SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL



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

**HELD ON THURSDAY 29th SEPTEMBER, 2022 AT 5.30P.M.**

### **PRESENT**

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** |  |
| Cllr Liam Sinclair (Chair) | Mick Mulhern | Director of Services |
| Cllr Paul Nicholas Gogarty (Teams) | Mary Maguire | Senior Executive Officer |
| Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh (Teams) | John Hegarty | Senior Engineer |
| Cllr Eoin Ó Broin (Teams) | Hazel Craigie (Teams) | Senior Planner |
| Cllr Yvonne Collins | Sheila Kelly | Administrative Officer |
|  | Susan Sinclair | Administrative Officer |
|  | Ally Menary (Teams) | Road Safety Officer |
|  | Tracy McGibbon (Teams) | Executive Planner |
| **Non Elected Members** |  |  |
| Eoin Ahern | PPN |  |

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### **H-1 (1) Item 76156 Minutes of 26th May, 2022**

### [Minutes of SPC Meeting held on 26th May 2022.docx](Minutes%20of%20%20SPC%20Meeting%20held%20on%2026th%20May%202022.docx)

Minutes of Land Use Planning & Transportation SPC, held on 26th May, 2022 were proposed by

Cllr. Liam Sinclair, seconded by Cllr Paul Gogarty and **AGREED**

**H-1(2) Item 76149 CDP 2022 – 2028: Progress Update (Ministerial Direction)**

[**Draft Ministerial Direction Briefing to SPC\_29.09.2022.pptx**](Draft%20Ministerial%20Direction%20Briefing%20to%20SPC_29.09.2022.pptx)

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

Ms. Craigie gave a quick overview of the process to date associated with receipt of the Draft Ministerial Direction:

* CDP 2022 – 2028 made on 22nd June 2028
* Council received draft Ministerial Direction 28th July 2022 which directed the Council as a Planning Authority to take steps regarding:-
  + Enterprise and Employment zoning and special local objective regarding site specific flood alleviation measures introduced as Material Amendments for lands north and east of Greenogue Business Park and to retain the Rural RU zoning objective
  + To amend the land use zoning objectives to reinstate data centre use class as an “open for consideration” use class in the REGEN, Enterprise and Employment (EE) and Major Retail Centre (MRC) zoning objectives
* The new County Development Plan came into effect on 3rd August 2022, except for those matters raised in the Draft Ministerial Direction
* Statutory Public Consultation on Draft Direction was held between 10th and 23rd August 2022. Submission were made to SDCC.
* Elected Members had from the date of receipt draft direction to 23rd August to make submissions to the OPR
* The Chief Executive issued a report on 19th September to the OPR on the submissions and how best to give effect to the direction within 4 weeks

Ms. Craigie then outlined what was required of the CE Report which included the following:

* summarise the views of any person who made submissions or observations to the planning authority,
* summarise the views of and recommendations (if any) made by the Elected Members of the planning authority,
* summarise the views of and recommendations (if any) made by the regional assembly,
* make recommendations in relation to the best manner in which to give effect to the draft direction.

A total of 27 submissions were received during the consultation period, 14 of which were in relation to Greenogue, 12 in relation to Data Centres, and 1 related to both.

Ms Craigie outlined how the CE proposed to give best effect to the Ministerial Direction., and the next steps after the OPR consideration of the CE Report, which may include a recommendation to the Minister. Pursuant to Section 31(17) of the Act, a direction issued by the Minister is deemed to have immediate effect and its terms are incorporated into the Plan, or, if appropriate, to constitute the plan.

The Chair Liam Sinclair thanked Ms. Craigie for the presentation and invited questions from the members.

Mr. Mick Mulhern responded to queries raised by Cllrs Sinclair and Ó Broin regarding policy and Judicial Review.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (3) Item 76151 – Road Safety Strategy 2022/2026: Progress Update**

[Draft RSP 2022 - 2024 ppt.pptx](Draft%20RSP%202022%20-%202024%20ppt.pptx)

[Road Safety Strategy 2022 - 2024.docx](Road%20Safety%20Strategy%202022%20-%202024.docx)

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

MR. Menary explained that the current draft plan for 2022 to 2024 is based around the Government’s Vision Zero Policy which was formally adopted in Ireland’s Programme for Government in 2020 and underpins the EU Road Safety Policy Framework (2021 – 2030).

He advised that the Government Road Safety Strategy (GRSS) has adopted a V**ision Zero Policy** to be achieved by 2050. Vision Zero means that there are zero road deaths and fatalities. In line with the GRSS South Dublin County Council will also adopt a Vision Zero policy within this new, and subsequent, road safety plan.

Mr. Menary gave a brief synopsis of what has been achieved as part of the Council’s Road Safety Strategy 2016 – 2020. The new strategy will focus on several areas including:-

* Local collision targets
* Cycle training
* Cycle infrastructure
* Various measures to monitor road safety performance
* These actions will also be linked to the Annual Action Plan developed in collaboration with the Road Safety Working Together Group who will also assist in oversight of the delivery and evaluation of the new plan.

Mr. Menary responded to questions raised by Cllrs O ‘Brádaigh, Collins, Ó Broin, Sinclair and Eoin Ahern, PPN

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (4) Item 76150 - Heritage Plan Review: Progress Update (National Plan Dependent)**

[**LUPT SPC - Heritage Plan Review.ppt**](LUPT%20SPC%20-%20Heritage%20Plan%20Review.ppt)

The report as circulated was presented by Ms. Rosaleen Dwyer, Heritage Officer

Ms. Dwyer explained that a current Heritage Plan which is due for review listed 79 different actions for Heritage under the following four main themes: -

* Natural Heritage
* Built Heritage
* Archaeological Heritage and
* Cultural Heritage

Ms. Dwyer outlined the scope of the review and listed the dates for this review. It is anticipated that the finalised plan will be ready by Q4 /2023 and will involve public consultation with the various stakeholders, including the public.

It is proposed to bring further updates to the SPC as the plan progresses.

Ms. Dwyer responded to question from Cllr Collins regarding the Hellfire Club excavations.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (5) Item 76152 – EV Charging Strategy: Progress Update (Scoping Document)**

[South Dublin EV Charging Delivery and Policy Guidance.pptx](South%20Dublin%20EV%20Charging%20Delivery%20and%20Policy%20Guidance.pptx)

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

Mr. Hegarty informed the meeting that there was a need for significant improvement in the number of EV charging points available across Dublin, and that SDCC should support the public in their transition from fossil fuel vehicles to Electric vehicles. He outlined that the Council also has to consider the needs of those who live in places where it is not easy to plug their vehicles into charging facilities.

There are two Strands to the Council’s approach to achieve these goals:

1. SDCC Electric Vehicle Charging infrastructure delivery

2. An EV Charging Policy & Guidance policy for the public and third party service providers in relation to the SDCC EV charging protocols

Strand 1 will identify where the points are to be located and delivered (currently being managed through an EWCC Dept pilot initiative with c 13 proposed locations)

Strand 2 will be developed through the LUPT Dept

Mr. Hegarty advised of proposed delivery timelines for both Strands.

1. Strand 2 – The Guidance Documents and Policy to be completed in conjunction with other Dublin Local Authorities by end 2023 and
2. Strand 1 – Rollout to be completed by 2030 which will include a pilot project of 14 areas across the county by August 2023.

Mr. Hegarty and Mr. Mulhern responded to questions from Cllrs. Gogarty, O’ Brádaigh, Ó Broin, Sinclair and Collins.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (6) Item 76153 - Clondalkin LAP: Progress Update**

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

Ms. Craigie gave the context of the LAP, an objective for which is included in the new County Development Plan under **Objectives: QDP14 - 3 and EDE4 – 14**

The LAP will incorporate the following:-

* A vision for the development of Clondalkin
* Wider urban design principles
* Framework plans for larger infill sites
* A Conservation Plan
* A local Green Infrastructure strategy derived from the County GI Strategy
* Traffic movement study

Ms. Craigie outlined the requirements of the LAP and the timeframes for same to include for preparation, publication, and approval. This will take approximately 99 weeks to complete from start to finish, with approximately one year to get draft prepared. It is likely that the plan will go on display in Quarter 3 2023 – Q2 2024.

Reports will be brought to the SPC at the various stages of development of the plan.

Ms. Craigie responded to questions raised by Cllrs. Ó Broin, Gogarty, Sinclair.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1(7) Item 76297 - Land Rezoning Tax - Update**

[**Residential Zoned Land Tax Update SPC\_29th Sept 2022.pptx**](Residential%20Zoned%20Land%20Tax%20Update%20SPC_29th%20Sept%202022.pptx)

The report as circulated was presented by Hazel Craigie, Senior Planner with focus on:

What is Residential Zones Land Tax?

* + Introduced under the **Finance Act 2021** in December of that year
  + By 2023, it will replace the Vacant Site Levy
  + Tax will be collected by Revenue

Mapping the residential zoned land - Draft map will be published by 1st November 2022.

Ms. Craigie listed the exclusions from the Tax , what is to be included on the map (including existing habited dwellings and curtilage, although NOT liable for tax), a need for communication, and process progression.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1(8) Item 76154 – Report from the Joing SPC Sub Committee for Biodiversity**

[**Report from Joint SPC Sub-committee for Biodiversity - September 2022..pdf**](Report%20from%20Joint%20SPC%20Sub-committee%20for%20Biodiversity%20-%20September%202022..pdf)

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1(9) 76312 Next Meeting of LUPT SPC**

Mary Maguire, Senior Executive Officer informed the meeting that the next meeting of the LUPT Committee is due to be held on Thursday 24th November. However, if the Statutory Budget proceedings are extended, they will be held on 24th and the SPC will be held on Friday 25th November. Members will be kept informed of any changes.

This was **AGREED**

The meeting concluded at 7.00p.m.