkin Area Committee**

Dealing with Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management

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

### **H3a/0622 STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE - FOR APPROVAL**

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

**June 2022**

**\*\*Please Note:- Council Meetings will be hybrid from the Council Chamber and will be webcast.**

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| Wed. | 1st June |  |  |  |
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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 6th June | **Bank Holiday** |  |  |
| Tue. | 7th June | **CPG Meeting** | 3:00pm |  |
| Wed. | 8th June | **Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC)** | 3:00pm – 4:30pm |  |
| Thur. | 9th June |  |  |  |
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| Mon. | 13th June | **Council Meeting** | 3:30pm – 7:00pm | 27/05/2022 |
| Tue. | 14th June | **Rathfarnham – Templeogue – Firhouse - Bohernabreena Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3:00pm – 6:00pm | 30/05/2022 |
| Wed. | 15th June | **Clondalkin Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3:00pm – 6:00pm | 31/05/2022 |
| Thur. | 16th June | **Special Council Meeting For Motions (if required)** | 3.30pm – 7.00pm |  |
| Fri | 17th June |  |  |  |

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| Mon. | 20th June |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 21st June | **Development Plan Meeting** | 3:30pm – 8:30pm |  |
| Wed. | 22nd June | **Development Plan Meeting** | 3:30pm – 8:30pm |  |
| Thur. | 23rd June |  |  |  |
| Fri | 24th June | **Annual Meeting** | 3:30pm – |  |

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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 27th June | **Tallaght Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3:00pm – 6:00pm | 13/06/2022 |
| Tue. | 28th June | **Lucan-Palmerstown-North Clondalkin**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3:00pm – 6:00pm | 14/06/2022 |
| Wed. | 29th June |  |  |  |
| Thurs. | 30th June |  |  |  |

**July 2021**

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| Fri. | 1st July |  |  |  |
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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 4th July | **CPG Meeting** | 3:00pm |  |
| Tue. | 5th July |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 6th July |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 7th July |  |  |  |
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| Mon. | 11th July | **Council Meeting** | 3:30PM – 7:00PM | 27/06/2022 |
| Tue. | 12th July |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 13th July |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 14th July |  |  |  |
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| Mon. | 18th July |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 19th July |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 20st July |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 21st July |  |  |  |
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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 25th July |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 26th July |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 27th July |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 28th July |  |  |  |
| Fri | 29th July |  |  |  |

**No Meetings in August**

**September 2021**

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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 5th Sept | **CPG Meeting** | 3:00pm |  |
| Tue. | 6th Sept | **Environment, Water, Climate Change & Biodiversity SPC** | 5:30pm – 7:00pm | 04/08/2022 |
| Wed. | 7th Sept | **Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries SPC** | 5:30pm – 7:00pm | 05/08/2022 |
| Thur. | 8th Sept | **Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC)**  **Housing SPC** | 3:00pm – 4:30pm  5:30pm – 7:00pm | 08/08/2022 |
| Fri | 9th Sept |  |  |  |

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| Mon. | 12th Sept | **Council Meeting** | 3:30PM – 7:00PM | 29/08/2022 |
| Tue. | 13th Sept | **Rathfarnham – Templeogue – Firhouse - Bohernabreena Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3:00pm – 6:00pm | 30/08/2022 |
| Wed. | 14th Sept | **Audit Committee**  **Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC** | 8:00am – 9:30am  5:30pm – 7:00pm | 12/08/2022 |
| Thur. | 15th Sept |  |  |  |
| Fri | 16th Sept | **JPC** | 10:00am |  |

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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 19th Sept |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 20th Sept | ***Social, Community & Equality SPC*** | 3:00pm – 4:30pm | 18/08/2022 |
| Wed. | 21st Sept | **Clondalkin Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 07/09/2022 |
| Thur. | 22nd Sept | **Traffic Management Meeting**  **(Clondalkin)**  **Traffic Management Meeting**  **(Rathfarnham – Templeogue – Firhouse - Bohernabreena)**  **OP&F** | 2:00pm – 2:45pm  2:45pm – 3:30pm  3:30pm – 6:00pm | 08/09/2022 |
| Fri | 23rd Sept |  |  |  |

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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon | 26th Sept | **Traffic Management Meeting**  (Tallaght)  **Tallaght Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 2:15pm – 3:00pm  3.00pm - 6.00pm | 12/09/2022 |
| Tue | 27th Sept | **Traffic Management Meeting**  (Lucan-Palmerstown-North Clondalkin)  **Lucan-Palmerstown-North Clondalkin**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 2:15pm – 3:00pm  3:00pm – 6:00pm | 13/09/2022 |
| Wed | 28th Sept | **Deputations** | 3:00pm – 6:00pm |  |
| Thur. | 29th Sept | **Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC** | 5:30pm – 7:00pm | 29/08/2022 |
| Fri. | 30th Sept |  |  |  |

The draft calendar of meeting dates was **APPROVED** on the proposition of Councillor P. Kavanagh and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

### **H3b/0622 STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE - FOR APPROVAL**

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

**REPLY:**

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

**Training Notified Since March 2022**

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| **Name** | **Organisation** | **Location** | **Date** |
| AILG Module 2 | AILG | Treacys West Hotel, Ennis Co. Clare | 12th May 2022 |
| AILG Module 2 | AILG | The Hillgrove Hotel, Co. Monaghan | 14th May 2022 |

**Training Attended Since March 2022**

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| **Name** | **Organisation** | **Location** | **Date** | **Councillors in Attendance** |
| AILG Annual Conference | AILG | Inisowen Gateway Hotel Buncrana, Inishowen, Co. Donegal | 23rd – 24th March 2022 | · Cllr. Guss O'Connell ·  Cllr Ronan McMahon · Cllr Kenneth Egan ·  Cllr. Shirley O’ Hara · Cllr. Brian Lawlor · Cllr David McManus |
| IPI Annual Planning Conference 2022 | Irish Planning Institute | Kilkenny Ormonde Hotel, Co. Kilkenny | 7th – 8th April 2022 | ·  Cllr. Brian Lawlor · Cllr David McManus |
| LAMA Spring Training Seminar | LAMA | Hotel Kilkenny, Co. Kilkenny | 11th – 12th April 2022 | ·  Cllr. Shirley O’ Hara · Cllr David McManus · Cllr Baby Pereppadan · Cllr Kenneth Egan · Cllr. Brian Lawlor · Cllr. Guss O'Connell  ·  Cllr Ronan McMahon |

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

**Conferences Notified Since March 2022**

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| **Name** | **Organisation** | **Location** | **Date** |
| Suck Valley Way Conference | Roscommon County Council | The Abbey Hotel, Co. Roscommon | 27th - 28th April 2022 |

**Conferences Attended Since March 2022**

None

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

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

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

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

The report on Conferences/Seminars was **APPROVED** on the proposition of Councillor P. Kavanagh and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

### **H4/0622 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

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

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

(i) - Report ofMeeting - 4th May 2022

**MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4th May 2022**

**Venue: MS Teams Meeting**

**In attendance:**

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** | |
| Cllr. Alan Edge (Chair) | Paul Fusco | County Librarian |
| Cllr. Peter Kavanagh (Mayor) | Rosaleen Dwyer | Heritage Officer |
| Cllr. Alan Hayes | Orla Scannell | Arts Officer |
| Cllr. Teresa Costello |  |  |
| Cllr. Mick Duff |  |  |

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

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| **Apologies** |
| Cllr. K. Egan, Mr. Jason Frehill, Director of Service. |

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

Chair Cllr. Alan Edge opened the meeting at 17:33

**Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes**

The [minutes](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=75036) of Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries SPC meeting held on 2nd February 2022 were proposed by Chair Cllr. Alan Edge and seconded by Cllr. Teresa Costello.

**Agreed.**

**Item 2: Tallaght Cultural Quarter – Chamber Square**

Paul Fusco, County Librarian, presented a [report](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=75073) on the context, status and future planning of the Tallaght Cultural Quarter, highlighting the track record of collaboration between cultural organisations in this area. Taking into consideration the extension of the Cultural Quarter to include Tallaght Stadium, and the inclusion of County Hall as a 4th side of Chamber Square, the focus now is to consider how best to spend what is left of the Collaborative Fund.

The next step identified was to put together a working group with a focus on developing a cohesive vision for integration into the upcoming development strategies as it was determined that branding will emerge organically from this. Particular attention was paid to the development of the night-time economy, highlighting issues such as consultation with residents, transport, safety, and security concerns.

Following the presentation, questions were invited from the members.

Cllr. Teresa Costello welcomed the planning and forward-thinking going into the Cultural Quarter while stressing the importance of cohesive design, noting Tallaght village in this regard. Cllr. Costello enquired about the composition of membership of the working group and noted she would be happy to suggest people for inclusion within it.

Cllr. Alan Edge asked whether the formation of the working group was within the remit of the evening’s meeting, or whether the group would be formed subsequently.

Cllr. Alan Edge commented on the importance of marketing and asked whether users of the extended Cultural Quarter (to include Tallaght Stadium) would be able to identify that they were in the Cultural Quarter while in these spaces.

Cllr. Alan Edge also noted he would support the representation, within the working group, of users of Rua Red, the Civic Theatre and County Library, along with open space programme users.

Cllr. Mick Duff supported Cllr. Edge’s comment.

Paul Fusco responded to questions asked and agreed to circulate the fuller report, from which his presentation was taken, to the group and to the Area Committee, in advance of the formation of the working group.

The report was **Noted**.

**Item 3: Update from the Heritage Officer**

Ms. Rosaleen Dwyer, Heritage Officer, presented a [report](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=75072) on the context, role and current focus of the Heritage Officer programme. Ms. Dwyer focused on several established and ongoing heritage projects, including the position of a Community Archaeologist for the Dublin Mountains; the ‘Threading the Tower’ crochet and haute couture project; the Corkagh podcasts and the County Biodiversity Plan.

When discussing the Dublin Mountains, Ms. Dwyer outlined the consequences of increased visitor numbers to these areas, noting concerns relating to damage to biodiversity, signage and historic monuments. In addition, Ms. Dwyer spoke about her work relating to the County Heritage Plan and the timeline envisioned for the consultation and drafting processes.

Following the presentation, questions were invited from the members.

Cllr. Alan Hayes expressed his appreciation of the work of the Heritage Officer and asked for more information on the formation of the Heritage Plan, asking whether the time for input/ideas/suggestions/concerns was at the consultation stage or before the document goes out for consultation.

Cllr. Alan Edge acknowledged the concerns raised regarding the balance of usage on the Dublin Mountains and suggested that users may not be aware of what they are looking at when visiting these sites. He asked whether there may be a role for the council in signposting these elements, or whether this was only within the remit of the Office of Public Works (OPW), or the National Monuments Service (NMS), and wondered where the crossover is in the work of the NMS, OPW and the Council.

Rosaleen Dwyer responded to the questions raised.

Chair Cllr. Alan Edge requested that the group be kept up to date on the work of the Heritage Officer and thanked Ms. Dwyer.

The report was **Noted**.

**Item 4: Libraries Development Plan – Update**

Paul Fusco, County Librarian, presented an update on the Libraries Development Plan. This plan will span 2023-2027 and Mr. Fusco reported that the process has already begun in libraries. His presentation focussed on the process of developing the plan, rather than on the plan itself, identifying the desire for a plan which allows for flexibility, and a subsequent approach for the plan which moves away from a classic strategy to a design-led strategy. He noted the work being done with Think Actionable consultants, outlined the Strategy Planning Schedule and anticipated having a draft circulated to the SPC in September, and to the full council in October.

Following the presentation, questions were invited from the members.

Cllr. Alan Edge acknowledged the exciting vision evident in the planning process.

Elaine O’Hara expressed her appreciation for the work going into the Library Development Plan, identified potential areas for future collaboration between libraries and Tallaght AES, and noted her anticipation of future opportunities to work together.

Cllr. Alan Hayes enquired about the nature of consultations planned for May and June, whether they were to be in person or online, and if they would be held in a variety of branches. He agreed that flexibility is key to a successful plan and noted the key role that libraries can play in shaping young people’s futures through development and improving employability and noted the importance of potential future opportunities to focus on practical skills and trades in this regard.

Cllr. Alan Edge observed the value in involving Councillors, the SPC and Area Committees in the consultation process and noted that the lifespan of the plan will likely see a number of exciting developments within libraries. He asked whether libraries may be entitled to any census data to aid with planning.

Paul Fusco responded to the questions raised and agreed to check dates for a possible meeting between the SPC and the Think Big Space.

The Update was **NOTED**

**Item 5: Action Items**

Chair Cllr. Alan Edge invited contributions for Action Items.

Paul Fusco will determine suggested dates for meetings with Think Big Space.

Paul Fusco will circulate the Cultural Quarter Documents as requested.

These items were **Noted**.

**Item 6: Any Other Business**

Chair Cllr. Alan Edge raised an item sent forward by May Cllr. Peter Kavanagh re Coiste na Gaeilge which met on 26th April at 6pm.

The members agreed that Cllr. Kavanagh as chair would liaise with Muintir Chrónáin, Gaelphobal Tamhlachta and Conradh na Gaeilge on Seachtain na Gaeilge 2022 and report back to the SPC with suggestions for Seachtain na Gaeilge 2023.

The request was **Noted.**

Chair Cllr. Alan Edge thanked members for their attendance.

**The meeting concluded at 18:58.**

(ii) - Minutes of Meeting - 2nd February 2022

**Meeting 2nd February 2022 (5:30pm) – Virtual Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**Attended:**

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| **Members** | **Sectoral Members** |
| Cllr. A. Edge (Chair) | Ms. Elaine Vince-O’Hara |
| Cllr. P. Kavanagh (Mayor) | Ms. Freda Manweiler |
| Cllr. A. Hayes |  |
| Cllr. T. Costello |  |

**Apologies:** Cllr. M. Duff, Cllr. K. Egan

**Officials present:**

Mr. Jason Frehill, Director of Service.

Mr. Paul Fusco, County Librarian

Ms. Orla Scannell, Arts Officer

Ms. Rosena Hand, Senior Executive Librarian

Ms. Aideen McLaughlin, Music Development Officer, Music Generation

**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.

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| **Headed 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. |
| **Headed 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 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.  The report was NOTED |
| **Headed Item 3: North Clondalkin Library & Creative Studio**  Rosena Hand, Senior Executive Librarian presented a report 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** |
| **Headed 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** |
| **Headed 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**. |
| **Headed 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.** |

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

(i) - Report ofMeeting - 3rd May 2022

**Venue: SDCC Council Chamber and MS Teams Meeting**

**In attendance:**

**Elected Members** **Sectoral Members**

Councillor David McManus (Chair) Ms. Una Ruddock

Councillor Madeleine Johansson (Teams) Mr. Donie Anderson

Councillor Dermot Richardson (Teams) Ms. Deirdre Mooney (Teams)

Councillor Guss O’Connell

Councillor Francis Timmons

**Officials**  **Guests**

Teresa Walsh, Director of Services Hugh Coughlan (DCC)

Leo Magee, Senior Engineer (Teams) Dave O’ Brien (EHO)

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent (Teams)

Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer

Fiona Hendley, Administrative Officer

Michael Heffernan, Senior Executive Engineer

Anne O’Gorman, Administrative Officer

**Apologies**

Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer

**Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 9th February 2022**

The minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 9 th February 2022 were proposed by Councillor McManus, seconded by Councillor Timmons, and agreed.

**Item 2: National Waste Management Action Plan for a Circular Economy**

Hugh Coughlan, Eastern Midlands Waste Region, presented an update and presentation to the committee.

Ms. Ruddock and Councillors Timmons, Johansson and O’Connell raised queries on the report. Hugh Coughlan responded to the queries raised.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 3: Environmental Noise Action Plan 2018 – 2023**

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

Councillor O’Connell raised a query on the report. Dave O’Brien, Principal Environmental Health Officer responded to the query raised

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 4: Update on Waste Management Plan/WERLA Priorities**

The Report was available to all members to view separately. There were no queries.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 5: Initial Review of Burial Ground Strategy**

Fiona Hendley, Administrative Officer presented a report on the Initial Review of Burial Ground Strategy.

Councillor Timmons welcomed the review and he and Ms. Ruddock raised queries on the report. Fiona Hendley, Administrative Officer responded to the queries raised.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 6: Local Authority EV Charging Strategy**

There were apologies from Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer. 3 The Report was available to all members to view separately. Teresa Walsh, Director of Services was available to respond to any queries. There were no queries.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 7: Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024**

The Report was available to all members to view separately. Teresa Walsh, Director of Services was available to respond to any queries. There were no queries.

The Update was **NOTED**

**Item 8: Parks and Open Spaces Strategy**

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent presented a report to the committee.

Councillor Timmons acknowledged the great work taking place in the Clondalkin Area and had queries on the report. Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent responded to the queries raised.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 9: Sports Pitch Strategy Update**

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

The Update was **NOTED**

**Item 10: Any Other Business**

Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer advised that she would circulate the EWCC and LUPT Biodiversity Action Plan to all members of the Committee once it was available.

Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer advised that the co-option of the replacement for Councillor Suzanne McEneaney, Green Party will take place at the next Council Meeting.

Councillor McManus and Councillor Timmons thanked Ms. Una Ruddock for all her work and time over the past number of years on the Committee as this will be her last meeting. Teresa Walsh, Director of Services also thanked Ms. Ruddock for her input and work on the Committee and that it was greatly appreciated. Teresa Walsh extended an invitation to Ms. Ruddock to accompany the Committee on their proposed visit to the Cloughjordan Ecovillage when it takes place.

(ii) - Minutes of Meeting - 9th February 2022

**Venue: MS Teams Meeting**

**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

Councillor David McManus (Chair) welcomed those in attendance and those new to the SPC committee. A quick round of introductions followed.

**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

Ms. 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

The meeting concluded at 6:51 p.m.

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

(i) - Report ofMeeting - EETD SPC held on 11th May, 2022.

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** |
| Cllr. C. King (Chair) | Jason Frehill - Director of Service |
| Cllr. R. McMahon | Laura Leonard - Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr. L. Dunne | Thomas Rooney - Head of Enterprise |
| Cllr. L. McCrave | Justin Mulhern - Senior Enterprise Development Officer |
| Cllr. P. Kearns |  |
| Cllr. L. Whelan |  |

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| **Representative** |  | |
| Jack McDonnell, TUD Tallaght Campus | | |
| Sherri Brennan, Business Chamber of Commerce | |  |
| John Kiberd, PPN |  | |

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| **Apologies** |  |
| Cllr. E. O’Brien |  |
| Cllr. L. O’Toole |  |
| Sean Reid |  |

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

**The Chair, Members, Representatives and Officials present, offered condolences to Cllr. L. McCrave on the recent passing of her husband.**

**Headed Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes**

EETD SPC held on 9th Feb 2022. AGREED

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

**Headed Item 2: Local Economic & Community Plan**

Tom Rooney, Head of Enterprise, presented a report updating members on the development timeline and requirements for the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2022-2026 The report included information on –

* Consultation Process
* Changes to LECP development
* Development stages
* Priorities
* Economic Elements
* Regional Co-ordination
* Advisory Steering Group and Structure
* Timeline

Following the contributions, Chair Cllr. C. King invited questions.

Questions were raised by Cllr L. Dunne, Cllr. R. McMahon and Cllr. P. Kearns

Thomas Rooney and Jason Frehill responded to questions raised.

**The Report was Noted.**

**Headed Item 3: EETD Project Updates**

Laura Leonard, **Senior Executive Officer,** presented a report updating members on a number of capital projects -

1. **12th Lock Masterplan**
   * + Overview of Project and study area
     + Brief given to consultants
     + Update on consultant’s tender
2. **Tallaght Stadium**
   * + Current project status
     + Next actions
3. **Grange Castle West Access Road**
   * + Current project status
     + Ongoing elements

Following the contributions, Chair Cllr. C. King invited questions.

Questions were raised by Cllr. P. Kearns, Cllr L. Dunne, Cllr. R. McMahon, Cllr. L. Whelan and Cllr. C. King.

Laura Leonard and Jason Frehill responded to questions raised.

Justin Mulhern, **Senior Enterprise Development Officer,** presented a report updating members on the Innovation Centre project –

1. **Innovation Centre**
   * + Current project status
     + Build timeline
     + Mobilisation update

Following the contributions, Chair Cllr. C. King invited questions.

Questions were raised by Cllr L. Dunne

Jason Frehill responded to the question raised.

**The Reports were Noted.**

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

Cllr R. McMahon – The naming of the stadium and the need to keep Tallaght as part of it.

Jason Frehill responded to items raised.

**The meeting ended at 18:56 p.m.**

Cllr C. King concluded the meeting

(ii) - Minutes of Meeting - EETD SPC held on 9th February, 2022.

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| **In Attendance:** |
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| Cllr. R. McMahon |
| Cllr. L. McCrave |
| Cllr. L. O’Toole |
| Cllr. L. Whelan |
| John Kiberd |
| Sherri Brennan |

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| **Apologies:** |
| Cllr. C. King (Chair) |
| Cllr. L. Dunne (Acting Chair) |
| Cllr. E. O’Brien |
| Cllr. P. Kearns |
| Jack McDonnell |
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| **Officials Present:** |
| J. Frehill, Director of Service |
| T. Rooney, Head of Enterprise |
| L. Leonard, Senior Executive Officer |
| J. Mulhern, Senior Enterprise Development Officer |

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| 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.** |
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| **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. |
| **Cllr R. McMahon then concluded the meeting.**  **The meeting ended at 19:05 p.m.** |

**d) Housing SPC**

(i) - Report ofMeeting - 12th May 2022

**In attendance:**

D. O’Donovan (Chair), Cllr. W. Carey, Cllr. L. Donaghy, Cllr., Cllr. B. Lawlor, Cllr S Moynihan Cllr. K Mahon, Cllr. J. Tuffy, G. Stockil (PPN) and S. Harty (PPN).

**Apologies:**

B. Tyrell Collard (ICTU),

**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), Margaret Farrell (Clerical Officer)

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. D Donovan and commenced at 5:30pm.

**H1 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 February 2022 were proposed by Cllr B Lawlor and seconded by Cllr W Carey.

### H2 Dublin Regional Homeless Action Plan

### Mary Hayes, Dublin regional Homeless Executive joined the meeting and gave a report on the

Dublin Regional Homelessness Action Plan 2022-2024.

Ms Hayes was thanked for her report and there were questions from Cllr Carey, S Harty (PPN). C Ward (Director of Service) responded in relation to facilities in the county including the future establishment of a family hub; status of those in Direct Provision and their exit from the program and an update re ethnicity indicator on social housing application. He also noted that once agreed by the SPC’s in all local authorities, the plan would be brought to the full council meeting in due course for consideration.

The report was Noted.

**H3 Affordable Housing Regulations**

E Leech delivered report on the new Affordable housing regulations and explained the parameters for applicants.

There were questions and contributions from Cllrs Donovan, Carey, Moynihan, and Lawlor. C Ward responded to the queries on the amounts involved confirming the incomes thresholds for applicants. In relation to the medium used to advertise the scheme, he said consideration would be given to using national media given that readership of the Echo may not be equally dispersed across the county. Notice (via email) would be given to those who have expressed interest in the past in affordable housing but there is no intention to create another database and store additional data. Promotional tools would be used instead to inform the public. He confirmed the banks have set processes for the assessments.

Ms Leech asked for expressions of interest from the committee members for a working group and suggested members contact her in relation to same.

[The](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=75162) report was Noted.

**H4 2022 Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme & Planned Maintenance Schedule**

E Leech delivered report on the 2022 programme including the windows and doors programme.

There were questions and contributions from Cllrs Donovan, Moynihan, Carey and S Harty PPN.

Ms Leech responded to the questions giving detailed numbers of houses benefiting from the energy retrofit program and said it is a rolling program. There is a program for planned maintenance in Balgaddy and they are piloting a planned ventilation system there also. She confirmed that those in rent arrears, may still be included in the programme given that the Council would be required to maintain their asset.

C Ward said there is a dedicated team working on the Energy Retrofit and Planned Maintenance and is working well.

The report was noted.

### **H5 Housing Delivery**

### A Housing Delivery Update (Pre Record) by B Pierce, SEO was made available to the committee in advance of the meeting.

### There was a question from Cllr Lawlor and Cllr Donovan in relation to the Inflation Co-operation Framework and Ms Pierce responded that there will be an engagement process but that she is still awaiting full details. C Ward also responded to confirm they would engage with developers if there was a genuine issue at play.

### **H6 Allocation Update**

Allocations Update (Pre Record) was made available in advance of the meeting by N Hanly, SEO.

There were questions and contributions from Cllrs Tuffy, Donovan, Carey and G Stockil (PPN) in relation to the status of Age Friendly/right-sizing developments and the number of smaller units in developments. C Ward responded to confirm that in relation to age-friendly housing, once clients are housed in a one-bedroom unit, it will then in turn make a number of four bed houses available for larger families.

The report was noted.

### **H – 7 Reports for Noting**

A) Report from Housing Disability Steering Group Meeting in March 2022

B) AHB Forum & AHB Engagement with Elected Members

  C) Traveller Accommodation Programme Review

The reports were noted.

**H-I 8 - Fire Safety in Multi-Storey Apartment Buildings**

The report was delivered by G Stockil (PPN) and was well received.

It was agreed that C Ward would bring the issues to the Director of Environment in SDCC and that the issue could be a standing item on the agenda going forward.

**Any other business**

C Ward advised committee members that they could contact him about future agenda items. Cllr Carey suggested Rent Arrears as a future item and C Ward agreed.

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

(ii) - Minutes of Meeting - 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

Committee members were asked 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 in relationm to application assessment and household sizes which C.Ward responded to, following which it agreed by the Committee that the process for selection of successful candidates should be a lottery once all applications are received and verified and that a minimum household size of three or more people would be required in the first instance for this pilot.

**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**

* C. Ward advised Committee members that they were welcome to provide any input or suggestions for agenda items for upcoming meetings.
* S. 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.
* C. Ward 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.

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

(i) - Report ofMeeting -  17th May 2022

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

**Apologies:** Cllr C. Bailey,

**Officials Present:** C. Ward (Director of Services), J. Moroney Ward (Senior Executive Officer), J. Hayden, (Administrative Officer), M. Nugent (Administrative Officer), P. Swayne (Administrative Officer) P. McAlerney (Senior Community Officer), M Murtagh, (Administrative Officer) F. Keane (Senior Staff Officer), M. Travers (Assistant Staff Officer), B. Fowler (Assistant Staff Officer), M. Farrell (Clerical Officer).

The Chair, Cllr T. Gilligan opened the meeting at 3pm and welcomed Cllr Charlie O’Connor to the committee.

**H1. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes from the last meeting held on the 15th of February 2022 were Noted and Agreed.

**H2. Community Facilities Survey**

J. Moroney Ward delivered a report on Community Facilities in the county to help establish where the gaps are in program delivery and to help establish full picture of the size and age of the various facilities.

There were contributions from Cllr P Holohan in relation to establishing whether usage in the facilities is primarily private groups or is it mostly council led initiatives and L Byrne (PPN) informed the committee of the difficulties local groups face in securing insurance for activities.

The report was noted.

**H3. Community & Sports Grants**

J Hayden delivered a report on the Community & Sports Grants process.

The report contained an overview of the Grants process and the timetable for 2022. The online application process was explained (use of Salesforce), and he noted the Grants committee meet weekly to review current applications regarding the allocation of funding.

The report was noted.

**H4. Capital Projects**

P McAlerney delivered a report on the Capital Projects currently being undertaken.

There were contributions from Cllr D Donovan, Cllr T Gilligan and Cllr V Casserly concerning Lucan swimming pool and the delay in the commencement of works. C. Ward replied that there have been on-site meetings with the contractor but there are supply line issues. He is

currently waiting for a timeline from them and agreed to keep the members informed of any updates.

The report was noted.

**H5. Age Friendly Programme**

A pre-recorded presentation by P. Swayne was made available to the Committee in advance outlining the Age Friendly Programme.

Items of note included the re-launching of the Older Persons Council, the possibility of having age-friendly parking in community centres and a discussion about an age friendly ambassador in the Libraries.

The report was noted.

**H6.** **Sport Programmes**

A pre-recorded presentation by T. McDermott was made available to the Committee in advance outlining the Sport Programmes.

C. Ward gave an outline of the priorities and key initiatives of the Sports Programmes. Funding would be made available from Sports Ireland for the Active Cities program and he also informed the Committee that there would be a Pilot on-line booking system in two community centres.

There were contributions from L. Byrne (PPN) and Cllr C O’Connor regarding the selection of the venues for the Pilot on-line booking system. C. Ward replied that the centres involved are in Adamstown and Kilnamanagh and meetings have taken place with representatives from both centres. He is hopeful that the system can be rolled out to other centres in the future.

The report was noted.

**H7. Information/Updates:**

C. Ward gave a brief outline of the items listed below and they were noted:

1. LECP Process
2. Local Sports Plan
3. Booking System
4. Tennis Facilities
5. Community Development Review & Recruitment Update
6. Confirmation of Sports Partnership Reps

**H8. Any Other Business**

There was a brief discussion regarding the model for future meetings. Cllr T Gilligan said that he would be happy to continue remotely and that the 3pm start seems to be suitable for the majority. C Ward suggested that a review takes place before the next scheduled meeting in September and this was agreed.

There was no further business and the meeting concluded at 16.16 pm.

(ii) - Minutes of Meeting - 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.

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

(i) - Report ofMeeting - 26th May 2022

### **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**

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](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/75335)

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](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/75143)

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**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/75296)

[**Cycle South Dublin Walking and Cycling Index**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/75295)

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**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/75262)

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.

(ii) - Minutes of Meeting - 25th February 2022

### **PRESENT**

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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 November SPC 2021 meeting**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/74084)

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**

[**N81 Integrated Transport and Planning Strategy report**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/74157)

[**N81 Integrated Transport and Planning Strategy Maps**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/74158)

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**

[SDCC RSP progress report for SPC Feb 22](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/74129)

[Government Road Safety Strategy 2021 2030 13th DEC21 FINAL](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/74127)

[Government Road Safety Strategy Action Plan 2021 2024 13th DEC21 FINAL](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/74128)

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 and that the SDCC strategy will follow the national priority interventions and actions, as appropriate locally.

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**

[**City Edge Progress Report**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/74274)

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**

[**Overview of LRD - SPC**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/74273)

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 Pleanala. 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.

The Reports were **NOTED**.

### **H5/0622 REPORTS REQUESTED BY AREA COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

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

### **H6/0622 REPORT FROM JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE`**

### The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Councillor S. Moynihan, and was **CONSIDERED**:

**Report of Joint Policing Committee Meeting held at 10 a.m. on Friday, 22nd April 2022 via Microsoft Teams**

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

1. **Election of the Joint Policing Committee Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson**

* Cllr Lynn McCrave was nominated as Chairperson of the Committee by Cllr Peter Kavanagh (Mayor) and the appointment was seconded by Cllr Baby Pereppadan.
* Cllr Emma Murphy nominated Cllr Shane Moynihan as Vice Chair, and this was seconded by Cllr Lynn McCrave.

1. **Presentation by Tallaght Drugs and Alcohol Taskforce**

TD&AF co-ordinator Ms. Grace Hill gave a presentation: “The Landscape of Substance Misuse and its Impact on the Communities of Tallaght’s Drugs and Alcohol Task Force.

The presentation outlined the methodology used for the latest research, the areas of disadvantage and the evidence that shows the link between areas of socio – economic inequality and drug related risk.  It highlighted that various findings including:

* research found the scale of addiction issues in the TDATF area is among the highest in the country
* crack cocaine was identified as the starkest substance misuse issue facing front line drug services
* research also found that almost all problematic drug use has some element of polydrug use attached to it
* all clients are presenting with complex issues, and this impacts on the community
* many crack cocaine users are too chaotic to engage with services
* intimidation within the community is a significant issue
* the need for more community Gardaí in Tallaght was reinforced through the stakeholder consultations.

1. ***Presentation:* Community Engagement Issues – proper use of scramblers and quads**

Andrew O’Byrne of Moyross Motor Club delivered a presentation on the work of the Moyross Motorcross Club in Limerick.  The presentation highlighted the challenges in finding a solution in which young persons and the community can get the benefit without having to change the behaviour and to move from an Anti-Social Problem to a Pro-Social Problem.  It is a complex issue with many factors involved. It has caused huge controversy particularly in light of recent high-profile accidents and media coverage.  Moyross Motorcross Club is a vehicle for community building and has set up a programme for youths which includes motorcycle maintenance, driver theory test, participation, roads policing involvement, fitness programme and Motorcross competitions.  The project is prohibited from using mechanically propelled vehicles in places designated as public under the Road Traffic Act.  Members are encouraged to only ride bikes in acceptable areas and there is a waiting list to get accepted on to the program in the area.

The club promotes public safety and riding in designated areas through the disciplined sport of Motorcross.

The Roads Policing Unit are involved and provide competency testing, tuition, and safety education.

The following challenges to communities where scrambler and quad bikes are causing issues were outlined:

* Young people on motorbikes and quads causing major nuisance and significant risk to themselves.
* Significant risk to others in the community. Typically have no helmets, boots, body armour,
* Never having received driving instruction on motocross.
* No empathy with the concerns of community.
* No discipline.
* No capabilities in safety checks, maintenance and driving techniques.
* Carry very young children as passengers on the back or worse still on the front of bikes.
* Anti-social problem
* A lot of effort required to address the issue

The opportunities for a successful club were also outlined:

* Promoting the sport of motocross
* With all the protective gear, helmets, body armour, boots etc.
* Educating around the RTA regulations
* Building empathy with the community concerns
* Instilling discipline
* Engaging young people in a meaningful and purposeful way
* Reducing the risks
* Increasing the enjoyment
* Pro-social programme
* Relationships
* Team building
* Exposure to other motorcycle groups
* Club identity

There are a number of other considerations to be factored in such as:

* Insurance – very necessary part of organising the project, resolved somewhat by having membership.
* Costs- it is an expensive pastime, repairs and equipment are expensive.
* Equipment – integral part of running the programme properly and safely
* Repairs - are an ongoing consideration to be factored into any budget
* Staffing - key staff and supervision are crucial to the success of the project
* Expertise - particularly on the mechanical and driver instruction side can be difficult to source.
* Public perception – a thin line, it is a contentious issue with people having different opinions.
* Carrot/Stick - it is probably a balance of this approach most likely to succeed
* Enforcement – this on its own is not working in its current guise but is crucial to use in tandem with intervention option. Confiscating bikes from people blatantly flaunting road traffic laws and not appearing to have any consideration whatsoever for community safety sends a strong message that this behaviour is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.
* Over 18’s – we view the behaviour of under eighteens in a different manner to adults and therefore the response should be different also. Whatever about trying to challenge and change the behaviour of a young person on a motorbike and offer alternatives, an adult in their 20’s or 30’s engaged in this behaviour particularly carrying toddlers on the fronts of bikes should not be tolerated and needs enforcement to play its part.
* Support for communities – beleaguered communities need support from statutory agencies to enforce existing rules, regulations, and laws.
* Competition - great healthy ways of engaging and utilising high-octane energy and skill
* Buying bikes – can be contentious from a public perception point of view, but important in that a lot of the nuisance elements are cheap imports that don’t run well and can’t get parts for when they inevitably break down
* Scalability – i.e., get the model right on a small scale and build.
* Logistics – requires some forethought, getting to venues, a van, cleaning, a portable power washer, water supply, food, this can all help build team
* They think they know a lot, but they don’t - they are all experts originally and don’t need to learn anything, from our previous experience going slowly evidencing control and balance are the hardest competencies to master and most frustrating.

Following a discussion on the current issues regarding the misuse of Scrambler and Quad bikes and the recent accident in Sean Walsh Park, the JPC Committee agreed to set up a JPC Community Engagement-Scrambler and Quad bike subcommittee to address the issues.  Representatives from Public Realm, the Community Department and the JPC will form this subcommittee.

It was also agreed to arrange a visit for the subcommittee to Moyross Motorcross Club to see how the club works there and to investigate if a similar club could be set up in South Dublin.

A letter from the JPC Chairperson is to be sent to the family of the child who was injured in Sean Walsh Park on behalf of the committee.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Friday 28th January 2022 had been circulated and were proposed by Deputy John Lahart, seconded by Cllr. Carly Bailey and agreed as a true record of the previous meeting with no matters arising.

1. **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence for noting.

1. **Governance**

The PPN nominated Rita Harte and John Conroy to fill the two PPN Vacancies on the JPC Drug Subcommittee.

Councillor membership on Ballyfermot LPF has been sought and currently awaiting a response from the Chair of the LPF Cllr Vincent Jackson.

1. **Garda Reports**

**7.1 Tallaght & Rathfarnham – DMR South**

Chief Supt. Duff gave a presentation with an overview of activity and statistics for the area which included the following:

Increases in Domestic Violence, Burglary, Theft, Criminal Damage, Unauthorised Taking of Vehicles, Breach of Protection Orders, Possession of Offensive weapons, and detection of drivers under the influence of drugs and intoxication.

Slight increase in robbery from persons.

Ongoing engagement with transport stakeholders LUAS and Dublin Bus.

**7.2 Clondalkin & Rathcoole– DMR West**

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

Increases in Assault Causing Harm, Burglary, Theft from Shop and MPV, Unauthorised Taking of Vehicles, Public Order Incidents, Breach of Domestic Violence Orders and Domestic Violence.

**Significant Crime reported**:

* Shooting on the Nangor Road, Clondalkin where a shot was fired into a car stationary on the road on March 7, 2022. Male arrested on the March 10th – File sent to the DPP.
* Following two robberies at Costcutters, Main Street, Clondalkin on March 3rd & 4th where male with a knife robbed premises. Male arrested on March 5th, charged and currently in custody.
* Male arrested following robbery at Circle K, Brownsbarn on January 30th, 2022 – File sent to DPP.
* Male deceased following a dangerous driving event on January 23, 2022, at Robinhood Road. Arrests have been made and a file being prepared for DPP.

**7.3 Lucan & Ronanstown – DMR West**

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

Increases in Criminal Damage, Possession of Drugs for Personal use, Breach of Domestic Violence Orders, Assault Causing Harm, Burglary, Theft from Shop, Unauthorised Taking of Vehicles and Fraud and

**Significant Crime reported:**

Five Domestic Burglaries occurred in the Lucan area on the morning of the 11th January 2022. Suspect in custody. All stolen property was recovered.

**Significant Detections regarding Possession of Drugs for Sale and Supply**:

* On the 21st January 2022 at Shackleton Terrace, Lucan – Heroin to the value of €36,000.
* On the 23rd February 2022 at Johnsbridge, Lucan – Cannabis to the value of €28,000.

Due to the increase in Domestic Violence incidents, it was suggested a presentation be given at a future JPC.

1. **Local Policing Fora Reports**  
     
   **8.1 Clondalkin LPF:** No meetings have taken place in 2022.  
     
   **8.2 D12 LPF:** Report of the D12 LPF noted. Public Meeting taking place in Mother McAuley Centre, Drimnagh on Tuesday 24th May 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

**8.3 West Tallaght Community Safety Forum:** The West Tallaght Community Safety Forum report was noted. A public meeting will take place in Autumn 2022.

**8.4 North Clondalkin, Lucan and Palmerstown LPF:**  The North Clondalkin LPF Report was noted.  A public meeting will take place in Autumn 2022.

1. **JPC Annual Report 2021**

The JPC Annual Report 2021 was circulated in advance of the meeting and agreed by the Committee.

1. **JPC Subgroups: Drug Subcommittee**.

The JPC Drugs Subcommittee presented a report on Drug Debt Intimidation and the Drug Debt Intimidation Safe Home Scheme.

The JPC Committee agreed to fund €4,000 to set up the Drug Debt Intimidation Safe Home Scheme - €2,000 to the Clondalkin Drugs & Alcohol Task Force and €2,000 to the Tallaght Drugs and Alcohol Task Force.

*Both Taskforces are to report back to the JPC at the end of 2022.*

1. **Any Other Business**

It was agreed that the next JPC meeting would be a hybrid meeting.

Grace Hill asked if there was any update on the legislation surrounding the use of Nitrous Oxide?  Deputy Lahart and Deputy Crowe agreed to work together and progress this issue.

1. **2022 Schedule of Meetings**

The following is the proposed schedule of Joint Policing Committee meetings in 2022:

10 a.m. Friday 16th September 2022 (hybrid – Council Chamber)

10 a.m. Friday 18th November 2022 (venue tbc)

The meeting ended at 12.05 p.m.

### Councillor L. McCrave thanked fellow Councillors for their support on her recent bereavement. Councillor P. Kavanagh thanked former JPC Chair, Councillor E. Murphy for her hard work.

**QUESTIONS**

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

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 22, Questions numbered Q1 – Q28 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

### **Q1/0622 QUESTION: Councillor C. Bailey**

To ask how many privately rented properties are registered in the SDCC area and of those, how many of those properties have been inspected during the last 5 years by SDCC (broken down into HAP, RAS, Long term leasing, PRM).

**REPLY:**

The most recent Residential Tenancy Board Tenancy Register audited figured for South Dublin County has 17,079 registered private rented tenancies in the South Dublin administrative areas.

Numbers of initial and follow-up private rented property inspections for the period 2018 to 2022 are as follows:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Inspection Type** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022\*** | **Total** |
| **RAS-Scheduled** | 251 | 169 | 96 | 89 | 3 | 608 |
| **HAP-Scheduled** | 992 | 1,147 | 353 | 103 | 524 | 3,119 |
| **Complaints-All\*** | 81 | 91 | 82 | 22 | 22 | 298 |
| **Other** | 420 | 1,823 | 2,595 | 1,224 | 428 | 6,070 |
| **Total** | **1,930** | **3,230** | **3,126** | **1,438** | **977** | **10,701** |

\*2022 figures are for Q1 only.

\*\*"Complaints-All" relates to reactive inspections scheduled as a result of complaints being made to the Council in relation to all tenure types including RAS, HAP, and Other Private Rented Properties (note that Council long-term leased properties are not categorised or registered as private rented properties.

### **Q2/0622 QUESTION: Councillor Y. Collins**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update re the proposed new sponsorship scheme in relation to advertising in public spaces (including roundabouts)

**REPLY:**

The current roundabout sponsorship scheme is going through an appraisal and review at the present time.  The outcome of the appraisal will inform the next steps to be taken in relation to this matter.  This scheme included 24 roundabout locations however only 6 of these received offers of sponsorship.  The sponsorship offers received in some cases did not meet the costs associated with the annual maintenance of the roundabout in question, any new scheme to be implemented would have to address this issue.  The Council has received expressions of interest in roundabout sponsorship in recent times which would suggest that a new scheme could be run successfully and in a manner that would address the low participation in the current scheme.  The elected members will be kept informed in relation to this matter and whatever decision is taken with regard to the future of this type of scheme.

### **Q3/0622 QUESTION: Councillor T. Costello**

To ask the Chief Executive how many voids are there in the county broken down by LEA

**REPLY:**

The breakdown of the 122 currently vacant Council properties at various stages of the re-letting process across local electoral areas is as follows:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Electoral Area** | **Quotation Stage** | **On Hold** | **Works in Progress** | **Works Complete** | **Total** |
| Clondalkin | 8 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 14 |
| Firhouse - Bohernabreena | 3 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| Lucan | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Palmerstown - Fonthill | 16 | 3 | 18 | 9 | 46 |
| Rathfarnham - Templeogue | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Tallaght Central | 3 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 11 |
| Tallaght South | 18 | 0 | 11 | 8 | 37 |
| Total | 49 | 3 | 41 | 29 | 122 |

### **Q4/0622 QUESTION: Councillor T. Costello**

To ask the Chief Executive to explain from start to finish the process of getting a void ready for relet, from the time it becomes void to relet

**REPLY:**

The following are the regular steps for the turnaround of a Council rented property from when it becomes vacant through re-let repairs and up to being allocated:

* Property surrendered to Allocations section and arrangements made to secure and provide shuttering if required
* Maintenance sections notified and arrange initial inspection to determine condition of property and identify clearing out and cleaning requirements, including specialist contract cleaning as necessary
* Clerk of Works undertakes a detailed property inspection and prepare a schedule of required refurbishment works for framework contractor for the area, who submits a quotation, based on tendered and agreed rates, to complete the works. Following review of quotation, a purchase order is raised as appropriate and issued together with a task order detailing the works required and the projected start and finish dates.
* Electrical and mechanical inspections undertaken to determine any required works to electrical, heating systems and specialist contractors similarly engaged if required.
* Projected finish dates are notified to the Allocations section who then start sourcing prospective tenants through Choice Based Letting, homeless, medical, transfer lists and start making formal tenancy offers after completing any required estate management checks.
* Appointed contractors are responsible for co-ordinating their allocated works and associated trades along with the mechanical and electrical works contractors, and act as Project Supervisor Construction Stage for the site with works monitored by the Council's local Foreman of Works.
* Relevant Allocations and Housing Maintenance staff meet weekly to co-ordinate timelines for works ad prospective tenancy sign ups.
* When all works are complete, the contractor prepares a handover file containing safety data sheets for the materials used, operating procedures for any replacement mechanical or electrical units and a post works BER certificate for the property and the final stage of the process is the formal signing of the tenancy agreement by the prospective tenant.

### **Q5/0622 QUESTION: Councillor T. Costello**

To ask the Chief Executive how many full surrenders without re-housing were handed back to the Council in the past 5 years broken down year on year.

**REPLY:**

The number of surrenders of social housing tenancies in each of the last five years, where the Council was not required to provide any further social housing supports, is as follows:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Year** | **No. of Surrenders** |
| 2018 | 44 |
| 2019 | 56 |
| 2020 | 51 |
| 2021 \* | 85 |
| 2022 | 33 |

\*Figures for 2021 include 46 surrenders received from family members following the death of the tenant(s) which was a significant increase on previous years.

### **Q6/0622 QUESTION: Councillor T. Costello**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the allocation of housing for age friendly housing to include, expressions of interest made and offers made by location

**REPLY:**

**Eligibility for Age Friendly Housing**

The categories of applicant eligible for Council owned or supported designated age friendly/older persons’ accommodation, **all of whom must be aged 55 or older**, are:

* One or two adult person households, with no dependent children, assessed as having a housing need and included on the Council’s housing list in accordance with the Council’s Allocations Scheme, including any person with priority for allocation on homeless or medical grounds;
* Current tenants of a Council home or an Approved Housing Body home, with no other persons living in their current property and who have been included on the Council’s transfer list on rightsizing grounds, i.e. wishing to move to accommodation that more appropriately meets their housing need
* Current owners of a private home, who have been included on the Council’s Community List (see further details on this list below).

An application for Age Friendly Housing whether through the housing, transfer (rightsizing) or contribution lists may be cancelled:

* If it is found to be based on false, withheld, invalid or otherwise incorrect information.
* on estate management grounds and/or if the applicant(s) have a prior record of anti-social behaviour (all applicants will be subject to relevant Garda and/or estate management checks and may have their application deferred or refused based on same)
* if the tenancy record is not satisfactory in relation to rent account, property condition etc.
* if an applicant(s) for the Community List is the owner of multiple properties

**Allocation of Age Friendly Housing**

Allocations to all Council properties are made according to the Council's Allocation Scheme including the Policy for Rightsizing and Allocation of Age Friendly Accommodation which provides that allocations for age friendly housing is based on the following:

* Eligible applicants for age friendly housing will be prioritised on a Time on List Basis. The relevant date for this basis will be the date upon which an approved application is included on the relevant list.
* Up to 10% of homes in new age friendly housing developments will, at first allocation, be made available to applicants from the Community List (this will increase to up to 50% of homes for community-led housing age friendly housing developments)
* All other homes in new age friendly housing developments will be used to meet new social housing demand and rightsizing transfer applications.
* Casual vacancies in age friendly accommodation will generally be made available in the same ratios as outlined above.
* Rightsizing applications from applicants with local connections to the area where age friendly accommodation is located will be prioritised for at least 75% of rightsizing allocations where possible
* Rightsizing/transfer applications will be prioritised from older persons in homes that are wheelchair accessible and/or specially adapted for medical purposes where this home is no longer required to meet the needs of the household currently residing there.
* A maximum of 25% of allocations in age friendly housing developments should be provided for persons aged 55 and over, but under 65 years old, until the end of 2022 when it will be subject to further review.
* Nothing in this policy shall prevent the Chief Executive from approving an allocation in exceptional circumstances.

**Community List:**

Recognising the potential need for age friendly housing amongst older persons that own private homes within a community, applications from older persons in their privately owned accommodation who wish to move to Council owned or supported designated age friendly accommodation will be considered for inclusion on a Community List subject to the following:

* The applicant(s) must be resident in South Dublin County, or demonstrate a local connection, and be eligible for older person’s accommodation
* The applicant agrees to the Council purchasing their property directly or, at the sole discretion of the Council, provides a financial contribution in lieu, from the net proceeds of the private sale of the property.
* The relevant property for sale, if being acquired by the Council, must be: located in South Dublin County, suitable to meet existing housing need and will be subject to acquisition limits as determined by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.
* At certain times within the Council’s sole discretion, the Council may refuse to accept further Community List applications including where current demand exceeds by 100% or more the potential supply scheduled to become available within the next 12 months.
* Applicants will be included on the Community List upon the date of completion of a formal written agreement for: o the Council to purchase their property or o the applicant to provide a financial contribution to the Council from the net proceeds of the private sale of their property.
* Applicant(s) shall only be eligible for the allocation of one age friendly home and may be required to complete a pre-tenancy course before any allocation.
* Refusal of two offers of accommodation will result in cancellation of an application.
* Applicants will be required to become tenants of South Dublin County Council (or an Approved Housing Body) upon allocation of an age friendly home and will be required to sign a tenancy agreement and pay differential rent accordingly. Any persons wishing to apply for inclusion on the Community List are strongly advised to get independent financial and legal advice to fully understand the terms and conditions involved.

**Community List: Discount on Purchase / Financial Contribution**

The relevant discount on purchase to the Council or financial contribution to the Council for inclusion on the Community List under this policy is as follows:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Age Category** | **Council Discount on Purchase** | **Financial Contribution to the Council on Sale** |
| 55-64 years | 40% discount on the market value | 1/2 of net proceeds of sale |
| 65-69 years | 1/3 of net proceeds of sale |
| 70-79 years | 30% discount on the market value | 1/4 of net proceeds of sale |
| 80 years and over | 1/5 of net proceeds of sale |

A joint application, where the applicants’ ages fall into two different categories, will have the % discount or financial contribution calculated pro-rata accordingly.  Net proceeds shall exclude the discharge of any bona fide mortgage or charge on the property, legal fees incurred and/or other expenses solely related to the sale of the property.  The appropriate financial contribution must be paid, or a legally binding agreement must be in place to pay the contribution, in advance of an applicant moving into their new home.

Assessments of all eligible applications on the housing list (including medical and homeless applicants), on the transfer list (including rightsizing applicants) and community list are ongoing to commence proposed allocations and nominations to AHBs for pending new age friendly accommodation.  Some homes in Springfield were advertised on Choice Based Letting in recent days and a similar approach will be taken in respect of developments at Sallaypark, Templeogue and Whitestown Way.  We also intend to develop a dedicated section on our website to showcase both the planned new age friendly housing developments and the benefits of rightsizing.

### **Q7/0622 QUESTION: Councillor T. Costello**

To ask the Chief Executive how long does it take to process a mutual transfer application when both parties have submitted documentation

**REPLY:**

A mutual transfer can be arranged between Council tenants or with tenants of another Local Authority or Approved Housing Body subject to the agreement of each LA/AHB and both applicants meeting the following criteria:

* Completed [Mutual Transfer application form](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.sdcc.ie%2Fen%2Fdownload-it%2Fapply-for-it%2Fmutual-transfer-form.doc&amp;data=05%7C01%7Cadriennemoloney%40SDUBLINCOCO.ie%7Cc8e80b97780e412242c108da454442a9%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C637898456717844905%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&amp;sdata=opgWi1wgyNpmB5uC8OHCIM8YzPqAL4lS0XcwbhQy6lY%3D&amp;reserved=0) submitted to the Council for approval.
* Clear rent accounts.
* Compliance with the terms of the tenancy during existing tenancy.
* Acceptance of both parties to occupy dwellings in existing condition.
* Property inspection and sign off by housing maintenance team.
* Each home must suit the housing needs of the household proposed to take up the tenancy of that home, i.e., the bedroom requirement must meet the household need as set out in Departmental guidelines.
* Both applicants must sign tenancy agreements for their proposed new home and submit updated household income details for rent assessment purposes.

There is no set timeframe for completing a mutual transfer as each application is necessarily unique with processing and approval timeframes contingent on the engagement of both tenants, all of the above criteria being met together with submission of the correct documentation and responses/approvals being received from other Local Authorities or AHBs.

It should however be noted that for several mutual transfers, the housing maintenance team is unable to confirm that the property can transfer in the current condition and works may be required to be undertaken either by the tenant or through the Council's response or planned maintenance programmes before that mutual transfer can proceed.  In such instances, the works required may not be included on existing work schedules or may not have available funding and may therefore delay the mutual transfer.

### **Q8/0622 QUESTION: Councillor L. Dunne**

To ask the Chief Executive how many litres of water are Data Centre's within South Dublin Council Area using a day and can this also be broken down to percentage of the overall water consumption within the County?

**REPLY:**

Irish Water is the Water Services Authority with responsibility for supply of water to all water users including Data Centres.  This question was referred to Irish Water and they have responded as below:

Data Centres

Irish Water produces circa 1.7 billion litres of water a day. The estimated total annual usage of public water across all known Data Centres in Ireland, based on water consumption recorded during 2021, is circa 810 million litres, which equates to circa 0.13% of total water demand as a percentage of overall water supplied during 2021.

Our records show that there are 24 Data Centres currently connected to Irish Water mains. The data centre sector continues to be concentrated in the Dublin region around the T50 data network and High Voltage electricity transmission network.

Data Centres are one type of Non-Domestic customer and represent a relatively small percentage of current and projected future Non-Domestic use. Data Centres mainly use water only for staff facilities and cleaning; some Data Centres do use water for cooling purposes, but based on the Irish climate, that can be for relatively few days per year.

Data Centres can be cooled by water or air, and that water may be taken from boreholes or from the public water supply (or a mix of both). Data Centres can recycle water and send it back through the data halls several times. We know how much water we supply on a daily or monthly basis, but we cannot say how much water is actually used cooling a Data Centre if they have alternative sources of water or can switch to air cooling.

In planning for future demand, we look at both Domestic and Non-Domestic growth at an overall level using growth projections from the National Planning Framework (NPF), the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies and Local Authority Planning. This information has informed our National Water Resources Plan which is Ireland’s first 25-year strategic plan enabling us to move towards safe, secure, reliable and sustainable water supplies for all of our customers and communities, whilst safeguarding public health and the environment<https://www.water.ie/projects/strategic-plans/national-water-resources/>.

Irish Water manages the supply and demand balance for water nationally to ensure interruptions to supply are avoided for all sectors. Spikes in water use across Domestic and Non-Domestic use during warm weather events can cause short term peaks in water demand. Irish Water’s policy is to work with developers across all sectors through our Pre-Connection Enquiry process to understand their needs and help develop solutions that address cooling needs whilst minimising demands for water. For Non-Domestic customers, including Data Centres, this involves conditioning developments to provide onsite water storage and water reuse. In this way, water required for cooling purposes can be stored at low demand times of year, and the water is used during peak demand without impacting our networks. The water is then recycled and reused on site for future warm weather events. This means that modern Data Centres have relatively low annual average use (typical use of a building with a canteen and hygiene facilities).

Government policy supports the development of sustainable Data Centres by encouraging a conservation and use-less approach where possible. Irish Water working with Data Centre applicants through our Connection Enquiry process have found that new Data Centres are now availing of water efficient technology which minimises their requirement for water in their cooling processes, supporting our water conservation approach and the wider sustainability agenda.

Irish Water has taken the lead on Water Stewardship with support from our partners Central Solutions and the Lean and Green Skillsnet to offer a first of its kind Certified Water Stewardship programme free of charge to large water users, supporting our business customers to lower their water consumption and reduce operating costs while also protecting the environment. We have a dedicated section on our website with further information on water stewardship [*https://www.water.ie/conservation/business/water-stewardship/*](https://www.water.ie/conservation/business/water-stewardship/).

### **Q9/0622 QUESTION: Councillor L. Dunne**

To ask the Chief Executive, what is the average amount of small High Street Businesses "10 staff or less" that start up in the County per year and how much revenue on average do these new start ups generate for the Council a year?

**REPLY:**

Earlier this year (March) LEO South Dublin announced that it is now supporting over 260 Small businesses and 1345 jobs across our portfolio of businesses

* 242 new jobs created in 2021
* 3% job increase from 2020
* 8th year of YoY jobs growth
* Net employment gain of 37 in 2021
* 260 total small businesses employing 1345 people supported by LEO South Dublin

On an annual basis Local Enterprise Office provide Financial Supports to approximately 50 business per year of which 28% are for Feasibility Grants; 44% are Priming Grant and 28% are Business Expansion Grants for business promoters setting up Micro Businesses in the county.

Feasibility Study and Innovation Grants may be awarded to assist the promoter with researching market demand for a product or service and examining its sustainability. It may cover the costs of market research, product development and other kinds of innovation. It may include assistance with innovation including specific consultancy requirements, hiring of expertise, private specialists, design, patent costs, and prototype development

Priming support is a business start-up grant to help fund the cost of starting a small business in South Dublin. It is for new businesses within the first 18 months after startup.

Business Expansion support ( also referred to as Business Development support) is for businesses established and trading for more than 18 months.

At Feasibility stage the promoters are testing and developing their product or service so generally they are not working from a business premises or office. At Priming and Business Expansion stages the grants are primarily supporting new job creation as the business moves into growth and expansion stages. Promoters at this stage will generally operate from a business premises which may be a leased unit of their own or shared space within an Enterprise Centre or other facility. At this stage these businesses are paying rates.

It is difficult to advise on the average revenue they generate from the council but LEO South Dublin would generally have 20 - 25 businesses setting up in a business premises or offices each year.

The details of our grants breakdown for 2020 /2021 and year to date is included below for reference.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Measure 1 - Number of Clients Approved Funding:** | **Output 2020** | **Output 2021** | **YTD May 2022** |
| Feasibility:                            Number: | 7 | 7 | 6 |
| Priming:                                Number: | 15 | 10 | 7 |
| Business Expansion:           Number: | 10 | 7 | 7 |
| New Jobs associated with approvals under Priming & Business Expansion Grants | 52 | 47 | 28.5 |

### **Q10/0622 QUESTION: Councillor P. Gogarty**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the minimum time period under legislation that the local authority has to apply a planning reference number to a valid dated application appearing on a site notice?

**REPLY:**

Before applying for planning permission, an applicant must erect a site notice giving the public notice that they intend to apply for Planning Permission. A planning application must be received by the local authority within 2 weeks of the site notice going up. No Planning Reference Number is included on a site notice, it is erected before an application is received by the Local Authority.  There is no minimum timeframe set in legislation that a local authority has to apply a planning reference number to a valid dated application. All applications are given a register reference number, regardless of whether they are considered valid or invalid, and this is done when an application is received and entered into the register, usually within 2 – 3 days of receipt of application.

### **Q11/0622 QUESTION: Councillor P. Gogarty**

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify whether an application is invalid if members of the public and elected reps do not get to view planning files in Tallaght or online due to them not being made available with a reg ref within a certain time period before the closing date for submissions; and if a statement can be made on the matter?

**REPLY:**

In general, a valid planning application should include: copies of public notices; (newspaper notice and site notice); the name and address of the applicant; the area and location of the land or structure concerned and the legal interest of the applicant; all the required plans, maps and drawings and a schedule listing the plans, maps and drawings; a location map; site or layout plans other plans and elevations of proposals; a plan showing the position on the land where the site notice has been erected; the appropriate fee; *and* six copies of plans and maps. In the case of protected structures or proposed protected structures, ten copies are usually required.

Planning applications received are validated by the Planning Team on a weekly basis to ensure that they meet the relevant criteria and a weekly list of all valid planning applications received in the previous week is published on the Council’s website at the following link: [Weekly Lists | South Dublin County Council (sdublincoco.ie)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Planning/WeeklyLists) . By this stage, all valid applications have been given a register reference. Planning applications are scanned and uploaded to the website as soon as is practicable, considering staff workload and volume of applications received.

However, once a planning application has been included on the weekly list, it is available to the public to view at the Planning Counter in County Hall, Tallaght. The Planning Counter is open to the public from 9am – 4pm Monday to Friday.

### **Q12/0622 QUESTION: Councillor L. Hagin Meade**

To ask the Chief Executive to clarify if recycling and composting bags are available to community litter picker events.

**REPLY:**

Bags and clean up materials are supplied to community groups under South Dublin County Council’s Social Credits Scheme ([www.socialcredits.ie](http://www.socialcredits.ie)). In 2021 approximately 1,200 clean ups took place in South Dublin and crews from Public Realm collected the waste from all of these hugely popular events.  The Council currently supplies only general waste bags to community clean ups, as the litter collected at these events is often contaminated with other materials. All material types are therefore collected together from the clean up events.

The waste arising from community clean ups is disposed of at a local waste transfer station where the waste materials are segregated by the operator, as far as this is possible.  For example green waste goes onwards from the transfer station for composting, this waste stream is easily segregated and it is important for the composting process that it is clean and uncontaminated.  Plastics and metals can also be easily separated out, either by hand picking or by sorting equipment, and these streams are recycled for the most part with only a small fraction lost due to contamination.

South Dublin County Council will shortly begin preparing a new Community Recycling Strategy and we will investigate the feasibility of running a pilot segregated waste collection for community groups as part of this strategy.

### **Q13/0622 QUESTION: Councillor L. Hagin Meade**

To ask the Chief Executive, in light of the publication of the EPA radon map, what the exposure to radon is in SDCC, in relation to County Council owned properties and what strategies will be used to address this.

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council is in the area of lowest risk from radon as indicated in yellow on recent and previous EPA maps. High radon area in the county commences South of the built area in Killinarden and continues into County Wicklow.  In the limited areas indicated in red only (highest risk), workplaces and schools are recommended to check radon levels using the 3-month test.

Since the early 1980s , council housing stock has used solid concrete floor slabs and  South Dublin County Council has been installing radon barriers in the ground-floor slabs of  their houses since before this requirement became statutory in 1998.  Linked to the lower incidence of radon in the SDCC area, SDCC tenants have one the lowest radon risks in the country.

### **Q14/0622 QUESTION: Councillor M. Johansson**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the retrofitting programme, including how many units have been completed in 2021/2022 and how many will be completed in 2022?

**REPLY:**

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) national Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme (EERP), funds retrofit works including external window/door replacement, wall/attic insulation and ventilation upgrades, and replacement heating systems to include air-to-water systems, with a maximum average spend per property of €33k. The programme aims to improve the Building Energy Rating (BER) of Council housing stock to a minimum of B2 (or cost-optimal equivalent, i.e., the maximum upgrade achievable for the projected average expenditure per home under the programme), to reduce both carbon emissions and heating costs for Council tenants.  Due to the project management required as well as the level of design works involved, the programme is being delivered on an estate-by-estate basis with areas selected based on age, condition, location, and diversity of property types as it is not practical or feasible to deliver this scale of the programme based on individual tenant requests.

In 2021, the Council received funding approval of €3.2million from DHLGH for completion of works on 117 properties with a further approval  for €5.1million for works to another 156 properties received in recent weeks to continue to deliver the project on a rolling basis with additional funding opportunities likely to be available under EERP.

To date, works to 76 properties have been completed from the initial funding tranche with surveys and works ongoing on the remaining 41 properties. In advance of the recent additional funding approval, our Planned Maintenance section identified an additional 249 properties to be added to the programme of which:

* 157 properties that have been fully surveyed and are progressing towards tenders for works during June and July this month in three separate batches of 50-60 properties each with works to commence from August
* 97 remaining properties surveyed to date will follow same process with tenders (in two separate batches) being issued during July/August with a view to works commencing by September

While delivery of the programme to date has been slower than intended, the delays are similar to those experienced by the construction industry in general, including lack of suitably qualified craft workers for specific trades (window installers, heat pump installers and insulation contractors), supply chain issues particularly heat pumps and other materials, but the planned maintenance team continue to examine opportunities to accelerate delivery and minimise any further delays.

Separate to the EERP, our windows and doors programme continues with approximately 600 current priority properties with poor performing single glazed & timber/aluminium frames identified for replacement at an average replacement cost of €10k per property with additional individual property surveys to be undertaken based on stock profile and maintenance requests.  Contractors are in place and works are ongoing for installation of windows/doors at 133 properties with all works to be completed by June/July 2022.  in addition, tenders are progressing under local government sector frameworks for windows/doors installation at 96 properties with works projected to be complete by September 2022 and further surveys/measurements are ongoing to finalise the next batch of 100 properties for window/door replacement with subsequent tenders, subject to availability of materials and suitable contractors.

### **Q15/0622 QUESTION: Councillor K. Mahon**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the proposed Heritage Centre in Tallaght. The report to include who will own and manage the centre, whether staff will be directly hired and which forum will be used to develop and economic and financial aspects.

**REPLY:**

EPIC Interpretative Planning Consultants have been appointed to develop the vision, content, and visitor experience for the new Tallaght Heritage Centre, with stakeholder engagement complete and a public consultation process underway that is asking for the public to share their heritage related stories in the County, thereby informing the proposition for the new centre. In tandem with this, initial survey and design work has started on the nature, scale, and typology of the proposed Heritage Centre building, with a public procurement process to appoint the new building’s design consultants due to commence imminently.

It is too early in the process to outline and detail the full operational aspects of the building, including staffing levels, resource requirements, means of recruitment, hours of operation and so forth, as this will be directly informed as part of the design process for the building. Integral to this, will be the potential for a complementary use within the building to support its ongoing animation and activation as part of everyday use. This will be explored as part of the building’s design and upon completion of same, South Dublin County Council will then be able to determine the operational requirements of this new facility and the means by which the new service will be delivered to the public. Notwithstanding this, it can be confirmed that South Dublin County Council will own the new Heritage Centre and will have overall responsibility for its management.

### **Q16/0622 QUESTION: Councillor K. Mahon**

To ask the Chief Executive if the Council has plans to for install bike stations across the county, particularly at suitable locations along the Dodder Greenway and are they/will they be mapped out with info accessible to the public via an app or website?

**REPLY:**

The Active Travel Team has been arranging for the installation of Bike Stations across the County as part of funding from the NTA, with expenditure at €200,000 on Bike Parking in 2022.   This has provided over 120 Bike Stands across South Dublin.

Installations have taken place across Schools/ Sports Clubs and Public Parks and there are already Bike Parking in place on the Dodder Greenway at the Weir.  This stretch will be reviewed for some more suitable bike parking along the Greenway, if needed.

It is also intended to roll out some further bike parking across the county later this year after further suitable public locations are identified.

The Active Travel Website that will go live in July 2022 and all Bike Parking locations within South Dublin County will be mapped onto existing GIS Maps.

### **Q17/0622 QUESTION: Councillor K. Mahon**

To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to re-zone unused land at Grange Castle Business Park for housing?

**REPLY:**

There are no plans to rezone land at Grange Castle Business Park for housing.

### **Q18/0622 QUESTION: Councillor D. McManus**

To ask the Chief Executive how many housing tenancies have been terminated due to rent arrears or anti-social behaviour by South Dublin County Council, and if a statement is available please?

**REPLY:**

The Council recognises that anti-social behaviour can have a very significant effect on the quality of life of our tenants and on communities.  Accordingly, we work in partnership with tenants and various other stakeholders to address such behaviour using a proactive and preventative, staged warning process to effectively manage anti-social behaviour issues as part of our responsibilities and powers under the Housing Acts 1966-2014 and enforcement for serious breaches of tenancy.   Where a tenant or members of their household continue to engage in anti-social behaviour and have not meaningfully engaged with the Council and/or changed such behaviour, the Council may, where appropriate, commence legal proceedings for repossession of a dwelling which will result in the termination of a tenancy.

Since the ending of the COVID-19 related moratorium on termination of local authority tenancies, the Council has had two cases before the district court in May 2022 in relation to anti-social behaviour.  In one case, the Council successfully secured an order for possession while the second case was adjourned until September 2022 to allow the tenant further time to seek legal representation.

The Council’s Debt Management Unit take a compassionate approach to tenants who have found themselves in Housing Rent arrears and continue to engage with tenants to assist in resolving their arrears. However, it is becoming evident that a number of tenants are refusing to engage constructively to address their arrears. SDCC currently have 998 cases at various stages within the legal process where tenants have not engaged with the Council to discharge their arrears. These cases, if not resolved in the immediate future, will result in legal proceedings for the repossession of the dwelling, once a court date has been obtained

In addition to the cases relating to anti-social behaviour, the Council has had three cases before the district court in May 2022 relating to rent arrears. In all cases, the tenants have entered into payment arrangements to discharge the arrears and therefore all cases have been adjourned until September 2022, at which point they will be revisited.

### **Q19/0622 QUESTION: Councillor D. McManus**

To ask the Chief Executive the number of housing rent accounts in arrears less than €1,000, between €1,000 & €5,000, between €5,000 and €10,000, between €10,000 and €20,000 and number of accounts in arrears greater than €20,000?

**REPLY:**

Currently there are 5,644 accounts that owe Housing Rent.

The breakdown of this debt is as follows:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Value of debt | No. of accounts |
| Less than €1,000 | 3,294 |
| Between €1,000 and €5,000 | 1,623 |
| Between €5,000 and €10,000 | 537 |
| Between €10,000 and €20,000 | 168 |
| Greater than €20,000 | 22 |
|  | 5,644 |

### **Q20/0622 QUESTION: Councillor D. McManus**

To ask the Chief Executive if consideration is being given to develop new community allotments given the waiting lists currently in place at existing allotments, and if a statement is available?

**REPLY:**

The Council initiated a review of our Allotments Policy in late 2021. This review is currently ongoing.  Part of this review is to carry out an assessment of existing provision of allotments within SDCC's administrative area. As part of the review the need for additional allotments is being considered.

### **Q21/0622 QUESTION: Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the procedure/s in place for access to each of the public parks under the care of SDCC, after closing hours, and in the event of emergency vehicle call-outs.

**REPLY:**

The Council's Public Realm Section maintains a close working relationship with both the Gardai and the fire service with regular contact taking place about many issues including access to public parks.  Access barriers to parks are all locked using a universal type lock across all locations which means that one single master key can open any of these locked gates.  Copies of this key have been left in all Garda stations and at Belgard fire station.  It must be remembered however that when an emergency response is required in a park the fire brigade unit responding may not always have a key with them and in that instance the emergency services will cut the lock to gain entry, and this will be replaced by Public Realm staff after the event.

### **Q22/0622 QUESTION:** **Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive how he plans to tackle the problem of Dog Fouling in public places across our County following confirmation that only 6 fines have been issued in the Council in the past 5 years; will he appreciate that this is of concern to many and will he make a statement?

**REPLY:**

Under [**Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997,**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1997/act/12/section/22/enacted/en/html)where faeces has been deposited by a dog in any place to which the section applies, the person in charge of the dog shall immediately remove the faeces and shall ensure that it is properly disposed of in a suitable sanitary manner.

The difficulty with enforcement of Section 22 is the requirement for witness testimony, to report that the offence happened and that an identified person is the person in charge of the dog. In the absence of such testimony, fines cannot be issued. The Council continues to encourage residents groups and/or individuals to assist the Warden Service in this regard.

SDCC have continued to raise awareness of the issue of Dog fouling and has mounted a number of campaigns on radio, newspapers and on social media in that regard.

Dog litter, if properly bagged can be disposed of in a standard litter bin. The Council provides standard type litter bins in its main parks and at the dog runs which have been provided in those parks. In total there are approximately 130 litter bins provided at parks locations in the County, this number has increased in recent years and will continue to increase as the need arises. There are a further 650 litter bins provided on streets and in villages and urban centres. Currently, dog litter stickers are being piloted on existing litter bins demonstrating that these receptacles are suitable for such litter.

Dog Litter Signage is available and requests for signage are considered on a case by case basis and signs are erected on demonstrated need. The location of the request is examined for suitability and if deemed suitable signs can be erected. If there is/are registered group(s) in existence in an area, signage may be provided directly to the group through the Social Credit Scheme with the caveat that such signage erected must have due regard for public health and safety, and must not impede visibility or restrict traffic, cycling and pedestrian flow.

The Green Dog Walkers Programme is a non-confrontational, friendly way to change people's attitudes about dog fouling.  It is a community based scheme which volunteers in the community can adopt and promote in their own area.  Members of the public can apply through Social Credits at [**www.socialcredits.ie**](http://www.socialcredits.ie/)

Volunteers who become Green Dog Walkers are provided with an armband and bone shaped bag dispenser and commit to the following -

* wear the armband or put the Green Dog Walker collar on their dog when out walking
* clean up after their dog
* carry extra dog waste bags
* be happy to be approached to lend a dog waste bag to those without
* be a friendly reminder to other dog walkers to clean up after their dogs

### **Q23/0622 QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail plans to respond to the clear need for affordable housing in the County; will he confirm contacts he has had in the matter and make a statement?

**REPLY:**

The Council has been advised by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage of a target for delivery of a total of 1,133 affordable housing units for the period 2022-2026, commencing with delivery of 60 units in 2022.  This target is for delivery by the Council of affordable purchase and cost rental homes combined through development of its own lands as well as turnkey purchase of such units and delivery through Part V.  It is based on a housing needs demand analysis carried out by DHLGH and is exclusive of delivery of affordable housing by Approved Housing Bodies, the Land Development Agency and other national shared equity schemes.

Currently planned affordable housing delivery by the Council includes the following:

* 50 affordable purchase homes to be delivered on a phased basis from 2022 to 2024 in Kilcarbery through the development agreement with the private developer. (Sales of an initial 16 affordable purchase homes in Kilcarbery are currently being progressed with prospective purchasers selected following an online application process earlier this year.)
* 372 affordable purchase homes to be delivered between 2024 to 2026 in Killinarden under the terms of the land disposal approved by the Council.
* 133 Part 8 approved cost rental apartments at Belgard Square North following completion of stage two of the construction tender process.
* 60 affordable purchase homes in the Canal Extension development area of Clonburris SDZ (currently before the Council for approval as part of a proposed mixed tenure affordable and social housing development).
* Up to 200 affordable purchase and cost rental homes in the Kishogue development area of Clonburris SDZ (currently subject of a public consultation process as part of a proposed mixed tenure affordable and social housing development).

The balance of the affordable homes to meet the delivery targets for the Council are envisaged to come from the following:

* Further development of mixed tenure developments on Council owned land within Clonburris SDZ
* Affordable purchase turnkey/direct sales arrangements with private developers including through development of privately owned lands in Clonburris SDZ
* Potential inclusion of some affordable homes in a revised masterplan for Council-owned lands at Rathcoole
* Additional affordable housing through the extended provisions of Part V

While the above delivery is projected to meet the cumulative five-year affordable housing target, the initial target of 60 affordable homes for South Dublin in 2022 is extremely unlikely to be achieved.  This target was predicated at the start of the year on the potential for up to approximately 40 affordable homes becoming available through turnkey/direct sales arrangements with private developers to complement the scheduled delivery of affordable purchase homes in the Kilcarbery development.  Unfortunately, due to the heightened housing market tensions due variously to limited supply, inflationary challenges, supply chain issues, availability of labour etc., it is now extremely unlikely that those additional homes will be available this year as both national and local expressions of interest processes have failed to yield suitable proposals.

Beyond the Council-led plans for affordable housing delivery, supports and potential additional responses for households in the County with affordability constraints include:

* Approved Housing Body delivery of cost rental homes (with 74 such homes at Kilcarbery and a further 44 in Citywest scheduled for delivery in 2022)
* Potential delivery of affordable homes by the Land Development Agency on non-Council lands.
* The national Home Affordable Purchase Shared Equity Scheme where the State takes an equity stake in eligible new First-Time-Buyer homes which will be available in due course.
* The Local Authority Home Loan; and,
* The Help to Buy scheme.

### **Q24/0622 QUESTION:** **Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive if he is working on plans to deal with the challenge of the Halloween season in October; was anything learned through the review of the 2021 activities; will he give assurances to those concerned about the cost to the Council each year and will he make a statement?

**REPLY:**

The preparation for Halloween 2022 will commence over the summer months, measures to be implemented will be very similar to those taken in recent years which appear to have resulted in a reduction in the number of bonfires and the resulting damage done to open spaces around the county.  This has been brought about by measures taken by the Council, local communities and the Gardai working together in this area.  The Council recognises the difficulties that Halloween causes for many communities through the illegal burning of waste on Halloween bonfires, the damage to local amenities, and the threat to property and local services.

In response to Halloween in recent years the Council has adopted a cross departmental approach utilising the services of Public Realm, Waste Enforcement, Environmental Awareness, Library Services, Housing and Community Services Departments to prevent damage and promote the “Safe Halloween” message. The Council's response to Halloween in 2022 will involve the following elements as it has done in other recent years:

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

**Electrical Recycling Collections for Halloween**

RecycleIT, in association with South Dublin Country Council and in partnership with WEEE Ireland has hosted a series of free door to door electrical recycling collection days in residential areas across South Dublin prior to Halloween in both 2020 and 2021.  These collection days are now annual events and help ensure hazardous electrical equipment and batteries don’t find their way onto seasonal Bonfires.  This scheme helps residents to recycle all types of electrical, electronic, and battery-operated equipment including old heaters, electronic toys, TV’s, washing machines, cookers, kettles, phones and computers, and any other item with a plug or battery (including batteries).  RecycleIT are in contact regularly with residents’ associations regarding this service and at present 3 such collections are arranged for the period prior to Halloween.

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

**Mattress Recycling**

As part of South Dublin County Council’s Mattress Amnesty 2021 the Council's social enterprise partners [RecycleIT](http://www.recycleit.ie/) collected used mattresses free of charge at various locations around the county during the month of October.  It is expected that this service will be organised to run again in 2022.  Mattresses were also accepted at the RecycleIT Facility at Crag Terrace, Clondalkin Industrial Estate, Dublin 22

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

One change that occurred in 2020 and 2021 was that due to Covid 19 restrictions the Gardai and the Council's environmental awareness staff were unable to visit schools to speak directly to students about the dangers associated with Halloween, and this led to these messages being promoted through social media.  It is hoped that these school visits will resume in person this year now that Covid 19 restrictions have been lifted.  These messages will continue to be promoted on social media as well.

Two aspects of the measures taken in recent years appear to have had a major impact on reducing bonfire activities.  These are the pre-Halloween collections of bonfire materials by Council staff, and the measures taken by local communities with the assistance of the Gardai and the Council to deter the holding of bonfires in their local areas.  These measures will be considered to determine how they can be further developed to bring about a continued reduction in the level of damage done by the holding of these bonfires.

### **Q25/0622 QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive how many Planning Applications have been received so far this year; will he give comparisons with the same period in 2020 and 2021 and make a statement?

**REPLY:**

The following are the details in relation to volume of planning applications received from January - May in the years 2020, 2021 and 2022.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Timeframe | No. Planning Applications Received |
| 1st Jan 2020 – 31st May 2020 | 308 |
| 1st Jan 2021 – 31st May 2021 | 475 |
| 1st Jan 2022 – 31st May 2022 | 407 |

### **Q26/0622 QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to report on actions being taken to ensure that all housing maintenance requests are dealt with as quickly as possible; will he provide details and make a statement?

**REPLY:**

Planned and implemented changes to our housing maintenance service delivery to enhance the quality of maintenance services provided to tenants and for properties in conjunction with the introduction of the Integrated Housing System include:

* Review and restructuring of maintenance depot staffing to:

redistribute staffing numbers across critical trades

allow introduction of new trades,

provide additional supervisory positions within the depot, and,

ensure adequate staff resources available for critical areas of demand.

(This has resulted in recent recruitment competitions for plumbing, carpentry and plastering trades in recent months with further recruitment planned in the coming months, although it should be noted that recruitment has been difficult due to the current nature of the employment market.)

* Revised area boundaries and supervisory structures based on volume of maintenance requests, housing stock numbers and profile, and tighter geographical areas to provide enhanced and more responsive local maintenance services.
* Review of contracts coming up for review to re-tender to provide more local area contracts to align with the revised supervisory structures and to similarly enhance the responsiveness to maintenance requests. (There are currently two contractors in place for each of the critical maintenance work areas (general response maintenance, electrical works, mechanical works) with one operating in each of the areas north and south of the Naas Road).
* Ongoing staff training and consultancy “health-checks” to optimise the use of the Integrated Housing System to its full potential, to track progress of maintenance requests and performance of the department and contractors in the delivery of the service and to enhance reporting to Elected Members.
* Continued optimisation of Housing Online for customers to report maintenance requests through their online accounts which will support faster allocation of work orders to staff and contractors as well as increased visibility of progress on repairs for tenants.
* Categorised, area-based reporting on housing maintenance work requests and completions through integrated housing system will commence in the coming weeks for local area committee meetings.

### **Q27/0622 QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive if taking in charge estates with green spaces is considered Council land? Report to explain what exactly taking in charge means?

**REPLY:**

The term “Taking in Charge” means that the Local Authority assumes liability and responsibility for the roads, footpaths and public areas associated with a particular estate.

**Legislative Background**

Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000(as amended) requires planning authorities to commence taking in charge procedures in relation to residential developments, finished or unfinished, where certain conditions have been met.

Roads which are taken in charge are declared public roads under Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993.

**Facilities to be taken in charge**

A condition is imposed on all development proposals to be granted permission, that before any development commences that the applicant submit a plan for the agreement of the Planning Authority that clearly delineates the part of the approved development to be offered for taking in charge, and/or, in the case of development to be controlled by a management company, that part of the approved development.

South Dublin County Council's Taking in Charge policy involves taking control of the following services and public areas associated with a particular development:

* Public roads including footpaths, street trees; margins, street furniture, underground ducting and generally the area between opposite
* Unallocated surface parking areas provided no gate or barrier has been erected
* Public Lighting
* Water Mains including sluice valves, air valves and scour valves, hydrants, associated chambers, reservoirs, treatment plants, protection zones and other sundry items;
* Foul and storm water drainage (including manholes, or other sundry items), Wastewater treatment plants and associated buffer zones, attenuation systems and outfall pipes to existing
* Public open spaces;
* Playgrounds, where these are required by condition of a planning permission as facilities for public use (not for exclusive use of development subject of permission).

And so in summary, yes, when open / green spaces are taken in charge, that space becomes the responsibility of the Council.

### **Q28/0622 QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive are there plans for a quiet time allocation in our play spaces throughout the county for children with a disability and to ask would he consider seeking out ideas/feedback on this from groups such as the Clondalkin Autism Parents Support Network -(CAPS Network) etc on how this could be achieved?

**REPLY:**

SDCC provide innovative play spaces, including sensory play areas and play trails in parks and open spaces throughout the County. SDCC supports a fully inclusive model of playground/ playspace provision. There is high usage of SDCC playgrounds, particularly during school term times and in the winter-time; when there are shorter evenings and reduction in available hours for children to play. The reduction of availability of public playspace time to a smaller section of children would not be beneficial and would be difficult to enforce. A fully inclusive model of playspace use is preferable.

Playgrounds usage varies from day to day and from school term to school holiday time, but, in general, afternoons, particularly at weekends tend to show highest usage. However, in some parks, peak playground usage can extend from mid-morning to late afternoon. Playgrounds connected to the larger parks: Tymon, Griffeen and Corkagh Parks also tend to be busier.

Usage information is available on open data sources at the following links for the larger playspaces:

Griffeen Valley Park Playground: [link](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2Fmaps%2Fplace%2FPlayground%2BGriffeen%2BValley%2BPark%2F%4053.3465627%2C-6.4383715%2C15z%2Fdata%3D!4m5!3m4!1s0x0%3A0xdb84a5cc27045f00!8m2!3d53.3465627!4d-6.4383715&amp;data=05%7C01%7Ctwalsh%40SDUBLINCOCO.ie%7C74c1b88a9a7949ac86ea08da454d94f1%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C637898496755602099%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&amp;sdata=xU6xBHs%2Fo6tG68C4k4LbWDHUx6rrnn3D64Y3segWuL4%3D&amp;reserved=0)

Corkagh Park Playground : [link](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2Fmaps%2Fplace%2FCorkagh%2BPark%2F%4053.3131793%2C-6.418684%2C17z%2Fdata%3D!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x48670c4651ff03d7%3A0x753bea8f5588386b!8m2!3d53.3131793!4d-6.41649&amp;data=05%7C01%7Ctwalsh%40SDUBLINCOCO.ie%7C74c1b88a9a7949ac86ea08da454d94f1%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C637898496755602099%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&amp;sdata=UCglgxzLvEQDJQCDAh5CFEcI8Itnc2YYHtlVBsRel%2Bs%3D&amp;reserved=0)

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### **H7/0622 DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE MADE PUBLIC ROADS - FOR APPROVAL**

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

### **H8a/0622 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES/SITES - FOR APPROVAL**

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

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

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| ADDRESS | LESSEE(S) | PURCHASE PRICE |
| 125 Limekiln Road, Walkinstown, Dublin 12 | Kelly Marie O’Sullivan and David Andrew McAuley | €284.53 |

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

**Daniel McLoughlin**

**Chief Executive**

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

“That proposed disposal of fee simple in 125 Limekiln Road, Walkinstown, Dublin 12 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

### **H8b/0622 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES/SITES - FOR APPROVAL**

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

**GC 21 Disposal of site comprising 0.14 acres at Grange Castle**

**Business Park to Gas Networks Ireland**

Gas Networks Ireland (GNI) have developed an Above Ground Installation (AGI) gas pressure reducing station on lands within Grange Castle Business Park to serve the supply needs of businesses located within the Park and adjacent areas. In order to cater for increased demand, GNI propose to further develop the AGI in the Business Park and in this regard have made an application to acquire a further area of lands in Council ownership adjacent to their existing site as identified outlined in red on Drawing No. 02\_028D\_9165 and comprising 0.14 acres or thereabouts. The extension of the AGI station within the Park will be of benefit to existing and potential clients of Grange Castle Business Park as it will cater for future increases of Natural Gas supply demands.

I recommend that subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 and in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 that the Council dispose of the site to Gas Networks Ireland subject to the following terms and conditions:-

1. That the lands being disposed of comprise approximately 0.14 acres (0.0564 hectares) or thereabouts. The precise boundaries have yet to be established. A formal disposal map shall be prepared in due course by the Council for inclusion with the legal documents but in the interim a draft plan for identification purposes, Drawing No. 02\_028D\_9165 is annexed showing the site outlined in red.
2. That the lands be disposed of by way of a 999-year lease comprising of approximately 0.14 acres (0.0564 hectares) based on the sum of €600,000 (six hundred thousand euro) per acre (the "Purchase Price''), payable, as to the amounts described at (a), (b) and (c) below:-
3. 10% of the Purchase Price on signing and exchange of a Contract for Sale/an Agreement for Lease in respect of the site. Such amount to be refunded if the terms and conditions of the disposal have not been satisfied.
4. 80% of the Purchase Price on the date of entry into the Agreement for Lease for the purpose of commencing construction works on foot of the final grant of planning permission (provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, Gas Networks Ireland shall be entitled to carry out due diligence and engineering analysis activities (including, but not limited to geotechnical analysis and studies, soils testing, water analysis, site borings, environmental assessments, etc.) prior to the payment of this sum in accordance with any building licence to that effect as described in Term No. 5.
5. The remaining 10% of the Purchase Price on the grant of the Master Lease which shall occur at the time and in the manner set out in Term No. 10 below.

The Council shall be entitled to charge interest at a rate of eight per cent (8%) per annum on any outstanding sums in the event of failure by Gas Networks Ireland to pay the foregoing sums on the above dates. This interest rate penalty shall be calculated on a daily basis for any period of time deposits are outstanding without cause.

1. That the extension to the above ground natural gas installation and associated works is to be carried out in compliance with relevant planning permission Reg Ref SD22A/0006. Gas Networks Ireland shall forward to the Council within three months of the date of final grant of planning permission, and in any event, no later than one month prior to Gas Networks Ireland commencing works on foot of the final grant of planning permission, a copy of the outline building programme for such works describing the key construction milestones.
2. That if the construction works (meaning site preparation and shell and core construction) have not commenced within nine months of the date of final grant of planning permission for the development, or such later date as may be agreed in writing with South Dublin County Council; or (ii) if shell and core construction works are not substantially completed in accordance with the final grant of planning permission within thirty (30) months from the date of commencement of such works, then either party may by written notification on the other rescind the Agreement for Lease/Contract for Sale.
3. That the Council shall enter into an Agreement for Lease or Contract for Sale in respect of the sale of the site to Gas Networks Ireland (by way of grant of the Master Lease), based on and to give effect to these heads of terms, and which agreement/contract shall contain a licence authorising Gas Networks Ireland to enter into the site from the date thereof prior to the grant of the Master Lease, to carry out due diligence and site analysis (including, but not limited to geotechnical analysis and studies, soils testing, water analysis, site borings, environmental assessments, etc.) prior to the grant of final planning permission, and after the issue of such permission, to construct the extension to the above ground natural gas installation . The agreement/contract shall contain further reasonable obligations upon Gas Networks Ireland with respect to that construction to ensure the satisfactory completion of the approved development on the site.
4. Gas Networks Ireland will be responsible for all planning levies and contributions payable in accordance with the Council's Development Contribution Scheme made under the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and agrees not to exercise any right to appeal against the financial contributions. The contributions under the Scheme are payable prior to entry on to the site or as otherwise agreed by the Council. Gas Networks Ireland must satisfy themselves as to the capacity of all services to service the proposed development.
5. That all site investigations (including archaeological investigations, groundworks, overhead and underground cable diversions, demolitions/site clearance/septic site removal (such works are subject to regulations and to obtaining the relevant statutory licences), services connections, development and associated costs incurred in the delivery of the entire completed development shall be borne by Gas Networks Ireland.
6. That Gas Networks Ireland shall undertake not to use the site for any purposes other than that of carrying out the proposed development, i.e., extension to above ground installation, ancillary services and site works which contain its substantial operations and subject to the terms of the "Master Lease" (see term no. 10 below). All buildings shall be occupied by Gas Networks Ireland or their tenants, agents, employees, invitees and/or assigns in accordance with the terms of the Master Lease.
7. That Gas Networks Ireland shall build nothing (except with the prior written approval of the Council) on the site except the buildings shown on the approved drawings and for which planning permission has been granted, as outlined in Term No. 3. Full 'as constructed' drawings shall be appended to the Master Lease. A Maintenance Plan for the external areas and buildings shall be submitted to the Council.
   1. That as soon as building works have reached eaves level (in other words the "topping-out" phase of construction, meaning that all foundations are in place, the structural system is erected and inspected, and the building is weather-tight with roof complete) in accordance with relevant planning permission(s) in the development on the site, and if the works have been carried out to the satisfaction of the Council's Consultant Engineers acting reasonably, the Council will grant Gas Networks Ireland a lease of that site. The lease shall be for a term of 999 years (commencing from a date to be agreed upon, but no earlier than the date of Practical Completion of the buildings thereon) subject to a rent of €500.00 per annum (exclusive of rates, taxes, and outgoings in respect of the site). The Council's Solicitors shall draft the lease for approval by Gas Networks Ireland's solicitors. The lease granted shall be known as the "Master Lease". The Master Lease shall provide that the lessee shall become a member of the management company for the Business Park and shall pay the annual service charge described in accordance with the provisions of the Master Lease and appendices thereto.
8. That the Agreement to Lease or Contract for Sale is not to operate as a lease and it shall not be transferable save in the case of a financial institution of good standing which has entered into a mortgage with Gas Networks Ireland specifically for the purposes of financing Gas Networks Ireland to undertake the development of the site.
9. That South Dublin County Council reserves the right, only to be exercised by the Council acting reasonably, to re-enter on the site and resume possession thereof should Gas Networks Ireland fail to commence and complete the buildings within the period specified at Term No. 4 above or in the event of the dissolution, receivership or liquidation of Gas Networks Ireland save in the case where a financial institution which has entered into a mortgage with Gas Networks Ireland for the purposes of financing the development of the site and enforces its security against the site. South Dublin County Council shall provide written notice of any intent to exercise this right and offer a 30-day cure period for rectification of any default on Gas Networks Ireland part, including use of mediation/arbitration, or similar third-party intercession.
10. That during the building period and pending the grant of the Master Lease, Gas Networks Ireland will provide all reasonably required evidence of the all risks, public liability and employer's liability insurance cover maintained by Gas Networks Ireland for the construction period. It is acknowledged that following completion of the construction of the extension to the above ground natural gas installation, the building and all insurable risks associated therewith will be included in Gas Networks Ireland insurance policy. All insurance will be subject to the approval of the Council's insurance advisors, acting reasonably.

The insurance shall contain an indemnity to principal's clause and will be for such an amount as will provide cover for the full reinstatement value of so much of the building as is erected at any time together with a sum for professional fees and removal of debris charges.

Gas Networks Ireland shall also indemnify South Dublin County Council against any claim for compensation which might/may be made by any party arising out of building works being carried out on the site, or any working areas or on any access points thereto.

1. That the Council is and shall be carrying out extensive construction projects in the Business Park. Both parties shall use their reasonable endeavours to ensure that any interaction between respective contractors employed to carry out any works including, but not limited to building or road works, is carried out in an open and transparent manner with engineers and liaison officers, such as to ensure that no additional contract costs accrue to either party.
2. That no uncovered outdoor storage shall be permitted on the subject lands. All processing, packing, waste disposal or recycling and such like operations shall be carried out within suitable structures or equipment such as compactors located on the premises in accordance with any statutory regulations or requirements in that regard.
3. That all car and commercial vehicle parking areas, loading areas and service areas must be suitably landscaped and screened from public view. In this regard Gas Networks Ireland shall carry out costs of such boundary and landscape treatment works as the Council may reasonably require, bearing in mind the nature of the Park and provided that such works are not substantially more than required of any other occupiers of the Park during construction. Such works may, only where reasonable, be in addition to similar works required under a planning permission for development of the subject lands. Gas Networks Ireland shall submit a copy of its landscaping and security plan to the Council's Development Department prior to the grant of the Master Lease for approval.
4. That each party shall be responsible for their own professional (i.e., legal, engineering, architects, and other required consultants) fees in this case.
5. That Gas Networks Ireland shall pay any V.A.T., stamp duty or taxes arising at any stage in this transaction (except where any lawful exemption or relief therefore applies), including on the creation of a Building Licence (if any), an Agreement to Lease or Contract for Sale, and a Master Lease.
6. That the Council's Solicitor shall draft the agreements, contracts and leases and may include further reasonable terms and conditions as deemed appropriate to give effect to the heads of terms set out herein, including provision for use of an expert or arbitrator process to settle any disputes arising, as appropriate, in order to achieve a reasonable balance in the protection of the parties' respective interests in the matter. In the case of disputes concerning final measurement and valuation of the site for the purposes of calculating the purchase price, an arbitration clause shall refer to the appointment of a Chartered Valuation Surveyor to act as arbitrator. This person to be appointed by agreement of the parties or in default of agreement to be appointed by the President of the Society of Chartered Surveyors in the Republic of Ireland. The costs of any arbitration to be borne equally by the parties.
7. That Gas Networks Ireland shall satisfy South Dublin County Council (acting reasonably) prior to exchange of the Agreement for Lease/Contract for sale, that sufficient funds are available for the payment of the sums set out in Term No. 2 above, and prior to commencement of construction or the relevant phase thereof as appropriate.
8. That the above proposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents being obtained in order to allow full construction activities.
9. That no agreement enforceable at law is created or is intended to be created until an exchange of contracts has taken place.

The lands being disposed of form part of lands acquired from Bernard Murphy in 1980 for housing, industry and amenity purposes.

**Daniel McLoughlin**

**Chief Executive**

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

“That the proposed disposal of site comprising 0.14 acres at Grange Castle Business Park to Gas Networks Ireland be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

### **H8c/0622 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES/SITES - FOR APPROVAL**

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

**LD 1073 Proposed disposal of plot of land to rear 14 Bawnlea Crescent, Tallaght, Dublin 24**

Eucharia and Michael Daly have applied to purchase a plot of Council owned land to the rear of their dwelling at 14 Bawnlea Crescent to incorporate into their garden.

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

Accordingly, I now recommend that the Council disposes of its interest in the plot of land measuring 0.0083 hectares (83 square metres) or thereabouts to the rear of 14 Bawnlea Crescent, Jobstown, Tallaght as outlined in red on the attached Drawing No. LR/16/21 to Eucharia and Michael Daly in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 subject to the following terms and conditions as recommended by the Council Valuer:-

1. That the subject plot comprises an area of 83 sq. metres or thereabouts as shown outlined in red on the attached Drawing No. LR/16/21.
2. That the Council disposes of the subject plot for the consideration of €10,000 (ten thousand euro) plus VAT (if applicable).
3. That wayleave over portion of the plot as coloured yellow on Drawing No. LR/16/21 is retained to access foul sewer services that exist thereon. No construction works of any kind are permitted on the wayleave area.
4. That the land is disposed of with full freehold title and vacant possession.
5. That the Applicants hold the freehold or equivalent interest in 14 Bawnlea Crescent.
6. That the Applicants incorporate the area and any boundary feature constructed shall be in accordance with the Planning & Development and the Building Control legislation. The new boundary wall should be robust concrete block and match that adjacent.
7. That due care and diligence is taken to ensure that there is no damage to Public Lighting services which run contiguous to the proposed disposal site. The Applicants will be responsible for payment of the Council’s full costs to rectify any damage caused. (The Council’s Electrical Inspector is available to meet on site to advise and indicate to Applicants where potential dangers exist).
8. That the Applicants are responsible for any VAT and stamp duty liability associated with this disposal.
9. That the Applicants pay the Council Valuer fee of €800 (eight hundred euro) plus VAT.
10. That the Applicants have agreed to pay a contribution of €1,500 (one thousand five hundred euro) towards the Council’s legal fees and outlays.
11. That the Applicants are responsible for any VAT and stamp duty liability associated with the disposal.
12. That in the event of any name change to Applicants prior to formal completion of the legal transfer, the Applicants must provide documentary evidence to the Council proving that the new named party is one and the same as the named Applicants heretofore to enable the transfer to complete.
13. That each party shall use their best endeavours to complete the transaction within a reasonable timeframe following adoption of the disposal resolution.
14. That the Law Agent shall draft the necessary legal agreements and shall include any further terms deemed appropriate in Agreements of this nature.
15. That no contract enforceable at Law is created or intended to be created until such time as contracts have been exchanged.
16. That the disposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents being obtained.

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

**Daniel McLoughlin**

**Chief Executive**

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

“That the proposed disposal of plot of land to rear 14 Bawnlea Crescent, Tallaght, Dublin 24 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

### **H8d/0622 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES/SITES - FOR APPROVAL**

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

**LD 1564 Proposed disposal of substation site to the Electricity Supply Board (ESB) - 68 Nangor Mill, Nangor Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 to facilitate power supply to Nangor Road social housing development**

Following Part 8 approval, construction is under way on 93 new social homes on Council site at Nangor Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 – Folio DN1120F refers.

In order to service the site with an electrical connection, the ESB have made an application to acquire the freehold interest in a plot of land to build a substation thereon. The subject plot is outlined in red on attached Drawing No. LR-ASD-2022-18015-01. Access to ESB cables will be facilitated by newly constructed paths and roads which will be Taken in Charge by the Council.

Accordingly, I recommend that South Dublin County Council disposes of its freehold interest in the plot of land outlined in red on Drawing No. LR-ASD-2022-18015-01 to the ESB in accordance with Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 subject to the following terms and conditions: -

1. That the Council dispose of its freehold interest in the plot of land outlined in red, comprising of approximately 9.01 square metres or thereabouts, on Drawing No. LR-ASD-2022-18015-01.
2. That the total consideration shall be the sum of €1 (one euro)plus VAT (if applicable). The consideration figure is exclusive of accommodation works, fees and reinstatement costs.
3. That there should be no building within 3 metres of Irish Water/Water Services Infrastructure.
4. That the ESB shall have access to inspect, repair, and maintain the underground cables.  They shall provide satisfactory advance written notice to the Council of any intended works to the cables and shall complete reinstatement works to the satisfaction of Council.
5. That the works are carried out in an efficient and reasonable timeframe once entry is made on site. All works to be carried out with minimum disruption to the Council and members of the public. All works and work procedures shall comply with Health and Safety regulations.
6. That the ESB shall pay a contribution in respect of the Council’s legal fees.
7. That in the event of any name change to Applicant prior to formal completion of the legal transfer, the Applicant must provide documentary evidence to the Council proving that the new named party is one and the same as the named Applicant heretofore to enable the transfer to complete.
8. That each party shall use their best endeavours to complete the transaction within a reasonable timeframe following adoption of the disposal resolution.
9. That the Law Agent shall draft the necessary documents and include any further terms deemed appropriate in Agreements of this nature.
10. That no contract enforceable at law is created or intended to be created until such time as contracts have been exchanged.
11. That the disposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents being obtained.

The lands being disposed of form part of the lands acquired by CPO from Daniel and Johanna Moynihan in 1974 for housing and open space purposes.

**Daniel McLoughlin**

**Chief Executive**

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

“That the proposed disposal of substation site to the Electricity Supply Board (ESB) - 68 Nangor Mill, Nangor Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 to facilitate power supply to Nangor Road social housing development be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

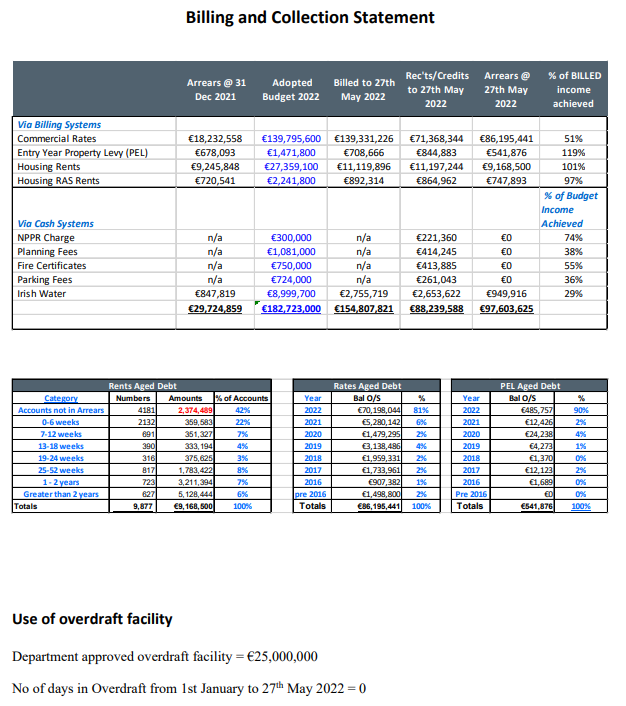
**H9/0622 MANAGERS REPORT** - **FOR NOTING**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Mr. D. Mc Loughlin, Chief Executive, referencing the current situation regarding assistance for Ukrainian refugees informing that the City West Hotel has been designated as a reception and accommodation centre. The reports were **CONSIDERED:**

[HI 9 a) Chief Executive's Monthly Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=75430)

[HI 9 b) Statistics Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=75465)

[HI 9 c) Finance Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=75354)



A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors P. Kavanagh, A. Edge, F. Timmons, E Ó Broin, C. Bailey, Y. Collins, A. Hayes, D. McManus, D. Ó Brádaigh, S. Moynihan, C. O’Connor, M. Johansson. Councillors commended management, staff, and volunteers for their work on the Community Response forum for Ukrainian refugees. Queries were raised regarding further facilities for Ukrainian refugees and homeless hubs, private rental inspections, relet, planned maintenance and energy efficiency retrofit of Council properties, the wetlands programme, Adamstown Boulevard, and residential land tax.

Mr. D. McLoughlin, Chief Executive, responded to Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

### **H10/0622 PART 8 PLANNING - FONTHILL ROAD TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION SCHEME – FOR APPROVAL**

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

[H10 CE Report Fonthill](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=75496)  
[H10 Presentation Fonthill Group Housing Part 8](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=75492)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors P. Kavanagh, C. King, S. Moynihan, M. Johansson, D. Ó Brádaigh, E. Ó Broin, and W. Carey. Councillors spoke in support of the development and commend the management and staff on the consultation process, queries were raised in relation to the proposed road safety audit survey.

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

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

“That this Council **APPROVES** the proposed development of Traveller accommodation comprising seven group houses and all necessary associated works on undeveloped lands at Fonthill Road, Co. Dublin, it being in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.”

### **H11/0622 PART 8 CLONBURRIS/ASHWOOD SOCIAL & AFFORDABLE HOUSING - FOR APPROVAL**

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

[H11 CE Report Canal Extension Part 8](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=75495)  
[H11 Presentation Canal Extension Part 8](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=75432)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors C. King and W. Carey.

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor W. Carey and seconded by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh.

“Page 13: Reconfigured Block D

Replace:  In addition, the most south-western unit has been reconfigured to ensure a gable wall with no windows faces directly on to the rear gardens of Ashwood Drive.

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In addition, to replace the proposed house immediately behind No.1 Ashwood Drive with a bungalow style dwelling due to the close proximity to this address and to overcome the overwhelming nature of a blank gable wall being placed directly in line with this house.”

The following amendment was then proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor K. Egan:

‘’That this council only proceed with the playspace nearest the current Ashwood estate after agreement with local councillors and current residents and that a full discussion between Reps from Residents and local elected councillors about the type of playspace most suitable for this area takes place and is agreed. And that this amendment is added into the final PART 8 for CLONBURRIS/ASHWOOD SOCIAL & AFFORDABLE HOUSING ‘’

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors C. Bailey, E. Ó Broin, A. Edge, L. Dunne, L. Sinclair, J. Tuffy, M. Johansson, C. King, P. Gogarty, S. Moynihan, B. Lawlor, P. Kearns, D. Ó Brádaigh, E. Murphy, G. O’Connell, K. Mahon, and M. Duff.

Councillor L. Sinclair proposed the following amendment to Councillor F. Timmons amendment:

“That this council only proceed with the playspace nearest the current Ashwood estate after a full discussion between Reps from Residents and local elected councillor’s about the type of playspace most suitable for this area takes place and is agreed. And that this amendment is added into the final PART 8 for CLONBURRIS/ASHWOOD SOCIAL & AFFORDABLE HOUSING”

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors L. Sinclair, J. Tuffy, T. Costello and P. Kavanagh.

The Mayor, Councillor P. Kavanagh informed the Members that Councillors F. Timmons and Councillor L. Sinclair amendment were out of order as the amendment already formed part of the report.

Mr. C. Ward, Director of Housing, Social and Community Development responded to the Members queries. Mr. M. Mulhern, Director of Land Use, Planning and Transportation informed the Members of the regulations of the SDZ and that Councillor W. Carey’s amendment requires a material alteration to the Part 8. The amendment was deemed out of order.

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor W. Carey and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons

  Page 13: Reconfigured Block D

Replace:  In addition, the most south-western unit has been reconfigured to ensure a gable wall with no windows faces directly on to the rear gardens of Ashwood Drive.

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In addition, reconfigure the alignment of the house at rear of 1 Ashwood Drive in order to increase the distance from this property line.

Councillor W. Carey spoke to the amendment.

The amendment was **AGREED**.

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

“That this Council **APPROVES** the proposed development of 116 social and affordable homes on undeveloped lands at Bawnogue Road, within the Canal Extension development area in Clonburris Strategic Development Zone, it being in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.”

### **H12/0622 €300K HAVE YOUR SAY SHORTLISTED PROJECTS – RATHFARNHAM/TEMPLEOGUE ELECTORAL AREA – FOR APPROVAL**

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

**REPLY:**

Following the launch of the €300K Have Your Say initiative for Rathfarnham – Templeogue LEA on Wednesday 6th April in Ballyroan Library, a series of online and in-person workshops were held and a promotional communications campaign took place between 6th April and 6th May, the close of the submission period.

The communications around the initiative during this period focused first on promoting the workshops and then on obtaining idea submissions from the public through the €300k Have Your Say website. This was done through social media, local press and leaflets delivered to households and local businesses in the area advertising the initiative. The Council’s community team also reached out to local groups and the Public Participation Network during this time.

By the close of the submissions period on 6th May with the Council had received 249 project submissions from the public, the highest amount ever received for €300k Have Your Say. Each submission was assessed under the agreed criteria by the Executive team and considered by the Steering Group. The following is the agreed criteria for assessing the suitability of projects:

* A project that would benefit a significant number of people living in their community
* A project that is achievable within the maximum €300,000 allocation and without significant maintenance costs thereafter
* A project that is deliverable in 2022
* A project that is not already planned for by the Council within an existing programme of work
* A project that is within the remit of the Council and is not the responsibility of another government department or public body
* Is not project that would be considered for funding through an existing grant scheme, such as the Council’s Community Grants Scheme
* On land that is in public ownership and is not on private property? Land must be in public ownership.
* A project that is within the Tallaght Central Electoral area
* The purchase of vehicles is excluded from this initiative

The resulting shortlist of projects has been finalised through this process and is being recommended by the Participatory Budgeting Steering Group for approval to the June Council meeting.

Following approval by the Council, the Public Vote stage will go live immediately for a two-week period from June 13th to midnight 26th June. Arrangements will be made to hold a paper-based vote on Thursday 23rd June in suitable locations in the LEA.  The winners of the public vote will be announced at an event on the evening of 30th June.

Everyone who submitted an idea will be contacted and advised whether their idea was successfully listed for the public vote. Those whose ideas had to be eliminated will be provided with an explanation of the reason why their idea did not meet the criteria.

[H12 Shortlist for Public Vote Rathfarnham - Templeogue](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=75479)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors Y. Collins, C. Bailey, D. McManus, and P. Kavanagh who commended the steering group. Members requested details of venues, times and dates for voting be issued, manner of voting and if those under 18 could vote.

Ms. Lorna Maxwell, Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management responded to Members queries.

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

### “That €300k have your say shortlisted projects for Rathfarnham/Templeogue electoral area be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED”**

### **H14/0622 COMMUNITY GRANTS – FOR NOTING**

### 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 were **CONSIDERED**:

**REPLY:**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS OR NOTING**

Community Development reopened for applications on 19th April 2022 on a rolling online application process whereby community and voluntary groups responding to locally identified needs within their communities could apply for assistance from the Council under the following categories:

* Community Development Grants
* Community Events Funding
* Summer Projects Funding

49 Applications have been received since 19th April,2022 and these underwent a thorough assessment by the Community Development Team under the following criteria:

* Impact on local community and local community involvement.
* Proven track record of project delivery and non-duplication of activities in the local area.
* Sustainable & value for money projects with clear/accurate costings.
* Existing funds available to the group/alternative funding sources.

Following this assessment process and having regard to the available budget 32 grants totalling €69,635 have been approved for 28 local groups summarised as follows:

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| **Category** | **No.** | **Amount** |
| Community Development Grants | 6 | €7,250 |
| Community Events Funding | 8 | €16,985 |
| Summer Projects Funding | 18 | €45,400 |
| **Total** | **32** | **€69,635** |

The final list of approved grants together with their respective approved grant amounts for noting by the Members is as follows:

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| **Name of Group** | **Funding Category** | **Amount** |
| South Dublin Community Facilities CLG | Community Development Grant | €4,750 |
| The Firhouse Singers | Community Development Grant | €500 |
| Knocklyon Men's Shed | Community Development Grant | €500 |
| Fforster Estate Residents Group Lucan | Community Development Grant | €500 |
| Cypress Residents' Association | Community Development Grant | €500 |
| Church Lane Residents Association | Community Development Grant | €500 |
| Lucan St. Patrick's Day Committee | Community Events Funding | €4,000 |
| St. Pius Summer Project | Community Events Funding | €3,000 |
| St Mary's GFC | Community Events Funding | €2,785 |
| Glenasmole Community Association | Community Events Funding | €2,000 |
| Adamstown Youth and Community Centre | Community Events Funding | €2,000 |
| St. Patrick's GAA Club | Community Events Funding | €1,500 |
| Cypress Residents' Association | Community Events Funding | €1,000 |
| North Clondalkin Community Safety Programme | Community Events Funding | €700 |
| Sensory Fun with Friends | Summer Project Funding | €5,000 |
| The WEB Project | Summer Project Funding | €4,500 |
| Killinarden Community Council | Summer Project Funding | €4,000 |
| Kilnamanagh Family Recreation Centre | Summer Project Funding | €3,000 |
| Fettercairn Community and Youth Centre | Summer Project Funding | €3,000 |
| The Park Community Centre | Summer Project Funding | €2,500 |
| Holy Spirit Summer Project | Summer Project Funding | €2,500 |
| Citywise Education | Summer Project Funding | €2,500 |
| Ballyboden Whitechurch Summer Programme | Summer Project Funding | €2,500 |
| Tallaght Travellers Youth Service | Summer Project Funding | €2,000 |
| Social Circle | Summer Project Funding | €2,000 |
| Crosscare | Summer Project x 3 | €6,000 |
| Foróige Stay Project | Summer Project Funding | €1,800 |
| Lucan Youth Fun | Summer Project Funding | €1,500 |
| Crosscare | Summer Project Funding | €1,500 |
| Killinarden Family Resource Centre | Summer Project Funding | €1,100 |

In addition, the Members should note that the South Dublin Local Community Development Committee have approved significant funding for local groups through the Department of Rural and Community Development's Community Activities Fund (CAF) this year.  CAF provided funding support to community groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas, for:

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

Funding totalling **€338,796.84**was approved under the CAF for the following groups:

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| **Organisation** | **Amount** |
| Fettercairn Youth Horse Project | €35,500.00 |
| Quarryvale Family Resource Centre | €23,036.75 |
| Killinarden Community Council | €18,573.18 |
| South Dublin Community Facilities CLG | €17,604.00 |
| Fettercairn Community and Youth Centre | €16,296.47 |
| Fettercairn Community Enterprise Company Ltd. | €16,000.00 |
| Croi Ro Naofa GAA Club | €15,000.00 |
| New Hope Residential Centre | €12,000.00 |
| Bawnogue Youth and Community Centre | €11,060.00 |
| Quarryvale Community and Leisure Centre | €10,489.96 |
| Dublin Simon Community | €10,200.00 |
| Neilstown  Community Centre | €10,000.00 |
| Clondalkin Leisure Centre | €10,000.00 |
| Jobstown Community & Youth Centre | €9,500.00 |
| Clondalkin Equine Club | €8,932.28 |
| Whitechurch Community and Youth Centre | €8,800.00 |
| Ronanstown Youth Service | €8,300.00 |
| Sacred Heart FC | €6,560.00 |
| Youth Horizons | €5,000.00 |
| Clondalkin Centre for the Unemployed CLG T/a CEEDS | €5,000.00 |
| St. Marks Youth Club | €5,000.00 |
| Tallaght Martial Arts | €5,000.00 |
| Brookfield  Community Centre | €5,000.00 |
| ReCreate Ireland | €5,000.00 |
| Sensory Fun with Friends | €4,920.00 |
| ACE Enterprise Park | €4,861.00 |
| South Dublin Taekwondo | €4,500.00 |
| Bush Centre | €4,000.00 |
| The WEB Project | €3,500.00 |
| Clondalkin Adult Morning Education (CAME) | €2,720.00 |
| Killinarden Family Resource Centre | €2,630.00 |
| Rathcoole Boys FC | €2,300.00 |
| Tallaght Travellers Youth Service | €2,000.00 |
| St. Dominic's Community Response Project CLG | €2,000.00 |
| Ronanstown Women's Community Development Project | €2,000.00 |
| North Clondalkin Community Safety Programme | €2,000.00 |
| Dominics Community Centre Ltd. | €1,804.40 |
| Archways | €1,800.00 |
| St. Joseph's Pipe Band | €1,521.25 |
| Kingswood Community and Leisure Centre | €1,500.00 |
| Rathcoole Baton Twirlers | €1,440.00 |
| Tallaght Community Council | €1,350.00 |
| The Park Community Centre | €1,055.55 |
| Citywise Education | €1,000.00 |
| Tallaght Athletic Club | €1,000.00 |
| An Cosan | €1,000.00 |
| Knocklyon Men's Shed | €1,000.00 |
| Clondalkin Camera Club | €1,000.00 |
| St. Kevin's Family Resource Centre | €1,000.00 |
| Women Together Tallaght Network | €996.00 |
| St Kevins KIllians GAA Club | €950.00 |
| Tallaght Bridge Club | €900.00 |
| Dominic's Active Men's Social | €900.00 |
| WADO Martial Arts Ireland ( WMAI) | €750.00 |
| Clondalkin Women's Network | €729.00 |
| Firhouse Men's Shed | €517.00 |
| Sruleen Community Development Association | €500.00 |
| Retired Active Men's Social (RAMs) | €500.00 |
| From Lads to Dads | €300.00 |
| **Total** | **€338,796.84** |

### A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors C. O’Connor, C. King, P. Kavanagh, and E. Murphy. Queries were raised regarding the funding of Fettercairn Youth Horse project and the Dublin Simon Community.

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

### The Report was **NOTED**.

### **H15/0622 COMMUNITY CENTRE DEVELOPMENTS - FOR NOTING**

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

**a) NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY CENTRE UPGRADE AND EXTENSION**

**b) NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE IN CITY WEST**

**c) ORCHARD LODGE**

[H15 Community Centre Development Updates](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=75431)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillor F. Timmons, K. Mahon, L. Dunne, E. Ó Broin, M. Johansson, W. Carey, C. O’Connor, and B. Pereppadan. Members welcomed the report and raised queries regarding size of the City West Centre, location and ownership of the Newcastle Center and facilities in the Orchard Lodge Centre.

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

The Report was **NOTED**.

In accordance with **Standing Order No.22** it was **AGREED** with the consent of the Members to vary the sequence of business and to take **C1/0622** next.

### **C1/0622 CORRESPONDENCE - NOTED**

**Replies**

1. [Reply from Minister for Justice re. Operation Encompass](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=75347)

**Acknowledgements**

1. [Acknowledgement from Minister for Justice re. General Maintenance Collection Agency](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=75348)
2. [Acknowledgement from Minister for Social Protection re. General Maintenance Collection Agency](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=75349)
3. [Acknowledgement from Minister for Social Protection re. Pilot Scheme for Artists with Disabilities](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=75351)
4. [Acknowledgement from Minister for Social Protection re. Pilot Scheme for Artists with Disabilities](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=75350)

**Correspondence**

[(f) Correspondence from Cavan County Council re. Cutting and Sale of Turf](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=75333)

At this point tin the meeting the Mayor, Councillor P. Kavanagh proposed and the Members AGREED to suspend Standing Orders if required for questions and answers on Headed Item 16 (**H16**).

### **H16/0622 COMMENCEMENT OF CONSULTATION PROCESS ON SOUTH DUBLIN TOURISM STRATEGY 2022 – 2026 – FOR NOTING**

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

[H16 Tourism Strategy Consultation Process](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=75418)

A discussion followed by contributions from Councillors C. O’Connor, T. Costello, K. Mahon, E. Ó Broin, L. Hagin Meade, M. Duff, S. Moynihan, Y. Collins, A. Edge, F. Timmons, and P. Kavanagh. Members welcomed the report and queried signage to facilities, 9th Lock, the Dublin Mountain project, hotels in the County and involvement of local tour guides.

### Mr. J. Frehill, Director of Economic Enterprise, and Tourism Development responded to the Members queries.

The Report was **NOTED**.

Meeting finished @7:15pm

### **Motions Not Reached**

### **(M1) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNCIL STAFF**

### **Councillor Peter Kavanagh**

This County Council agrees a vote of thanks to the staff of South Dublin County Council for their hard work and dedication, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **(M2)** [**COST OF LIVING**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=74940)

### **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.

### **(M3)** [**IRISH NEUTRALITY**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=74942)

### **Councillor L. Donaghy**

That this Council confirms its pride in, and continued support for, Ireland's traditional policy of military neutrality, and writes to the Taoiseach to declare these views.

### **(M4)** [**DECRIMINALISATION OF DRUG USE**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=74943)

### **Councillor F. Timmons**

That this Council supports the decriminalisation of drug use, meaning that people will no longer be made criminals simply because of their use of a drug: that people's drug use should be dealt with as a public health issue rather than as a criminal issue and that the resources currently used to process the 72% of drug convictions that are for personal possession should be redirected to treatment and support services and to more effective policing of the drugs trade. We commit to sending this motion to the Minister for Justice and the Minister of State for Public Health, Wellbeing and the National Drugs Strategy for their consideration and response.

### **(M5)** [**CARBON TAX**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=74944)

### **Councillor K. Mahon**

An increase on Carbon Taxes of €7.50 was announced in Budget 2022, from €33.50 to €41.00 per tonne of carbon dioxide emitted. The increase applies from 13 October 2021 for auto fuels and 1 May 2022 for all other fuels and is set to rise to €100 per tonne emitted by 2030.  The carbon Tax is not tackling the environmental damage caused by the producers and profiteers of fossil fuel emissions, including the approximate 14 Data Centres, and major pharmaceutical companies listed in the South Dublin County Council area. It is another tax on workers and energy that hits the poorest and those on limited incomes hardest and is exacerbating the cost-of-living crisis. It represents the opposite of a “just transition”.

This council calls for the scrapping of the carbon tax increases due from May 2022 and the reversal of 2021 increases. We call for immediate direct taxation of a national or local variety on big polluters, the implementation of increased price controls on energy for households, and a rapid shift to renewable energies under public ownership and communicates this motion to the Minister for Environment, Climate, Communication Transport, and The Minister for Local Government and Heritage.

### **(M6)** [**BOARDED UP/DERELICT HOUSES**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=74946)

### **Councillor P. Holohan**

This Council calls on central government to make the funding available ASAP to complete the necessary works on all boarded up/derelict houses owned by SDCC returning them to Council stock. Considering the emergency housing crisis the country finds itself in this matter needs to be considered a point of priority.

### **(M7)** [**40% CANDIDATE QUOTAS**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=74949)

### **Councillor A. Edge**

That this Council requests the Chief Executive to write to the Taoiseach, The Minister of State for Local Government and the Minister of State for Electoral Reform requesting that legislated candidate gender quotas of 40% be introduced to apply to the local elections in 2024.

### **(M8)** [**NTQ**](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=75011)

### **Councillor L. Dunne**

This Council calls on the Chief Executive to review and change the Councils current Housing Policy which only allows Social housing/HAP applicants to access the higher homeless rate of HAP 6 weeks before the applicant's Notice to Quit is enacted. Taking into account the length of time it is taking for families/couples/individual's to find private accommodation, this change will allow for the applicants to access the higher homeless rate of HAP from the date of issue of the NTQ to the Council.

### **(M9)** [**EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION**](http://intranet/Cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=75027)

### **Councillor M. Duff**

That this Council calls on the Chief Executive to ensure that any family that are referred /given temporary or emergency accommodation, through the SDCC Homeless Section, either in the County or the City, are placed in accommodation that is suitable to the needs of that family, that they have access to kitchen facilities, have access to bathrooms, have the basic access to the Internet to facilitate students in that family who are studying for their Junior or Leaving Cert or are attending 3rd level College and that the family are not required to leave the accommodation every day at 0.8am and "allowed" to return at 1700 hours and that he address this issue with the necessary authorities or agencies.

### **(M10) FUEL POVERTY**

### **Councillor T. Costello**

To call on the Chief Executive of the Council to help address fuel poverty within our local authority homes by partnering with EnergyCloud, a not-for profit organisation. EnergyCloud was established to use some of the surplus renewable energy, which would otherwise be wasted, to help tackle fuel poverty, which impacts thousands of Irish families every day and is also in line with the Government's Climate Action Plan.

### **(M11) ADVERTISING**

### **Councillor L. Sinclair**

That this council prohibits advertising from Gambling companies on and in all buildings owned by the local authority.

### **(M12 HEATING IN COUNCIL PROPERTIES**

### **Councillor D. Richardson**

That this Council agrees to make it a priority to fix heating systems when they break down in Council owned housing.

### **(M13) PLANNING APPLICATIONS – CITY EDGE**

### **Councillor C. Bailey**

That this Council agrees to write to An Bord Pléanala, to the Minister of Housing Darragh O'Brien Minister of State Peter Burke with special responsibility for Planning, Local Government and Heritage to request a change in legislation to allow for pause on planning application decisions related to ongoing and future private large development within the proposed City Edge Redevelopment areas. A recent report provided to members in relation to this project, the largest new town in the whole of Europe referenced the challenges being presented to project development during this incredibly period of time. The question must be asked whether the state and local government are responsible for planning of new sustainable communities or whether we will continue to outsource this to private developers, whose only interest is in relation to their own site and their bottom line.

### **(M14) SCRAMBLER LEGISLATION**

### **Councillor C. O'Connor**

That this Council calls on the Minister for Transport to expedite the process to ensure that Legislation is passed to deal with the control of Scramblers and expresses concern at the delay in dealing with the issue which is of great concern to many.

### **(M15) ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS**

### **Councillor L. Hagin Meade**

This Council agrees to run an education and awareness campaign to keep pedestrians and cyclists safe on mountain and pathway-free roads this summer.

### **(M16) PRESENTATIONS TO ACM**

### **Councillor Y. Collins**

Noting that Circular PL02-2018 predates provision for Large Scale Residential Developments, that this Council writes to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage of Ireland requesting clarification as to whether it would be appropriate for presentations to be furnished by local authorities to Area Committee Meetings in relation to Large Scale Residential Developments (LRDs) planned for their areas, similar to those done in relation to Strategic Housing Developments (SHDs), given the significance of these developments for our areas.

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

Mayor

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