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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council October 2022 County Council Meeting held on Monday 10 October 2022

### **PRESENT**

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| 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. | O’ Brien, E. |
| Edge, A. | Ó Broin, E. |
| Egan, K. | O’Connell, G. |
| Gilligan, T. | O’Connor, C. |
| Gogarty, P. | O’Donovan, D. |
| Hagin Meade, L. | O’Hara, S. |
| Hayes, A. | O’Toole, L. |
| Holohan, P. | Pereppadan, B. |
| Johansson, M.Kavanagh, P. | Richardson, D.Sinclair, L. |
| Kearns, P. | Timmons, F. |
| Lawlor, B. | Tuffy, J. |
| Mahon, K. | Whelan, L. |
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### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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

The Mayor, Councillor E. Murphy, presided.

Apologies were received from Councillors C. Bailey and C. King.

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The Mayor, Councillor E. Murphy, 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.

Mics to be on mute until invited to speak through the Chair.

Members attending in person can indicate they wish to speak by signalling to the Mayor.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting a minute’s silence was observed as a mark of respect for the victims, families, and the community on the recent tragedy in Creeslough, Donegal. A special mention was given to Councillor C. Bailey who lost a family member in the tragedy.

### **H1/1022 CONFIRMATION AND REAFFIRMATION OF MINUTES - FOR APPROVAL**

Minutes of the September Council Meeting held on 12th September 2022 which had been circulated were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed in the proposition of Councillor E. Murphy seconded by Councillor M. Duff.

1. [September Council Minutes - 12th September 2022](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76265)

### **H2/1022 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/1022 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**:

**October 2022**

Notes: Housing SPC will take place on 23rd November due to a clash with the Budget OP&F scheduled for 10th November 2022.

Should the Adjourned Budget Meeting **TAKE PLACE** the Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC will take place on Friday 25th November 2022 at 5:30pm.

Should the Adjourned Budget Meeting **NOT TAKE PLACE** the Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC will take place at 6:15pm on Thursday 24th of November 2022.

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| Mon. | 3rd Oct | **CPG Meeting** | 3:00pm |  |
| Tue. | 4th Oct |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 5th Oct |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 6th Oct |  |  |  |
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**October 2022**

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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 10th Oct | **Council Meeting** | 3:30pm - 7:00pm | 26th Sept |
| Tue. | 11th Oct | **Rathfarnham – Templeogue – Firhouse - Bohernabreena Area Committee**  *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management*  **Women’s Caucus** | 3.00pm - 6.00pm  6:00pm | 27th Sept |
| Wed. | 12th Oct |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 13th Oct |  |  |  |
| Fri | 14th Oct |  |  |  |

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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 17th Oct |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 18th Oct |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 19h Oct | **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 | 5th Oct |
| Thur. | 20th Oct |  |  |  |
| Fri | 21st Oct |  |  |  |

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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 24th Oct | **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 | 10th Oct |
| Tue. | 25th Oct | **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 | 11th Oct |
| Wed. | 26th Oct | **Deputations** | 3:00pm |  |
| Thur. | 27th Oct |  |  |  |
| Fri | 28th Oct |  |  |  |

**November 2022**

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| **DATE** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. |  | **Bank Holiday** |  |  |
| Tue. | 1st Nov |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 2nd Nov | **Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries SPC**  **Environment, Water, Climate Change & Biodiversity SPC** | 5.30pm - 7.00pm  5.30pm - 7.00pm |  |
| Thur. | 3rd Nov |  |  |  |
| Fri. | 4th Nov |  |  |  |
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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 7th Nov | **CPG Meeting** | 3:00pm |  |
| Tue. | 8th Nov | **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 | 25th Oct |
| Wed. | 9th Nov | **Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC** | 5.30pm - 7.00pm |  |
| Thur. | 10th Nov | **Budget OP&F** | 3:30pm – 6:00pm |  |
| Fri. | 11th Nov |  |  |  |

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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 14th Nov | **Council Meeting** | 3:30pm - 7:00pm | 31st Oct |
| Tues. | 15th Nov | **Social & Community SPC** | 3:00pm – 4.30pm |  |
| Wed. | 16th Nov | **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 | 2nd Nov |
| Thur. | 17th Nov | **Budget Meeting** | 3:30pm |  |
| Fri | 18th Nov | **JPC** | 10:00am |  |

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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 21st Nov |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 22nd Nov | **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 | 8th Nov |
| Wed. | 23rd Nov | **Deputations**  **Housing SPC** | 3:00pm  5.30pm - 7.00pm |  |
| Thur. | 24th Nov | **Traffic Management Meeting**  **(Clondalkin)**  **Traffic Management Meeting**  **(Rathfarnham – Templeogue – Firhouse – Bohernabreena**  **OP&F**  **Adjourned Budget Meeting**  **(If Required)**  **Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC**  **(Should Adjourned Budget Meeting not be required)** | 2:00pm – 2:45pm  2:45pm – 3:30pm  3:30pm – 6:00pm  6:00pm  6.15pm - 7.45pm | 10th Nov |
| Fri | 25th Nov | **Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC**  **(Should Adjourned Budget Meeting be required)** | 5.30pm - 7.00pm |  |

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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 28th Nov | **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 | 14th Nov |
| Tue. | 29th Nov |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 30th Nov | **Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC)** | 3:00pm |  |
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The draft calendar of meeting dates was **APPROVED** on the proposition of Councillor E. Murphy and seconded by Councillor W. Carey.

### **H3b/1022 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:**

**The Following went to the September OP&F Meeting:**

[**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 May 2022**

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| **Name** | **Organisation** | **Location** | **Date** |
| AILG Module 3 | AILG | Hodson Bay Hotel, Co. Roscommon | 16th June 2022 |
| AILG Module 4 | AILG | Allingham Arms Hotel, Co. Donegal | 23rd July 2022 |
| AILG Annual Training Seminar | AILG | Knightsbrook Hotel Spa and Golf Resort , Co. Meath | 14th - 15th September 2022 |

**Training Attended Since May 2022**

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| **Name** | **Organisation** | **Location** | **Date** | **Councillors in Attendance** |
| AILG Module 3 | AILG | Hodson Bay Hotel, Co. Roscommon | 16th June 2022 | ·  Cllr. Shirley O’ Hara  · Cllr. Lyn Hagin Meade ·Cllr Kenneth Egan ·  Cllr. Brian Lawlor ·  Cllr Ronan McMahon · Cllr David McManus · Cllr Baby Pereppadan |
| AILG Module 4 | AILG | Allingham Arms Hotel, Co. Donegal | 23rd July 2022 | · Cllr Kenneth Egan ·  Cllr. Brian Lawlor ·  Cllr. Shirley O’ Hara  ·  Cllr Ronan McMahon · Cllr David McManus |

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 May 2022**

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| **Name** | **Organisation** | **Location** | **Date** |
| Irish District Energy Association Annual Conference 2022 | Irish District Energy Association | Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Co. Dublin | 1 September 2022 |
| Irish Travellers / Mincéirs & the State, 1922 - 2022: the Struggle for Equality | NUI Galway | NUI Galway | 16th - 17th September 2022 |

**Conferences Attended Since May 2022**

No attendance notified

**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 –

a) attend that event and participate in the proceedings to the greatest extent possible, and

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 E. Murphy and seconded by Councillor W. Carey.

### **H3c/1022 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**:

[H3 (c) SPC Standing Orders](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76231)

The report on SPC Standing Orders was **APPROVED** on the proposition of Councillor E. Murphy and seconded by Councillor W. Carey.

### **H4a/1022 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

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

**Councillor A. Edge reported on the Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries SPC**

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

1. **MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7th September 2022**

**Venue: MS Teams Meeting**

**In attendance:**

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** | |
| Cllr. Alan Edge (Chair) | Jason Frehill | Director of Service |
| Cllr. Peter Kavanagh | Paul Fusco | County Librarian |
| Cllr. Mick Duff | Paula Murphy | Staff Officer, NCL |
|  | Sean Rafferty, | Senior Library Assistant, NCL |

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

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| **Representatives** |
| Carla Fazio, Consultant |
| Jennifer Webster, Tallaght Community Arts |
| Tony Fegan, Tallaght Community Arts |

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| **Apologies** |
| Cllr. Alan Hayes, Cllr. Kenneth Egan, Cllr. Teresa Costello, Ms. Freda Manweiler, Ms. Orla Scannell,  Ms. Rosaleen Dwyer |

**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 of Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries SPC meeting held on 4th May 2022 were proposed by Chair Cllr. Alan Edge and seconded by Cllr. Peter Kavanagh. **Agreed.**

**Item 2: Libraries Development Plan Update**

Paul Fusco, County Librarian, presented a report on the most recent information prepared by Actionable Consultants, offering a summary of the staff and public surveys carried out to date.

Six consultation sessions were completed across the network, with an overall good level of attendance and engagement across varying age groups. The staff survey, which has closed, returned 46 responses, which accounts for almost 50% of staff. Highlights from these responses indicate many positives, including an openness to change and evolution and a staff focus on service, working with the public and meeting people’s needs.

Approximately 800 responses to the public survey have been gathered to date, with a target of 1k. The survey has been promoted through the PPN, and library non-users have been specifically targeted. In-person interviews with non-users revealed varying attitudes to library services and spaces. The overall Net Promoter Score, which measures loyalty and brand advocacy, was 58. While strands of library service are being developed as themes for the draft plan, the question of built heritage offers opportunities for future focus.

Following the presentation, questions were invited from the members.

Cllr. Alan Edge expressed his thanks for the information and the work done to date. Commenting on the responses gathered from non-users, Cllr. Edge asked whether the responses were geographically spread throughout branches.

Cllr. Peter Kavanagh commended library staff on the work done to promote the survey and questioned whether, in the interests of targeting non-users, it would be possible to extend the closing date for public surveys to allow elected members to complete the survey at their upcoming Council meeting.

Paul Fusco responded to questions asked and agreed to have both the electronic and paper versions of the survey live until the requested date. He is to meet with the consultants over the coming weeks and the current intention is to present to the SPC in November and to the Council in December.

The report was **Noted**.

**Item 3: ‘Comfort, Entertainment and Inclusion’ – Community wellbeing initiatives by South Dublin Libraries**

Paul Fusco, County Librarian, presented a report on the representation of South Dublin Libraries at the recent IFLA World Library and Information Congress held in Dublin. 1700 attendees from around the world gathered in the Convention Centre for the event, at which South Dublin Libraries was the only Library Authority to present.

Paul Fusco commended those staff members involved and offered an overview of the ‘Libraries Under the Lid’ outreach initiative, which received DAF funding to create over 150 bespoke library care boxes for older people in South Dublin who were cut off from the library’s services due to Covid-19 in 2020, before handing over to Paula Murphy and Sean Rafferty from NCL who presented on the ‘Reader Project’, a shared reading initiative in South Dublin Libraries.

While NCL carries out library outreach, staff have found it difficult to engage adult readers. The library received funding to roll out a ‘Shared Reading’ project, making it the first public library in the Republic of Ireland to offer shared reading, which is a shared live read-aloud experience facilitated by a trained leader. Staff completed training in August and the first session is planned for October 25 in NCL, who will work with local organisations and partners to identify and target participants.

Following the presentations, questions were invited from the members.

Cllr. Alan Edge offered his congratulations on the initiative and noted the potential of staff-driven initiatives as being key to staff development. Cllr. Edge enquired as to how the initiative is being advertised.

Cllr. Peter Kavanagh noted that it is a privilege of being on the SPC to see such initiatives in their early stages and noted that he has received positive feedback on the ‘Libraries Under the Lid’ project.

Ms. Elaine Vince-O’Hara congratulated staff on a great project and, noting the importance of literacy in shared experiences of reading, stated that she will share information on the undertaking. Ms. Vince-O’Hara also noted that the DDLETB AES is currently collaborating with South Dublin libraries, providing tutors for a number of adult education courses.

Paula Murphy responded to the questions raised.

Chair Cllr. Alan Edge once again thanked all those involved.

The report was **Noted**.

**Item 4: Creative Ireland Update**

Carla Fazio, Strategy Consultant, presented a progression update of the Culture and Creative Strategy 2023 – 2027 Plan.

Offering a brief overview of the make-up and work of the Creative Culture Team, Ms. Fazio noted that 7 priorities have been identified and that a draft vision identifies the importance of culture and creativity as a powerful agent for change, solidarity, wellbeing and sustainable community development. Ms. Fazio noted that this vision will be achieved by building on key strengths in the following areas: Nurturing Space, Shared Identities, Equal Voices and Leaving It Better.

The next steps in the Plan are a general public consultation, focus group consultations and continued meetings with the Creative Culture Team and further drafting of the Strategy. This needs to be completed by the end of November in order for the draft to be brought forward to Creative Ireland.

Following the presentation, questions were invited from the members but Chair Cllr. Alan Edge asked that they be held until after the next headed item.

The Update was **Noted.**

**Item 5: Creative Places MacUíllíam**

Tony Fegan and Jennifer Webster from Tallaght Community Arts presented on Creative Places MacUíllíam, an Arts Council initiative which received an 18-month research funding award to build a local arts programme to benefit those living in the estate.

Funding of €40k was awarded in July 2021 and work began in September 2021. Mr. Fegan and Ms. Webster presented an overview of work carried out to date, of the connection established with residents and of a number of challenges encountered during the delivery of the programme, including the lack of a dedicated physical space for larger groups, the continuing impact of Covid-19, those social issues experienced by participants which have made it difficult to connect with all communities within the estate, and the responsiveness of young people while adults have been less engaged.

A number of further activities are planned for the 6 months remaining in the research project timeline.

Chair Cllr. Alan Edge thanked both Tony and Jennifer.

The report was **Noted**.

Following the conclusion of Headed Item 5, Chair Cllr. Alan Edge informed the members that the meeting was no longer quorate, and that questions arising from Items 4 and 5 would be addressed to the relevant parties directly.

**Item 6: Action Items**

No Action Items were recorded.

**Item 7: Any Other Business**

No other business was noted.

**The meeting concluded at 18:44.**

1. **Meeting 4th May 2022 (17:30)**

**Virtual Meeting**

**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 |  |
| Cllr. M. Duff |  |

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

**Officials present:**

Mr. Paul Fusco, County Librarian

Ms. Orla Scannell, Arts Officer

Ms. Rosaleen Dwyer, Heritage Officer

**Minute-taker:**

Ms. Eimear Hegarty, Lucan Library

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

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

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| **Headed Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes**  The minutes 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. |
| **Headed Item 2: Tallaght Cultural Quarter – Chamber Square**  Paul Fusco, County Librarian, presented a report 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. |
| **Headed Item 3: Update from the Heritage Officer**  Ms. Rosaleen Dwyer, Heritage Officer, presented a report 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. |
| **Headed 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** |
| **Headed 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**. |
| **Headed Item 6: Any Other Business**  M 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.** |

The Reports were **NOTED**.

### **H4b/1022 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

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

**Councillor D. McManus reported on the Environment, Water, Climate Change & Biodiversity SPC**

1. **Report of Environment Public Realm & Climate Change SPC Meeting held on 7th September 2022**

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

**In attendance:**

**Elected Members Sectoral Members**

Councillor David McManus (Chair) Mr. Donie Anderson

Councillor Francis Timmons

Councillor Dermot Richardson

Councillor Guss O’Connell (MS Teams)

Councillor Lyn Hagin Meade

Councillor Emma Murphy

**Officials**

Teresa Walsh, Director of Services

Leo Magee, Senior Engineer

Juliene Helbert, Senior Engineer

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent

Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer

Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer

Richard Fitzpatrick, Executive Environmental Scientific Officer

Rosaleen Dwyer, Heritage Officer

Colum Fagan, Senior Executive Engineer

Brenda Shannon, Administrative Officer

**Apologies**

Councillor Madeleine Johansson

Ms. Deirdre Mooney

The Chairman, Councillor David McManus, welcomed all in attendance in the Council Chamber and on Microsoft Teams. After a round of introductions, the meeting commenced.

**Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 3rd May 2022**

The minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on the 3rd of May 2022 were proposed by Councillor Francis Timmons, seconded by Councillor Dermot Richardson, and agreed.

The Chairman, Councillor David McManus, introduced Item 2 and vacated the chair. Councillor Francis Timmons chaired the remainder of the meeting.

**Item 2: Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 update**

Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer presented the update to the committee.

Councillors Hagin Meade and Timmons raised queries on the update. Leo Magee, Senior Engineer, Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent and Darby Mullen, Senior Executive Engineer responded to the queries raised.

The Update was **NOTED**

**Item 3: Dublin Urban Rivers LIFE Project update**

Richard Fitzpatrick, Executive Environmental Scientific Officer presented the update to the committee

Councillor Hagin Meade raised a query on the update. Richard Fitzpatrick, Executive Environmental Scientific Officer responded to the query

The Update was **NOTED**

**Item 4: Living with Trees update**

Leo Magee, Senior Engineer presented the update to the committee

Councillors Timmons and Hagin Meade raised queries on the update. Leo Magee, Senior Engineer and Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent responded to the queries.

The Update was **NOTED**

**Item 5: Pollinator Plan Update**

Suzanne Furlong, Senior Parks Superintendent presented the update.

The Update was **NOTED**

**Item 6: Report from the Joint EWCC/LUPT Biodiversity Action Plan Subcommittee**

Rosaleen Dwyer, Heritage Officer presented the report.

Councillors Hagin Meade, Timmons and Murphy raised queries on the report. Rosaleen Dwyer, Heritage Officer responded to the queries raised.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 7: Recycling Strategy update**

Leo Magee, Senior Engineer presented the update to the committee.

Councillor Timmons raised a query on the update. Leo Magee, Senior Engineer responded.

The Update was **NOTED**

**Item 8: Any Other Business**

None

1. **Minutes of Environment Public Realm & Climate Change SPC Meeting held on 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

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

Councillor David McManus (Chair) welcomed those in attendance in the Council Chamber and on Microsoft Teams.

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

The minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 9th 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.

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.

The meeting concluded at 7.04 p.m.

The Reports were **NOTED**.

### **H4c/1022 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

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

**Councillor P. Kearns reported on the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism SPC**

**i) REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th September 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 | Ralph McGarry – Administrative Officer |
| Cllr. E. O’Brien |  |
| Cllr. L. O’Toole |  |

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| **Representative** |  |
| John Kiberd, PPN |  |

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| **Apologies** |  |
| Cllr. L. Whelan |  |
| Sherri Brennan |  |
| Sean Reid |  |
| Jack McDonnell |  |

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

**The Chair, Members, Representatives and Officials present, acknowledged this meeting as the last to be attended by J. Mulhern and thanked him for his work and contributions to the SPC.**

**Headed Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes**

EETD SPC held on 11th May 2022. **AGREED**

Proposed by Cllr. C. King and seconded by Cllr. L. McCrave

**Headed Item 2: Local Enterprise Office**

**A.** Ralph McGarry, **Administrative Officer,** presented a report updating members on Tourism Projects

* Rathfarnham Courtyards
* Tourism Strategy
* Heritage Centre
* Tallaght Stadium – Branding Update
* Tourism Event & Festival Grants
* Shopfront Grant Scheme

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

Questions were raised by Cllr C. King, Cllr, L. McCrave, Cllr P. Kearns, Cllr E. O’Brien, Cllr L. Dunne and Cllr. R. McMahon

Ralph McGarry and Jason Frehill responded to questions raised.

**B.** Tom Rooney, **Head of Enterprise**, presented a report updating members on the activities of the Local Enterprise Office, covering –

* Financial Supports
* Business Supports
* Programmes & Networks
* LECP Update

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

Questions were raised by Cllr C. King, Cllr R McMahon, Cllr P Kearns, Cllr L. McCrave and Cllr L O’Toole

Members commended Tom on the work being delivered by the LEO Team.

Tom Rooney responded to questions raised.

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

* Current project status
* Build timeline
* Mobilisation update

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

Questions were raised by Cllr L. McCrave, Cllr, R. McMahon and Cllr L O’Toole

Justin Mulhern responded to questions raised.

**The Reports were Noted.**

**Headed Item 3: Economic Development Projects**

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

* 12th Lock Masterplan
* Grange Castle Masterplan and Marketing Strategy

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

Questions were raised by Cllr. E. O’Brien, Cllr. L. O’Toole and Cllr. P. Kearns

Laura Leonard responded to questions raised.

**The Report was Noted.**

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

It was noted that EETD had received correspondence from the South Dublin County Partnership about the end of Local Employment Service (LES) and Job Clubs.

**The meeting ended at 19:25**

Cllr C. King concluded the meeting

**ii) Draft Report of Economic Development, Enterprise & Tourism SPC**

**Meeting on 11th April 2022**

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| **In Attendance:** |
| Cllr. C. King (Chair) |
| Cllr. R. McMahon |
| Cllr. L. Dunne |
| Cllr. L. McCrave |
| Cllr. P. Kearns |
| Cllr. L. Whelan |
| Sherri Brennan |
| Jack McDonnell |
| John Kiberd |

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

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

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| 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 –   1. Consultation Process 2. Changes to LECP development 3. Development stages 4. Priorities 5. Economic Elements 6. Regional Co-ordination 7. Advisory Steering Group and Structure 8. 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**    * 1. Overview of Project and study area      2. Brief given to consultants      3. Update on consultant’s tender 2. **Tallaght Stadium**    * 1. Current project status      2. Next actions 3. **Grange Castle West Access Road**    * 1. Current project status      2. 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**    * 1. Current project status      2. Build timeline      3. 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 4: 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** |

The Reports were **NOTED**.

### **H4d/1022 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

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

**Councillor J. Tuffy reported on the Housing SPC**

**i) Report of South Dublin County Council Housing SPC Meeting held at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 8 September 2022 at 5.30pm (Hybrid Meeting)**

**In attendance:**

Cllr. J. Tuffy, Cllr. W. Carey, Cllr. L. Donaghy, Cllr. B. Lawlor, Cllr. K Mahon Cllr. S. Moynihan, G. Stockil (PPN) S. Harty (PPN) and B. Tyrell-Collard (ICTU).

**Apologies:**

Cllr. D. O’Donovan.

**Officials Present:**

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) and Margaret Farrell (Clerical Officer).

The members of the committee presented agreed that the meeting would be chaired by Cllr. Tuffy in the absence of Cllr. O' Donovan and the meeting commenced at 5:30pm.

**1. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting of the committee, held on 12th May 2022 were noted and agreed.

**2. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**3. Mid-Term Review of Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024**

Elaine Leech presented a report on the process undertaken for the required mid-term review of the Council's current Traveller Accommodation Programme (TAP) 2019-2024, noting that the review is statutorily required.  The timing and timeframe for this review were stipulated by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) and the committee was advised that if it is agreed not to amend the TAP, DHLGH should be informed by 16th September. However, following the review, if a local authority decides that an amendment to TAP is required, the amended TAP must be adopted by the Council within seven months of publication of notice of the intention to amend.  The public consultation process and submissions received were outlined and the committee was advised that the officials' recommendation to this committee and to the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee (LTACC) is that there is no requirement to formally amend the current TAP based on data on allocations of standard social housing and Traveller accommodation to date, updates on plans for new developments and redevelopment of existing sites, and the lack of alternative opportunities for new Traveller accommodation.  This recommendation is underpinned by commitments to continue to progress plans for the delivery of new Traveller accommodation, to explore options for a transient site and to develop research relating to Traveller households in homelessness.

A discussion followed with contributions from Cllrs. Tuffy, Carey, Mahon, Lawlor and Moynihan and S. Harty (PPN) and responses from C. Ward and E. Leech after which it was agreed that the SPC would recommend to the LTACC that no formal amendment to the TAP is required.

**4. Scheme of Priority for Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements**

Elaine Leech presented a report on the requirement and options for Scheme of Priority for Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements including details of the research undertaken by the SPC sub-committee established to develop the draft scheme for consideration by the committee.

There were contributions from Cllrs. Carey, Mahon, Lawlor and Tuffy, and G. Stockil that were responded to by C. Ward and E. Leech.

The committee then noted the report and agreed that the Draft Scheme be proposed to full Council for adoption. E. Leech advised that, in accordance with section 11 (7) of the Affordable Housing Act, 2021, the draft scheme is required to be submitted to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for review after which it could be brought to October Council Meeting for consideration by the Elected Members.

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

A pre-recorded presentation by B. Pierce was made available in advance of the meeting outlining the current status of the housing delivery programme.  Questions and contributions from Cllrs. Mahon, Carey, Lawlor and Tuffy, and G. Stockil raised concerns about the status of various projects and supports to address increased project costs.  C. Ward responded to the queries and the report was noted.  It was requested by the Committee members that when the SPC meeting report goes to the Council meeting, the opportunity should be taken to raise the concerns of the committee in relation to the housing delivery challenges.

**6. Allocations Report (Pre-Recorded)**

A pre-recorded presentation by N. Hanly was made available in advance of the meeting detailing housing allocations in 2022 as well as profiling the housing list with information on homeless, medical, refusals of offers of accommodation and age friendly need.  There were contributions from Cllrs. Mahon and Carey, and S. Harty in relation to current levels of homelessness and the increase in the number of clients presenting with complex needs including addiction which C. Ward responded too and the report was then noted.

**7  Planned Maintenance/Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme**

E Leech reported on the planned maintenance and energy retrofit programme and, following contributions from Cllrs. Carey and Mahon, G Stockil and S. Harty, the report was noted.

**8. Items for Noting**

Reports provided for the committee's information were noted in relation to the following:

a.) Housing Disability Steering Group Report

b.) Private Rented Dwelling Inspections, and,

c.) Housing Loans System Project.

**9. Items Requested by Committee Members:**

Reports provided in relation to agenda items requested by members of the Committee were noted for:

* Fire Safety Matters, and,
* Strategic Housing Developments

**10. Any Oher Business**

C Ward asked the committee members to submit any requests for future agenda items to him or the Chair by email as required.

There was no other business and the meeting concluded at 7.09 p.m.

**ii) Minutes of Housing Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on Thursday, 12th May 2022 (Hybrid Meeting)**

**In attendance:**

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

**Apologies:**

Cllr. K Mahon and 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) and Margaret Farrell (Clerical Officer).

**Also in attendance:**

M. Hayes (Director, Dublin Region Homeless Executive)

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

**H1. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting of he committee, held on 10 February 2022, were proposed by Cllr. Lawlor and seconded by Cllr. Carey and agreed.

**H2. Dublin Regional Homelessness Action Plan 2022-2024**

Mary Hayes, Director of the Dublin Region Homeless Executive, gave a presentation outlining the process and consultation for the development of the new Dublin Regional Homelessness Action Plan as well as summarising the key aspects of the proposed new plan which will require approval from all four Dublin Local Authorities.

Questions from Cllr. Carey and S. Harty were responded to by C. Ward 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 on the ethnic indicator on social housing application forms. He also advised that the plan was being considered by the Housing SPCs in each of the Dublin local authorities and would then have to progress to full council subsequently.  The report was noted and it was agreed by the committee that the draft plan would be brought forward to the full Council for consideration.

**H3. Affordable Housing Regulations**

E. Leech provided an update to the committee on the recent Affordable Housing and Cost Rental regulations dealing with eligibility, advertisement, allocation and pricing for affordable purchase housing as well as cost rental developments.  The committee was advised that, as per the work plan for the SPC for this year, a working group of up to four SPC members will be convened to work with officials from the Housing Department to draft a Scheme of Priority for the Allocation of Affordable Purchase Dwellings for consideration by this Committee and subsequent recommendation to full Council for adoption.  Following questions and contributions from Cllrs. O'Donovan, Carey, Moynihan, and Lawlor, C. Ward and E. Leech responded, confirming the incomes thresholds for applicants, how new affordable schemes will be advertised and promoted, the committee agreed to establish the working group and noted the report.  Members of the committee were requested to express their interest in participating on the working group to E. Leech.

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

E. Leech presented a report outlining funding and the proposed 2022 work plans for both the energy efficiency retrofit and planned maintenance programmes across LEAs.  There were questions and contributions from Cllrs. O'Donovan, Moynihan and Carey and S. Harty that E. Leech responded to, providing detailed numbers of houses benefiting from the energy retrofit programme and confirming that it is a rolling programme.   She also provided information on planned maintenance in Balgaddy and a mechanical ventilation system being piloted as well as confirming that tenants in rent arrears will still have their homes included in the programme given that the Council will continue to maintain their asset.  C. Ward also advised that there is a dedicated team working on the Energy Retrofit and Planned Maintenance programme after which the report was noted by the committee.

**H5. Housing Delivery (pre-recorded)**

A pre-recorded presentation by B. Pierce was circulated in advance of the meeting which outlined the current status of the housing delivery programme.  Following contributions by Cllrs. Lawlor and O'Donovan, B. Pierce confirmed that the Council would engage with contractors on a case by case basis once full details on recently announced Inflation Co-operation Framework were available.  The report was then noted by the Committee.

**H6. Allocations (pre-recorded)**

A pre-recorded presentation by N. Hanly was circulated in advance of the meeting detailing housing allocations in 2022 as well as profiling the housing list with information on homeless, medical and age friendly need.  The report also outlined the processes under our Rightsizing Policy for allocation of the new age friendly homes that will shortly be completed in Springfield.

There were questions and contributions from Cllrs. Tuffy, O'Donovan and Carey and G. Stockil in relation to the status of age friendly/right-sizing developments and the number of smaller units in developments which C. Ward responded to, including to confirm that providing one-bedroom homes in age-friendly housing developments through rightsizing will, in turn, make larger three and four bedroom homes available in existing communities.  The committee then noted the report.

**H7. Items for Noting**

Reports were uploaded for the Committee’s information relating to:  
**a.) Housing Disability Steering Group (HDSG):** A report from the HDSG meeting in March 2022 was provided and reports from the HDSG meetings will be reported to the SPC on a quarterly basis going forward.  
**b.) AHB Forum & AHB Engagement with Elected Members:** providing an overview of the operation of the AHB Forum and outlining potential means of improving engagement between Elected Members/Housing SPC Members and AHBs that will be considered further at the AHB forum.  
**c.) Traveller Accommodation Programme Mid-Term Review:**providing an update on the status of the formal TAP review process for which guidance is still awaited from DHLGH as well as details of accommodation provided under the current TAP.

These reports were noted by the committee.

**H8. Fire Safety in Multi-Storey Apartment Buildings**

A presentation was made by G. Stockil, which was previously circulated to the committee, which was noted by the committee and C. Ward advised that he would liaise with the Council's Director of Environment, Water and Climate Change who has responsibility for engagement with Dublin City Council in respect of Dublin Fire Brigade operational matters.  G. Stockil requested that Fire Safety Matters would be a recurring agenda item at future meetings of this SPC which was agreed by the committee.

**H9. Any Other Business**

C. Ward advised committee members that they could contact the Chair or him about potential future agenda items.  Cllr. Carey mentioned that he had proposed an item on rent arrears and C.Ward advised that this would be followed up with him in advance of the next committee meeting.

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

The Reports were **NOTED**.

### **H4e/1022 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

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

**Councillor T. Gilligan reported on the Social, Community & Equality SPC**

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

**i) Report of Social, Community & Equality Strategic Policy Committee Meeting at 3p.m. on Tuesday 20 September 2022 via Microsoft Teams**

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

**Apologies:** None.

**Officials Present:**C. Ward (Director of Services), J. Moroney Ward (Senior Executive Officer), G. Meehan (Sláintecare), T. McDermott (Local Sports Coordinator), P. McAlerney (Senior Community Officer), M Murtagh, (Administrative Officer) F. Keane (Senior Staff Officer), M. Farrell (Clerical Officer).

**Also Present:**Eamonn Seydak and Patricia Magee (both from S3 Solutions Ltd.)

The Chair, Cllr. Gilligan opened the meeting at 3pm.

**1. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th May 2022 were proposed by Cllr. Gilligan, seconded by Cllr. O’Connor and agreed.

**2. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**3. Local Sports Plan**

C. Ward advised the committee that, further to a previous update ot the committee and following a procurement process, S3 Solutions, a Belfast-based consultancy firm have been appointed to develop a five-year local sports plan for South Dublin.

E. Seydak from S3 Solutions presented an overview of the process for the development of the plan including terms of reference, planned consultation and timelines.  There was also a contribution from T. McDermott confirming that the plan would incorporate recreational and physical activity – not just sports.

Cllrs. Bailey, Holohan, and Gilligan raised queries on the presentation which E. Seydek responded.  C. Ward then advised that contact would now be made with the previously nominated members of the SPC for a working group to oversee this project and it would now start to progress. The report was then noted by the committee.

**4. Active Cities**

D. Conway gave a detailed presentation on the Active Cities program and referenced the crossover with the Sports Plan. He outlined the cities participating and the potential societal impacts as well as the scope for collaboration with other organisations.

There were questions and contributions from Cllrs. Casserly, Bailey and Holohan as well as D. Hennessy and L. Byrne.  C. Ward and T. McDermott responded ot the comments and the report was noted.

**5. Sláintecare**

G. Meehan presented an outline of the aims and key aspects of the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme, with the Tallaght programme being launched in Fettercairn Community Centre on 6th October 2022.  Following contributions from Cllrs. Gilligan, O’Connor and Holohan, the report was noted.

**6. Community and Sports Grants 2022**

A pre-recorded presentation by J. Hayden outlining the status of the various grant schemes was made available to the committee in advance of the meeting and was noted.  Cllr. Gilligan highlighted the community infrastructure grant fund that is live for online applications until 7th October 2022, with €350,000 funding available for community groups/sports clubs towards costs of constructing new facilities or upgrade of existing premises.

**7. Older Persons' Council**

C. Ward gave a brief update in the absence of P. Swayne who had provided a report on the development of a new Older Persons' Council for South Dublin and a related public engagement event in the Maldron Hotel, Tallaght on 27th September where nominations for the new OPC will be sought. The report was then noted by the committee.

**8. Items for Noting**

Reports on the following items were noted by the committee:

1. Ukraine Responses
2. Selected Capital Projects Update

Cllr. Gilligan raised the ongoing delays with the construction of Lucan Swimming Pool to which C. Ward responded.

**9. Any Other Business**

C Ward informed the committee that an update would be circulated in relation to proposed activities for the Social Inclusion Week in November 2022.

Cllr. Casserly raised a query in relation to the provision of accessible toilet facilities for grant funded events and it was agreed that this would be reported on at the next meeting.

There was no other business and the meeting concluded at 4.34pm.

**ii) Minutes of Social, Community & Equality Strategic Policy Committee Meeting at 3p.m. on Tuesday 17th May 2022 via Microsoft Teams**

**In Attendance**: Cllr. T. Gilligan (Chair), Cllr. V. Casserly, Cllr. C. O’Connor, Cllr. S. O'Hara, Cllr. P. Holohan, L. Byrne (PPN) and 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. Gilligan opened the meeting at 3pm and welcomed Cllr. O’Connor as a new member of the committee.

**H1. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 15th February 2022 were agreed.

**H2. Community Facilities Survey**

J. Moroney Ward delivered a report on the recent survey of community facilities in the County, undertaken by the Community Department to examine an updated picture of the size, age and usage of the centres as well as to understand the gaps in programme delivery.

There were contributions from Cllr. Holohan on whether usage in the facilities is primarily led by private groups or for Council-led initiatives while L. Byrne also highlighted the difficulties local groups face in securing insurance for activities that were addressed by C. Ward and J. Moroney Ward and the report was noted.

**H3. Community & Sports Grants**

J. Hayden updated the committee on the 2022 Community & Sports Grants programme, outlining 2022 processes, budgets and activity to date for community and sports grants in the County. The online application process was explained, including the use of Salesforce software to manage applications and the report was noted by the Committee.

**H4. Capital Projects**

P McAlerney gave a presentation updating the Committee on progress on various capital projects including Lucan Swimming Pool, Glenasmole Community Centre, Saggart Community Centre and other projects currently being undertaken.  Contributions from Cllr. Gilligan and Cllr. Casserly concerning delays on the Lucan swimming pool were responded to by C. Ward who advised that there has been ongoing engagement with the contractor but he is experiencing various supply chain and other challenges with the project but that further updates will be provided when more detail is available on a revised timeline and the report was then 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 including details on 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 provided a summary of the priorities and key initiatives of the sports programmes. He advised that funding is available from Sport Ireland for the Active Cities programme in South Dublin and he also informed the Committee that there would be a pilot on-line booking system in two community centres.  Following contributions from L. Byrne and Cllr. O'Connor, it was confirmed that Adamstown and Kilnamanagh are the pilot sites and that it would be intended to roll the system out to other centres in the near future and the report was noted.

The report was noted.

**H7. Information/Updates:**

C. Ward gave a brief outline of the items listed below reports for which were provided for the Committee's information:

* LECP Process
* Local Sports Plan
* Booking System
* Tennis Facilities
* Community Development Review & Recruitment Update
* Confirmation of Sports Partnership Reps.

The reports were noted.

**H8. Any Other Business**

There was a brief discussion regarding the model for future meetings, with the Chair noting that he would be agreeable to continuing with remote meetings, but this could be reviewed before the next scheduled meeting in September if necessary.

There was no further business and the meeting concluded at 4:15pm.

The Reports were **NOTED**.

### **H4f/1022 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

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

**Councillor L. Sinclair reported on the Land Use, Planning & Trasportation SPC**

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

1. **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](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/75845)

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**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/76164)

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**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/76120)

[**Road Safety Strategy 2022 - 2024**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/76121)

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**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/76173)

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**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/76184)

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**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/76161)

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**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/76123)

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

1. **MINUTES OF LAND USE, PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION  
   STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

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

**PRESENT**

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

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

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

### [**Mins SPC Meeting held on 24th February 2022**](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/75144)

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.

The Reports were **NOTED**.

### **H5/1022 REPORTS REQUESTED BY AREA COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

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

### **H6/1022 REPORT FROM JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE - FOR NOTING**

### The following report, was presented by Mr. C. Ward, Director of Housing, Social and Community Development, and was **CONSIDERED**:

**Report of Meeting of South Dublin Joint Policing Committee Meeting on Friday, 16th September 2022 at 10.00 a.m. in the Council Chamber (Hybrid Meeting)**

I**n attendance:**

**Committee Members:** Cllr. Lynn McCrave (Chair), Cllr. Emma Murphy (Mayor), Cllr. Yvonne Collins, Cllr. Mick Duff, Cllr. Shane Moynihan, Cllr. Derren Ó Brádaigh, Cllr. Eoin Ó Broin, Cllr. Shirley O'Hara, Cllr. Deirdre O’Donovan, Cllr. Cathal King, Sean Crowe, TD, John Lahart, TD, Emer Higgins, TD, Chief Supt. Finbarr Murphy and Supt. Ian Lackey (both An Garda Síochána), Noreen Byrne, John Conroy, Sue Dorgan and Rita Harte (all South Dublin Public Participation Network representatives), Trevor Bissett and Grace Hill (both Drugs and Alcohol Task Force representatives) and Colm Ward (South Dublin County Council).

**In attendance:**Jennifer Moroney Ward, Maria Nugent, Fionnuala Keane, Marian Travers and William Fowler (all South Dublin County Council) and Sarah Middleton (An Garda Síochána)

**Apologies:** Gemma Carton (Garda Youth Diversion) and Cllr. Liona O’Toole.

The Chair, Cllr Lynn McCrave, opened the meeting at 10 a.m. and it was agreed to amend the agenda to take the presentation on Domestic Violence later in the meeting.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Friday 22nd April 2022 were noted and agreed as a true record of the previous meeting.

**2. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**3. Correspondence**:

Correspondence from Dublin City Council regarding the South Dublin JPC's request for representation on the Ballyfermot/Chapelizod Local Policing Forum was noted.

Correspondence from The Policing Authority in relation to the Annual Meeting of JPC Chairpersons and Chief Executives of Local Authorities was noted.

**4. Governance:**

It was noted that the correspondence from Dublin City Council (DCC) advised that no South Dublin councillor will be included on the Ballyfermot/Chapelizod Local Policing Fora Committee despite the South Dublin JPC having requested this arrangement.  The DCC position is that Ballyfermot Gardai will continue to meet the Palmerstown Community under a separate arrangement and if a situation arises that warrants attendance by a Palmerstown Representative, this will be facilitated.  It was also noted that elected representatives are welcome to attend Ballyfermot/Chapelizod LPF public meetings.

**5. An Garda Síochána Reports**

**a.)**Responses from An Garda Síochána to matters raised by JPC Members that were circulated prior to the meeting were noted.

**b.) DMR South Reports:**

**Tallaght & Rathfarnham**

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

* Ongoing engagement with regional analysts, transport stakeholders LUAS and Dublin Bus.
* Crime is still below pre-Covid levels.
* There has been a reduction in Fraud and Economic crime.
* Domestic Orders are down compared to last year – this is a priority for the Tallaght Unit.
* Longitude had approximately 240,000 young people in attendance, incidents were significantly down, including less drug seizures.
* In recent weeks approximately €700,000 worth of drugs were seized and arrests made.
* Two loaded firearms were recovered and arrests made.
* Shamrock Rovers Stadium will require policing for upcoming major match days.
* The murder in Rossfield has had significant effect on the first responders and Gardai who were in attendance on the night.

Cllr. Murphy and Cllr. King both extended sympathies to the family and community of Rossfield after the recent tragic incident which Deputy Crowe noted highlighted the gaps in local mental health services.

Deputy Crowe also noted that the use of nitrous oxide cylinders continues to increase and that the correct and safe disposal of the cannisters needs to be addressed along with legislation surrounding the sale of the cannisters.  G. Hill noted that Dáil representatives had previously committed to progressing legislation and that the Council needed to review the position regarding disposal which C. Ward committed to following up with the responsible Director of Environment, Water and Climate Change to provide an update for the next JPC meeting.  It was agreed to include this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

**(c.) DMR West Reports**

**Clondalkin & Rathcoole**

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

* Increase in damage to cars and theft of cars. Significant drug seizures.
* Ongoing investigation following a serious incident outside Vela Nightclub.
* Meetings were held in April and May with local business holders in relation to issues within Clondalkin Village.
* Special Beats were set up to combat drug use within the village and searches carried out at a number of addresses.
* Ongoing engagement with Ukrainian refugees currently residing thin the District.
* An Open Day was held in Clondalkin Garda Station on June 25th to mark the anniversary of An Garda Siochana, a march by Clondalkin Station Party and Garda Ceremonial Unit was held in Clondalkin Village.

Significant Crime reported:

* Seizure of €1.75 million worth of cocaine by District Drugs Unit. One male arrested and charged before the Courts.
* April 15th- One male arrested and before the Courts in relation to a shooting incident in Clondalkin.
* May 30th – Robbery of a store in the Ninth Lock Road, male arrested and DPP directs to be charged with robbery.
* April 8th – Murder attempt in the Cherrywood area. Male arrested and charged.

**Lucan & Ronanstown:**

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

* Significant arrests in relation to car thefts.
* Significant drug seizures, working with local, national and international drug units.
* Stop and search has decreased across the city as they more targeted searches are being conducted.

Significant Crime reported:

* May 2022: Vehicle observed acting suspiciously in the Moorefield area.
* Large sum of Euro and Sterling discovered in excess of €150,000
* Suspect charged with Money Laundering offence as directed by DPP

Significant Detections regarding Possession of Drugs for Sale and Supply:

* May 2022: Vehicle observed acting suspiciously in the Moorefield area.
* Large sum of Euro and Sterling discovered in excess of €150,000
* Suspect charged with Money Laundering offence as directed by DPP.

Contributions and questions by Cllrs. Ó Brádaigh, Ó Broin and Moynihan were responded to by Chief Supt. Murphy.

**6. Local Policing Fora Reports**

**Clondalkin LPF:**No meetings have taken place in 2022.

**D12 LPF:** Report of the D12 LPF noted.

**West Tallaght Community Safety Forum:** The West Tallaght Community Safety Forum report was noted. A public meeting will take place in Autumn 2022.  
  
**North Clondalkin, Lucan and Palmerstown LPF:**  The North Clondalkin LPF Report was noted.  A public meeting will take place in Autumn 2022.  N. Byrne raised specific issues arising from the LPF meeting in relation to housing matters and follow-ups to matters previously raised including a boundary wall issue and the recommendations of the safety and inclusivity study.  C. Ward agreed to follow up on these issues directly with N. Byrne.

**7. Drugs Sub-Committee**

The report relating to the Drugs Sub-Committee was noted.

G. Hill outlined the drugs and alcohol task force role in raising awareness of the harms associated with substances such as nitrous oxide which C. Ward committing to supporting.

**8. Presentation: Domestic Violence**

Chief Supt. Murphy gave a presentation on Domestic Violence, defining domestic violence and coercive control, profiling related circumstances, indicators and statistics while also outlining the related legislation and the role of An Garda Síochána in assisting victims.  The presentation was acknowledged by the committee and it was agreed that it would be circulated.

Following a contribution by Deputy Crowe, C. Ward outlined the supports currently provided by the Council to agencies supporting victims of domestic abuse and confirmed that proposals for further supports would be considered as required.

**9. Any Other Business**

G. Hill raised a severe lack of community policing presence across Tallaght to which Supt. Lackey responded that there are currently some vacancies due to promotions and retirements which will be fille din due course but noted that community policing will have a new full-time Inspector while J. Conroy commented that there could be more Gardaí on bike patrol.

**10. 2022 Schedule of Meetings:**

It was noted that the final meeting of the Joint Policing Committee meetings in 2022 is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Friday 18th November 2022, to be held in the Council Chamber in County Hall, Tallaght as a hybrid meeting to facilitate remote attendance as required.

**11. Rossfield Tragedy**

Following a request from Cllr. McCrave, all committee members then observed a minute's silence for the victims of the tragic events in Rossfield.

The meeting then concluded at 12.30 p.m.

**QUESTIONS**

It was proposed by Councillor E. Murphy, seconded by Councillor S. Moynihan and **RESOLVED**:

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 22, Questions numbered Q1 – Q29 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

### **Q1/1022 QUESTION:** **Councillor Carly Bailey**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on retrofitting works for Older Persons accommodation across the county, including timelines and to specify what work will be carried out.

**REPLY:**

The Housing Maintenance Section are currently delivering on a multi annual Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme to bring Council housing stock up to a building energy rating of B2 which commenced in 2021 and is funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.  The Department has identified this as a 10-year programme with the aim to upgrade 36,500 local authority owned homes nationally by 2030.  Annual targets are set by the Department and to date SDCC targets are as follows:

* 2021 – 117 Properties
* 2022 – 146 properties

To date, 363 properties have been identified for works on SDCC owned homes, and are at various stages from design to completion.  A total of 78 of the identified properties are specifically older/vulnerable person accommodation.  It should be noted some of the current properties are being progressed in advance of a presumed 2023 target to be set by the Department.

The works typically include a combination of replacement of windows and doors, upgrade to heating systems with the inclusion of heatpumps, installation of mechanical ventilation and improvement to wall and attic insulation.  Prior to the works commencing each property is surveyed and a scope of works required is developed specific to each property. Where possible the project looks to capitalise on previous energy upgrade works, carried out by the Council and or the tenant.

The following is a breakdown of the progress of specific areas where older/vulnerable person properties have been identified to date:

* Kilmahuddrick --- 18 properties --- Works are complete
* Liscarne --- 11 properties --- Works have been completed on 5 properties with the remaining 6 properties due to have their heating systems upgraded commencing in October 2022
* Castletymon --- 9 properties --- Tenders have been received for the works and expected to commence October 2022 and be completed January 2023.
* Limekiln (Ph1) ---- 8 properties --- tender process to commence week of 3rd October 2022. Works expected to commence November 2022, with completion Jan/Feb 2023
* Sarsfield --- 16 properties --- Surveys have been competed and tender documents being finalised. Tender process to commence end of October 2022 with works to commence before year end.
* Willbrook --- 4 properties --- Survey have been completed and tender documents being finalised. Tender process to commence end of October 2022 with works to commence before year end.
* Maelruains --- 4 properties --- properties currently being surveyed and tender documentation being prepared. Tender to be issued before year end.  Works to be carried out Q1 2023.
* Limekilin (Ph2) --- 8 properties --- properties currently being surveyed and tender documentation being prepared. Tender to be issued before year end.  Works to be carried out Q1 2023.

### **Q2/1022 QUESTION: Councillor Carly Bailey**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline what items are available to borrow from the county libraries in relation to energy saving.

**REPLY:**

Since 2018, South Dublin Libraries have held a stock of Codema Home Energy Saving Kits.

The Home Energy Saving Kit aims to help householders make sense of the energy they use every day. The items in the toolkits address three key areas of energy use - space heating, hot water and electricity consumption.

Each kit contains six practical tools that help householders understand how their home uses energy and ways to find possible savings. The six tools are:

* Fridge/Freezer thermometer. This allows you to adjust the temperature in your fridge and freezer to save energy.
* Temperature and humidity meter. This identifies the temperature and humidity levels in every room in your house.
* Radiator key. To bleed your radiators and make them heat more efficiently.
* Thermal Leak Detector. This measures the temperature of your walls, floors, windows and ceilings to identify air leaks and draughts or insufficient insulation and glazing.
* Plug-In Energy Monitor. With this tool, you can see how much energy the appliances in your home use and calculate their running costs.
* Stopwatch. You can measure the water flow rate of your taps and adjust to save water and money on heating it.

The kit can be borrowed for a period of 2 weeks and helps you take the first step in becoming more energy efficient by identifying problem areas in your home and helping you make sense of the energy you consume daily. There are 14 kits available through the following branches of South Dublin Libraries:

* Ballyroan
* Castletymon
* Clondalkin
* Lucan
* North Clondalkin
* Tallaght

Kits can be reserved by contacting your local branch of South Dublin Libraires, they are not available to reserve online.

All members of South Dublin Libraries have access to the Libraries Ireland catalogue of over 12,000,000 items, which can be reserved on-line for collection in your nearest branch. The catologue is searchable by keyword or subject, with over 1,700 titles relating to "Energy Saving" having copies available to reserve. The catalogue is available at www.librariesireland.ie.

### **Q3/1022 QUESTION: Councillor Carly Bailey**

To ask the Chief Executive how SDCC deals with complaints from the public re lack of enforcement relating to dogs off of leads in public parks and greens, especially where another animal(s) and or person is injured as a result.

**REPLY:**

The Parks and Open Space Bye-Laws 2011 are in force to ensure that parks provided as a public amenity, are used by members of the public to the maximum extend in safety and comfort.

The Council's Parks and Open Spaces ByeLaws provide as follows in relation to animals:

**4.1       Dogs:-**

**4.1.1**No person:

1. a) Shall take into or allow to remain in a Park any dog unless it is under effective control on a leash other than in areas designated (dog runs) or at times specified by the County Council.
2. b) In charge of a dog in a Park shall engage it in coursing or permit it to be engaged in coursing in a Park.

**4.1.2**Persons in charge of a dog in a Park shall

1. a) Take reasonable care to prevent it from causing annoyance to any person using the Park or worrying, chasing, injuring or disturbing any animals, birds or other creatures in the Park.
2. b) Be liable for any damage or injury which may be caused by the dog.
3. c) Remove it from the Park if so directed by an Employee of the Council or an Authorised Person.

The Public Realm Section have a Park Ranger service that enforces the bye-laws during the course of their duties. The dog wardens do regular checks of the parks and work with the Park Rangers when necessary. The dog wardens are responsible for the enforcement of the Control of Dogs Act 1986 as amended. This includes responding to complaints relating to dogs not under effectual control and/or dangerous dogs, carrying out of Licence Checks and the initiation of enforcement proceedings where possible and the seizure and collection of unwanted/stray dogs and removal to the Dog Pound.

### **Q4/1022 QUESTION:** **Councillor Carly Bailey**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report into the activities of dog wardens. Report to include how many are employed, how many are on duty at any one time and their role in relation to surveying parks/dog fouling.

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council currently employs two full time Dog Wardens within the administrative area.

The Dog Warden Service encourages responsible dog ownership and continually promotes the benefits of microchipping dogs and how this will assist in reuniting dog owners with their dogs if lost or worse stolen. Last year 241 stray and surrendered dogs were dealt with by the wardens, happily 69 dogs were reunited with their owners and a further 162 had been rehomed by the end of the year.

As part of their enforcement role under the Control of Dogs Act, the Dog Wardens will:

* Respond to complaints relating to dogs not under effectual control and/or dangerous dogs, including incidents of sheep worrying.
* Carry out licence checks and initiate enforcement proceedings if necessary
* Collect unwanted and stray dogs

Since the introduction of the Control of Dogs Act and subsequent programmes of awareness and enforcement the number of unwanted and stray dogs collected by the Wardens in South Dublin has reduced by around 90%. During the same period, the number of sheep worrying incidents reduced by a similar amount.

The Dog Wardens also deal with complaints related to dogs on a daily basis e.g. Barking dogs, Stray dogs, Surrendered dogs, Nuisance dogs. The service regularly receives complaints about other animals including foxes and even swans! These are referred on to appropriate agencies, where possible. The wardens patrol all areas of the County including parks and open spaces.

The Wardens liaise with other Council sections and departments in carrying out their work, including the Park Ranger Service in respect of the control of dogs in council parks and open spaces and will advise and assist estate management in the Councils Housing Department.

The Dog Wardens can be contacted on 01 414 9000.

The Bye-Laws for Parks and Open Spaces 2011 came into force on the 1st August 2011 and are for the use, operation, protection, regulation and management of Parks and Open Spaces owned, controlled and managed by, or in the charge of South Dublin County Council.

Section 4 of the Bye-Laws deals specifically with the control of dogs, while Section 8 and 9 deal with enforcement, penalties and fixed payment notices in relation to the contravention of any of the provisions of the Bye-Laws.

Park Rangers as employees of the Council are authorised to enforce the SDCC Bye-laws. In the event that a member or members of the public fails to co-operate with an instruction or direction of a Park Ranger, the next step, depending on the severity of the breach of the Bye-laws is to seek the assistance of An Garda Siochána to enforce the Bye-law. They are empowered to direct the public to comply with the Bye-laws and a frequent activity in this regard is to request members of the public to put dogs on a leash.

The Park Rangers patrol the parks on foot and by vehicle and /or Electric Bike, 7 days a week during official park opening times.

### **Q5/1022 QUESTION:** **Councillor Carly Bailey**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm whether the Housing Department have noticed an increase in the number of notice to quit eviction notices being given to HAP and RAS tenants over the last five years.

**REPLY:**

The tables below show the HAP and RAS NTQs for the last three years. The information for 2018 and 2019 is not available. The numbers for 2020 are low owing to the emergency procedures that were in place at that time.

**HAP NTQs**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **YEAR** | **Number NTQs** |
| 2020 | 43 |
| 2021 | 126 |
| 2022 | 128 (YTD) |

**RAS NTQs**

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| **YEAR** | **Number NTQs** |
| 2020 | 27 |
| 2021 | 38 |
| 2022 | 46 (YTD) |

### **Q6/1022 QUESTION:** **Councillor Carly Bailey**

To ask the Chief Executive how many applications were made for discretionary increases in HAP for the year 2021, 2020 and 2019, how many were awarded and what percentage of those HAP tenancies does this equate to for each of the years.

**REPLY:**

The national shared service operated by Limerick City and County Council manages the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) scheme on behalf of all local authorities with 2,814 HAP tenancies and 2,000 HHAP tenancies registered for South Dublin as of 26th September, 2022..  Data for discretionary increases were recorded by the shared service under the category of "Amendments" with this category also including rent reviews and other tenancy amendments.  The amendments recorded by the shared service for South Dublin tenancies, including any discretionary increases, over the last 3 years were as follows:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **HAP Tenancy Amendments** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** |
| South Dublin | 300 | 320 | 280 |

However, since the revised procedures introduced in July 2022 allowing local authorities to increase the HAP discretionary rate from 20% to a maximum of 35%, revised procedures have been put in place to record requests for discretionary increases separately, with 22 discretionary increases recorded since that time.

### **Q7/1022 QUESTION:** **Councillor Yvonne Collins**

To ask the Chief Executive to set out in tabular form by LEA the incidences of illegal dumping and the cost to clean up same over the last two years.

**REPLY:**

While it is not possible to provide figures by LEA, the total figures for incidences of illegal dumping for the county for 2021, and 2022 to date, are as follows:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Description** | **2021** | **2022 to date** |
| Membersnet | 347 | 209 |
| Fix Your Street (finished in July 22) | 1,107 | 438 |
| Environment Complaints System | 1,077 | 526 |
| **Total** | **2,531** | **1,173** |

The expenditure costs for the removal of illegal dumping for 2021 and 2022 to date were as follows:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Expenditure costs in relation to reported incidences of illegal dumping** | |
| 2021 | €1,465,374 |
| 2022 to date | € 875,568 |

### **Q8/1022 QUESTION: Councillor Yvonne Collins**

To ask the Chief Executive for details of targeted measures to combat illegal dumping in litter black spots.

**REPLY:**

The Council appreciates and shares the concern expressed by the Elected Members and members of the public in relation to the illegal dumping and fly tipping throughout the county.

All reports of illegal dumping and littering are investigated by the Council's Litter Warden Service and all dumped material is searched for evidence. Where evidence is found, the appropriate enforcement action is taken under the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended. Increasingly, it is found that no personal information relating to polluters is contained within the dumped material, with personal information having been removed or shredded.

A number of initiatives continue to be implemented through the Environment Water & Climate Change directorate.  The Council's Litter Management Plan has committed to the deployment of innovative and emerging technologies, including CCTV and Programmable Audio Messaging Devices to tackle the problem of illegal dumping and fly tipping.  In managing this service, the Council is mindful of resources available, and requests for the installation of such technologies are assessed on a case-by-case basis, having regard to certain criteria, including site suitability and the repetitive nature of illegal dumping and fly tipping.

Village cleansing programme is ongoing in all town and village centres on a daily basis Monday to Friday and also on Sundays. Existing cleaning schedules are reviewed and modified regularly, planned and scheduled clean-ups of areas prone to repeated littering / dumping incidents is ongoing, and there is continuing liaison with community groups for Clean-Up collections. Regard is taken of reports / survey findings e.g. IBAL, and resources as available and appropriate, are applied.

An ongoing proactive anti-litter and anti-illegal dumping programmes and campaigns are delivered as per the Eastern Midlands Waste Regional Waste Management Plan and the SDCC Litter Management Plan.  Some examples of the proactive initiatives that have been previously promoted/carried out include bulky waste collection pilots, bulbs not bonfires Halloween campaigns, Halloween campaigns involving tyre retailers, hazardous wastes collections and bring bank monitoring programmes.

Some other proactive initiatives carried out include the National Spring Clean, the PURE project, the Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti awareness grants, WEEE collection days, Eco -Week and annual anti-dumping schemes such as the mattress amnesties and area clean-ups.

Continued support is provided for through the Green Schools Programme, South Dublin County has 97 schools registered for this programme which has a theme specially dedicated to litter and waste. Support is provided on an ongoing basis to the green school’s programme through talks, workshops, competitions etc. and in the 2020/2021 school year, 17 schools in South Dublin County received a green flag.

From January 2022 to date, there have been 95 applications received and assistance provided through the scheme. The following materials are available throughout the county, in the two Council offices and a number of community centres to successful applicants: litter pickers, bags, hi-vis vests, shovels and brushes, paint, paint brushes and native/pollinator seeds have been added to materials provided. Groups who avail of the supports are requested to return the materials following their clean up so that other groups may avail of them.

The council continues to examine all options available to it to improve the aesthetic appearance of the county and continues to update members on the Litter Management Plan Annual Action Plans.

As always, the public is encouraged to work with the Council in helping to identify culprits who engage in illegal dumping and to report any incidents observed.

Reports of littering and illegal dumping can be made on the **Council’s Litter Warden hotline on 01 4149220** and on the **Environmental Protection Agency’s anti-dumping hotline on 1850 365 121.**

Where there is an ongoing problem of illegal dumping in any area, local residents are urged to support the Council in taking the appropriate enforcement action by making reports to the Litter Warden Service for investigation and by providing evidence, including testimony, where possible. Additionally, residents are encouraged through the medium of the Council's Social Credits Scheme to seek rewards for community-based initiatives, such as community clean ups.

### **Q9/1022 QUESTION: Councillor Yvonne Collins**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline arrangements to prevent illegal bonfires and damage to property and local amenities in the run up to, and during, the Halloween period this year, as well as initiatives to promote a "Safe Halloween" throughout this Council area.

**REPLY:**

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 2021 these collections captured in the region of 332 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 2022 revenue budget for the holding of a community Halloween event in Tallaght Stadium this year.

**Electrical Recycling Collections for Halloween**

RecycleIT, in association with South Dublin Country Council and in partnership with WEEE Ireland 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).

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](mailto:info@recycleit.ie) to learn more and take the first steps to arranging a FREE collection event for your estate or neighbourhood.

**Mattress Recycling**

The Council is running a mattress amnesty again this year during the month of October, in conjunction with our social enterprise partners **[RecycleIT](http://www.recycleit.ie/)**.  Used mattresses will be collected, free of charge, at a number of designated collection points on dates during the course of October.  This event ran very successfully in 2021 with close to 1,000 used mattresses collected.

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](mailto:envawareness@sdublincoco.ie)

One change that occurred in both 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 expected that it will be possible for those school visits to resume this year as all Covid restrictions have been lifted.

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

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

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

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

### **Q10/1022 QUESTION: Councillor Yvonne Collins**

To ask the Chief Executive whether nesting bird surveys are incorporated into the Council's management of long flowering meadows under the Pollinator Action Plan

**REPLY:**

In line with the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan the primary function of the meadows is to provide habitats and food for pollinators, this involves a restructured mowing pattern with a one cut per annum grassland management regime. Currently the Council's Public Realm Section manages over 160 hectares as natural meadows (long flowering meadows). Regular cutting of the meadows is an important part of the healthy management of these areas. Some of the meadows are cut at the end of the flowering season and this mimics traditional hay meadow management techniques, while other meadows are left to overwinter and are cut later in the spring. This provides nesting and overwintering habitats for local biodiversity. Precautions are taken prior to cutting long flowering meadows such as walking and visually surveying the meadows before they are cut to ensure nesting birds are not disturbed. In addition to this the Council encourages the public to engage and report locations of nesting birds if they are aware of them and the Council will take every precaution to avoid disturbing nesting birds.

### **Q11/1022 QUESTION:** **Councillor Patrick Pearse Holohan**

What is the definition of "a high threshold bed" in the homeless sector ?

**REPLY:**

High-threshold beds refers to the standard temporary emergency accommodation, operating on a drug and alcohol free basis, provided for homeless persons with minimal or no supports while low-threshold beds are for those homeless persons with complex needs and requiring extra supports, up to referral to the Housing First programme when being offered a tenancy.  All efforts are made to ensure that homeless persons provided with appropriate accommodation based on assessment of their needs together with advice from homeless service providers and other support agencies as required.

### **Q12/1022 QUESTION: Councillor B. Lawlor**

To ask the Chief Executive to give a report on the actions taken in relation to the extra funding for staffing resources allocated by Minister Darragh O’Brien to successfully deliver the “HOUSING FOR ALL” targets.

**REPLY:**

Recruitment has been completed or is planned for all sanctioned and currently required staffing resources for housing delivery with a number of further posts under discussion with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

### **Q13/1022 QUESTION:** **Councillor Derren Ó Brádaigh**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Council with a report on the 12 month pilot mapping project agreed and conducted by SDCC between July 2021 - July 2022 into the locations at which nitrous oxide cannisters were reported and removed. Report to include actions/recommendations in addressing this ongoing issue.

**REPLY:**

The most recent report on this matter which was given to the April meeting of the County Council is provided below, the situation has largely remained unchanged since then.  The use of nitrous oxide is occurring for the most part in public parks, but also in public open spaces and on public roads and streets.  The finds of dumped/used cannisters continue to be recorded however these appear to be random in nature, with finds being recorded in parks where the substance is being used but also being recorded in locations on public roads where it would appear that they are being dumped after use. The small 'silver bullet' cannisters are being found in large numbers, and finds of larger cannisters would now appear to be more prevalent.  As previously reported the sale, purchase, possession and use of this substance is not currently illegal so it would appear that there is little by way of enforcement action open to the authorities in this regard.   The Council will continue to play any role it can in combatting this problem however it is for other agencies to promote the message that the use of this substance for recreational purposes is potentially damaging to a persons health and in some instances has proven to be fatal.

Further reports have been received of finds of cannisters at the locations previously reported and listed below.  Finds have now been reported at the following locations where there had been no previous reports -  Deansrath, Liffey Valley, Alpine, Ashwood, Collinstown Park, Sundale, Neilstown Road, Knocklyon Heights, Adamstown, Delaford, Liscarne, Wheatfield, Johnsbridge, Griffeen Valley, Cushlawn, Canal Way, Oakdale and Ballycragh Park.

**Reply to Q14 on Council meeting agenda of 9 May 2022**

'The motion relating to this matter which was on the July 2021 County Council meeting agenda requested that we map finds of nitrous oxide cannisters.  This exercise has been undertaken by the Public Realm Section since August '21 and in the first report in November '21 finds had been reported at a total of 18 locations and repeat finds and reports had been made about some of these locations.  Those locations included -

* Council parks (Sean Walsh Park, Corkagh Park, Bancroft Park, Killenarden Park, Dodder Valley Park, St Cuthberts Park)
* Housing Estates (Boden Park, Monalea, Aylesbury, Woodford, Quarryvale, Adamstown, Balgaddy)
* Other locations (N7 pedestrian bridge at the Red Cow, Hellfire Club, Cruagh Wood, Grand Canal, Kilakee viewing point).

The exercise to gather this information is continuing, it has been ongoing for 9 months and will continue to August '22 to cover a full 12 month period.  Only larger scale finds are being reported by Public Realm staff, finds of one or two 'silver bullets' are occurring daily across the county through daily cleaning activities and these are not being reported. Since the last report finds continue to be reported in the locations previously listed, large scale finds have since been reported in the following additional locations -

* Bolbrook Estate,
* St Cuthberts Meadows,
* Neilstown Shops,
* Greenfort Estate,
* Rowlagh Estate,
* Finnstown Priory,
* Lealand Estate,
* St James' Road.

The finds indicate use of these cannisters at some of the locations, while in other cases they appear to have been dumped in large quantities at the location of the find.  The finds of larger cannisters of the substance appear to be more frequent now with each of these estimated to be equivalent to approximately 50 'silver bullets'.  It has not been possible to quantify the number of small cannisters found as on occasions they have been found to number in the hundreds at a location.  The data gathered to date shows that nitrous oxide use is occurring across the county however it cannot be used to determine how widespread this use is.  It should be noted that use of this substance is currently not illegal and anecdotal evidence suggests that the cannisters can be easily purchased on-line.' 

### **Q14/1022 QUESTION:** **Councillor Derren Ó Brádaigh**

To ask the Chief Executive how many tenants pay by standing order and to provide a breakdown in tabular form of how many pay weekly, fortnightly and monthly?

**REPLY:**

A standing order is an automatic regular payment for a fixed amount that is set up by an individual bank account holder with their banking provider to make regular, or standing, payments to another account.  Only the account holder authorising the standing order can make changes to it in respect of the amount, payment date or cancellation.

Rent (and other) payments receipted by the Council which originate from standing orders show only as electronic funds transfers along with all other payments received and are not separately identified as standing orders so therefore we are not in a position to report how many rent payments are received by standing order.

In addition, direct debits are not currently facilitated by the Council as a method of payment of rent but approximately 1,700 tenants in receipt of social welfare payments have their rent deducted weekly through the Household Budget Service provided by An Post.

Of the 9031 accounts that made payment in respect of rent accounts during September, 2022, the following were the individual number of payments received per account:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Number of Payments Per Account Received in September 2022 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4+ | Total |
| Number of Accounts | 1058 | 831 | 821 | 6321 | 9031 |

### **Q15/1022 QUESTION: Councillor Eoin Ó Broin**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on how many inspections of private rental accommodation have taken place in 2022, report to include what percentage of the private rental accommodation in the county this amounts to, and the target desired percentage for all of 2022?

**REPLY:**

Inspections of private rented properties are primarily carried out on the Council's behalf by external contractors on a planned inspection programme covering properties with Housing Assistance Payment (HAP), Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) and Approved Housing Bodies (AHB) tenancies.  In addition, Environmental Heath Officers (EHOs) inspect properties where complaints are reported to the Council.

Where properties fail any of the nine regulatory minimum standard items, the landlord will be notified of non-compliance and requested to resolve the issues identified with follow-up inspections arranged as necessary.  Several follow-up inspections may be carried out on the property depending on the nature of the non-compliance before a final inspection is undertaken.

The target rate of 25% annual inspection coverage of all RTB registered private rented properties in each local authority was originally envisaged in the Strategy for the Rental Sector published in 2016.  This strategy had the objective of incrementally increasing the number of inspections by 5% each year with the aim of reaching the 25% annual inspections coverage rate by 2021.  The 2019 target was 15% coverage which was comfortably exceeded for South Dublin.  However, inspections in 2020 and 2021 were significantly impacted with limited numbers of inspections carried out due to lockdown and associated restrictions and this resulted in the targets of 20% for 2020 and 25% for 2021 not being achieved.

The year-to-date figures for inspections carried out as of 28th September 2022 are as follows:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Category** | **No. Inspections** |
| Planned First Inspections | 1,526 |
| Complaint-Related First inspections | 84 |
| 2nd/Follow-up Inspections | 952 |
| **Total Inspections** | **2,562** |

The annual target for inspections is 4,270, representing 25% of all registered, rented dwellings in the County. Inspections carried out to date in 2022 is 2,562 which represents 60% of the annual target.

Consequently, the 25% target set for all local authorities for 2022 required a significant expansion and upscaling of activity in this work area, out of line with the originally planned incremental increases.  Our implementation plan set out the ambition to achieve this challenging target through various measures including increased activity by both our own staff resources and our external inspection contractors together with revised administrative processes.

Unfortunately, despite implementation of certain improvements in processes, the target is it is unlikely that our target will be reached this year due to challenges with achieving the projected uplift in activity has been challenging due to the difficulty in restoring and increasing the inspection capacity lost during lockdown, while ongoing challenges with data quality from the RTB and the absence of an IT system for the sector to manage inspections combined with staff vacancies have also impacted output.  In addition, our external contractors have also been re-directed to inspect properties pledged for Ukrainian refugees on occasion.  These challenges had been signalled with DHLGH in the context of it being difficult to achieve the target set for 2022 inspections.  Notwithstanding this,  we have recently reviewed activity to date and the capacity of our internal resources, including Environmental Health Officers, and external contractors to increase the output to try to get as close as possible to the target for 2022 in the remaining months of this year and are projecting that we will achieve at least in excess of 90% of the target which will provide a platform for achieving in excess of the 25% required in 2023.

### **Q16/1022 QUESTION: Councillor Eoin Ó Broin**

To ask the Chief Executive if a watering regime is needed for the street trees that were planted over the last year?

**REPLY:**

The annual programme for the planting of street trees involves the planting of trees at approximately 2,500 locations each year and due to the large numbers involved this work is tendered and outsourced on a supply, plant and maintain arrangement.  The successful bidder is responsible for the maintenance of the planted trees for a period of 2 years and this includes watering requirements.

### **Q17/1022 QUESTION: Councillor Eoin Ó Broin**

To ask the Chief Executive to list the streets or villages of the county where there are restrictions on certain types of vehicles e.g. 3 tonne limits or 7 tonne limits?

**REPLY:**

[Q17 SDCC Weight Restriction List and Map](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76248)

### **Q18/1022 QUESTION: Councillor Eoin Ó Broin**

To ask the Chief Executive to produce a report including maps of all Public Right of Way that has have been listed in the 2022 - 2028 CDP?

**REPLY:**

One public right of way was listed in the CDP and is contained in Chapter 9, Table 9.3 and described as follows:

'Lucan Weir

From the Main Road in the Village running down the slip (Watery Lane) between the old St. Andrew’s national school house to the west and a commercial building to the east leading to the River Liffey walkway, as far as the western side of the Liffey bridge to exit at street level on the southern side of the bridge.'

As indicated in section 9.9.1 Public Rights of Way in the Development Plan, the right of way is identified on Map 13 Green Infrastructure of the development plan ([map-13-green-infrastructure.pdf (sdcc.ie)](https://www.sdcc.ie/en/devplan2022/adopted-plan/land-use-zoning-maps/map-13-green-infrastructure.pdf)) and on the Development Plan interactive map ([Adopted Development Plan (arcgis.com)](https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/f8990ef0badf42acaee196bd4b9a3725)).

### **Q19/1022 QUESTION: Councillor Eoin Ó Broin**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on when work to find all the rights of way in the county might begin?

**REPLY:**

The adopted Development Plan includes an objective relating to the identification of existing public rights of way as follows:

**EDE23 Objective 2:**

To identify, in a logical and sequenced way, existing public rights of way in relevant areas of the County and to investigate the creation of new public rights of way by taking the following steps within two years of adoption of the Plan:

* Identify and map those areas within the County which have the potential to give access to mountain, lakeshore, riverbank or other places of natural beauty or recreational utility;
* Examine the identified areas for existing access routes;
* Investigate whether existing access routes are public rights of way and where there is an understanding that a public right of way may exist, undertake the necessary steps for consultation set out in the Planning Acts;
* Once verified, map and identify those public rights of way in the Development Plan;
* Where public rights of way do not exist and access would be appropriate, consider using public rights of way agreements available under section 206 of the Planning and Development Acts;
* Where public rights of way agreements are not possible, consider the use of compulsory purchase orders under section 207 of the Planning and Development'

As indicated in the objective, the identification of public rights of way will be included as one of a list of projects for inclusion in the work programme up to 2024.

### **Q20/1022 QUESTION:** **Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive if he has any concerns in respect of water levels in the County; will he give assurances and make a statement?

**REPLY:**

The water supply to the County is part of a wider Greater Dublin Area Network and is carefully managed by Irish Water with the cooperation and under SLA's with all the Local Authorities served.  Coordination meetings regarding water supply take place with Irish Water every fortnight, or more often if necessary.  Currently there are no concerns regarding water supply in the County.

Members are reminded that Irish Water operates a Local Representative Support Desk which deals with any queries from members regarding water supply or foul sewer drainage or any other Irish Water matters.  Irish Water also hold Councillor Clinics which typically take place quarterly.

### **Q21/1022 QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that he continues to take actions to control the use of Scramblers in our Parks and Open Spaces; will he details contacts he has had in respect of this problem and will he make a statement?

**REPLY:**

In 2017 South Dublin County Council convened a taskforce consisting of SDCC, Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council, Dept of Justice, An Garda Siochana, the Road Safety Authority and Motocross Ireland to examine the issue of scramblers being driven in public parks and open spaces. Some of the issues which arose at the meetings of the task force were that the Gardai do not currently have the power to pursue scrambler bikes, to stop them, to impound them, to pursue them to other locations and to question the owners and drivers about their movements. It was felt that these issues needed to be addressed by new legislation. Equally the Council has been unable to date to identify the drivers of these vehicles and to hold them responsible for damage caused to parks and open spaces.

In parallel to the Council’s taskforce the Government put in place a cross departmental group to examine the issues at hand and in particular to examine the legal position with regard to existing legislation, with the assistance of the Attorney General’s Office. The legal advice provided by the Office of the Attorney General indicated that, in the main, current road traffic and public order legislation appears to provide sufficient means to police this issue. This view is shared by both the Department of Justice and the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. The Department of Justice reconvened the cross-agency group to discuss this legal advice with members of An Garda Síochána (AGS); meeting with the Garda National Roads Policing Bureau (GNRPB), the Dublin Metropolitan Region (Tallaght District) and the Youth Diversion, Community Engagement & Public Safety Bureau and the general consensus at the time was that new legislative powers were not required.

The situation has however moved on considerably since then with two separate pieces of legislation currently before the Houses of the Oireachtas in relation to the regulation of the use of scramblers in public places.  These are  -

The Road Traffic (All-terrain Vehicle and Scrambler Motorbike) (Amendment) Bill 2020 which is currently at stage 2 of the 11 stage process to pass the legislation, and

The Criminal Justice (Public Order) (Scramblers and Quadbikes) (Amendment) Bill 2021 which is also indicated to be at stage 2 of the process.

In addition to the work of the taskforce as outlined above the Council has completed a programme of boundary improvement works at locations where scramblers, quad bikes and stolen cars were gaining access to public parks. Substantial boundary improvement works have been carried out at Bancroft Park, Butler McGee Park, Jobstown Park, Tymon Park/Basketball Arena Road and at Dodder Valley Park.  The construction of a reinforced concrete wall at the boundary of Killinarden Park and Knockmore Crescent and Drive was completed in 2020, as was the construction of a similar wall at St Cuthbert’s Park in Clondalkin.

### **Q22/1022 QUESTION:** **Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to update members on the further development of the Council's Tourism Strategy; will he confirm discussions he has had in the matter and will he make a statement?

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County’s Tourism Strategy will set out a Vision for Tourism in the County, and in turn, what strategic direction to take – essentially the matching of our product, the county’s strategic assets, and their potential, against the market opportunities and how we deliver – at a high level. Leading with strong natural assets and other attractions in nearby areas, the strategy will aim to maximise benefits for all areas.

The Council has reviewed the previous County Tourism Strategy which informed a tender preparation process. A tender seeking Consultancy Services for the Preparation of an evidence based Tourism Strategy and Implementation Plan was published in August, 2022. An evaluation process of tenders received is underway. It is expected that, following a standstill period, a preferred tenderer will be appointed in mid October.

It is expected that following strategy preparation, an indicative timeline of progress includes the delivery of a draft tourism strategy in January, 2023, updating elected members at that time. It is envisaged that a final tourism strategy will be brought to the Council meeting in May, 2023.

### **Q23/1022 QUESTION: Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive to detail actions he is taking to ensure that all Council Housing Projects will be completed given the well publicised difficulties being experienced by builders; will he give details in respect of the Projects and make a statement?

**REPLY:**

The status of all the Council's current housing and other capital projects is provided under Update on Capital Projects Headed Item on the agenda for this Council meeting, in which the Chief Executive notes the persisting issues impacting on the construction sector associated with post Brexit and Covid supply chain issues, the war in Ukraine and related inflationary pressures that are reflected in:

* Tender participation rates and tender hesitancy including repeated requests for extension to tender periods, as main contractors are experiencing difficulties in pricing contracts and getting prices from their sub-contractors.
* Inflated tender prices relative to estimated project value.
* On site construction inflation and delays associated with supply chain issues.

The Council’s proposed 5-year programme has, as previously reported, been approved by the Minister for Housing and is published on the Council’s website at [housing-delivery-action-plan-2022-2026-final.pdf (sdcc.ie).](https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/housing/delivering-housing/delivering-housing/housing-delivery-action-plan-2022-2026-final.pdf)  The 2022 build target of 400 is clearly challenging in the face of contracts having been determined in the cases of Homeville, Fernwood and Maplewood. Every effort will be made to secure compensatory turnkey purchases, provided value for money can be achieved. The current position with our Housing projects is as follows:

**Large Housing Sites:**

**Kilcarbery:** 36 social homes, 16 affordable purchase and 74 cost rental (with Tuath Housing) homes have been delivered to date, with 38 more social homes also due to be completed before the end of 2022. A licence has been granted to the developer for commencement of works on Phase 2 of development and a design team is being appointed to develop a proposal for social and affordable housing on the former school site for Members’ approval.

**Clonburris:** The first stage of the construction tender for Clonburris Phases 1 & 2, comprising of a total of 382 social and affordable homes, is currently advertised. The expectation is that Phases 1 & 2 will be onsite in Q2 next year. A separate design team tender for phases 3,4 & 5 is being prepared for issue.

**Killinarden:** The LSRD pre-planning meeting for Killinarden Development took place in August, followed by the planning opinion being issued in September. Our joint venture partner Arden Ltd. is now expected to submit their planning application this month.

**Rathcoole:** A revised design for Part 8 will now be prepared following the adoption of CDP.

**Belgard North:** The final tenders for construction of cost rental apartments are due on 7th October following two tender extensions. A report will be brought to members at the November Council meeting.

**Part 8 Approvals:**  There are 621 current Part 8 approved social housing units as follows:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Site** | **No.** | **Update** |
| Riversdale, Clondalkin (Phase 1) | 25 | Due for delivery in Nov 2022 |
| St Catherine’s Way, Knockmore | 12 | Due for delivery in Nov 2022 |
| St. Marks Ave. (including 9 age friendly homes) | 38 | Due for delivery in Dec 2022 |
| Templeogue Village (age friendly housing) | 10 | Currently projected for delivery Q1 2023 |
| Whitestown Way (age friendly housing) | 81 | Currently projected for delivery Q2 2023 |
| Fernwood/Maplewood (age friendly housing) | 40 | Contract terminated by Clúid Housing - revised programme to follow re-tender. |
| Homeville | 16 | Design team appointed, remediation package and tender being finalised. |
| Old Bawn, Brady’s Field (age friendly housing) | 12 | On site & currently projected for delivery in Q3 2023 |
| Riversdale, Clondalkin (Phase 2) | 18 | Contractor appointed & anticipated delivery in Q3 2023 |
| Eircom/Nangor Road | 93 | On site & currently projected for delivery Q4 2023 |
| Grand Canal, Lindisfarne | 19 | Contractor appointed & currently projected for delivery in Q4 2023 |
| Balgaddy | 69 | Contractor to be appointed with projected delivery in 2024. |
| Old Lucan Road, Palmerstown (age friendly housing) | 4 | To be reviewed - project not currently viable for AHB following tender. |
| St Aongus, Pearse Brothers Park & St. Ronan’s (age friendly housing) | 31 | Design teams appointed and working on detailed design for construction tender packages. |
| Clonburris-Canal Extension | 60 | Stage 1 of construction tender process advertised. |
| Clonburris-Kishogue | 93 | Stage 1 of construction tender process advertised. |
| **Total** | **621** |  |

### **Q24/1022 QUESTION:** **Councillor C. O'Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive if he has now finalised a programme of actions to deal with the challenges of the Bonfire Season through October; will he appreciate the concerns of many in the matter and make a statement?

**REPLY:**

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 2021 these collections captured in the region of 332 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 2022 revenue budget for the holding of a community Halloween event in Tallaght Stadium this year.

**Electrical Recycling Collections for Halloween**

RecycleIT, in association with South Dublin Country Council and in partnership with WEEE Ireland 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).

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](mailto:info@recycleit.ie) to learn more and take the first steps to arranging a FREE collection event for your estate or neighbourhood.

**Mattress Recycling**

The Council intends running a mattress amnesty again during the month of October, in conjunction with our social enterprise partners **[RecycleIT](http://www.recycleit.ie/)**.  Used mattresses will be collected, free of charge, at a number of designated collection points on dates during the course of October.  This event ran very successfully in 2021 with close to 1,000 used mattresses collected.

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](mailto:envawareness@sdublincoco.ie)

One change that occurred in both 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 expected that it will be possible for those school visits to resume this year as all Covid restrictions have been lifted.

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

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

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

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

### **Q25/1022 QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed report in to the current Litter Bye Laws. Report to include how they could be changed and how can a councillor request a change?

**REPLY:**

The [**Litter Pollution Act 1997**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1997/en/act/pub/0012/), as amended, was introduced to provide for the prevention and control of litter pollution, the prevention of the defacement of certain places and matters relating thereto.

At the Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) November 2012 meeting, it was agreed to commence the process of preparing Bye-laws for the Prevention and Control of Litter for the County. Members of the SPC held a special meeting on 8th January 2013 to discuss issues relating to the Bye Laws including where litter accumulates, types of litter, litter generators and occupier responsibility.

ByeLaws are essentially local laws designed to deal with local issues. South Dublin County Council, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by[**Part 19 of the Local Government Act 2001**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2001/en/act/pub/0037/sec0199.html#sec199), Section 21 of the Litter Pollution Act, 1997, as amended by section 57 of the Protection of the Environment Act, 2003, made Bye-Laws relating to the prevention and control of litter in its administrative area.

The ByeLaws were adopted at full Council in October 2013.  These ByeLaws became effective from 14th October 2013.

The Litter Act and the ByeLaws give the Council extensive powers to deal with litter and litter offenders and outlines general obligations, offences and enforcement.

A review of the current Litter Bye Laws can be examined by the Environment, Public Realm, Climate Change & Biodiversity SPC.

### **Q26/1022 QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report in to planning and do food outlets and shops selling food and drink products have to provide a bin outside there premises and if not how could this be made a condition of planning?

**REPLY:**

The newly-made County Development Plan references the importance of litter bin provision for the creation of safe and inviting places.

*CDP: Incorporating different amenities into the streetscape, such as outdoor seating, litter bins, bike racks and wayfinding signage encourages people to stay longer and increase their enjoyment of an area*

Similarly, litter is included as part of the Health-Check Assessments of towns/urban areas in the Retail Planning Guidelines includes litter as part of the Health-Check Assessments of towns/urban areas.

In terms of planning conditions, the Planning Authority would often include a condition requiring customer litter bins for hot-food takeaways. We would do this less often with shops, though many shops provide bins themselves. An example of a planning condition used in connection with a hot-food takeaway is:

*A litter bin shall be provided adjacent to the unit / outside the premises and shall be placed so as not to obstruct passing pedestrians or neighbouring unit entrances, and thereafter be maintained for as long as the use approved in this decision continues by the applicant, developer, owner or occupier as appropriate in a clean and tidy manner in accordance with the Planning Authority’s policy and requirements and at the expense of the applicant, developer or occupier as appropriate.*

REASON: In the interests of public health, visual amenity and providing for appropriate waste management.

### **Q27/1022 QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for a detailed report that considering Big Belly Bins are now deemed not visible how do SDCC propose to deal with the litter issue particularly large pizza boxes?

**REPLY:**

The disposal of pizza boxes in street litter bins gives rise to the following two issues.  In order to accept a pizza box the litter bin opening needs to be large enough to allow the box through, and this in turn would enable the disposal of bags of domestic waste in the bin.  The bins provided by this Council do not cater for such large boxes for this reason.  It is also the case that a pizza box when placed in a litter bin will cause it to block up and not allow the disposal of more litter, before the bin is actually full.

There is an onus on the vendors of takeaway pizzas to provide for the disposal of litter and waste arising from their businesses.  The Council will make contact with the relevant premises about the matter to examine how this problem can be addressed in the urban centres throughout the county.  Various options for the provision of a modified bin type in a limited number of locations for the specific purpose of accepting pizza boxes will be examined.

### **Q28/1022 QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report into what books are available in different languages from our libraries and can members of the public request same?

**REPLY:**

South Dublin Libraries' catalogue includes over 36,000 items in 75 languages other than English. A full breakdown of languages and item numbers is attached separately.

All members of South Dublin Libraries have access to our own full catalogue and the Libraries Ireland catalogue of over 12,000,000 titles. An "Advanced Search" of the catalogue can be carried out by language. The catalogue is available both at [www.southdublinlibraries.ie](http://www.southdublinlibraries.ie) and [www.librariesireland.ie](http://www.librarieireland.ie). Members can reserve items online for collection in their nearest branch.

[Q28 (b) SDL - Other Languages (Sept 2022)](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76181)

### **Q29/1022 QUESTION: Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the chief executive for an report into the height of the ladder in Belgard fire station , can this ladder reach the height of all apartment blocks in SDCC?

**REPLY:**

Dublin Fire Brigade train all operational fire fighters and officers to deal with a full range of incidents including fires in tall and complex buildings and invest in a broad range of specialised equipment to provide for the response in buildings.  Dublin Fire Brigades compliment of turntable ladders have increased over the last 12 months. The new 42m ladder will go into service shortly.  Discussions with the Trade Unions continue with respect to the deployment of a revised specials agreement, which includes turntable ladders and these talks are at an advanced stage.

Dublin Fire Brigade receive fire safety certificate applications for all types of buildings including residential accommodation. The applicant must demonstrate compliance with Building Regulations 1997-2019, and their decisions will be to grant, either grant with conditions or refuse these proposals.

Guidance on compliance with Building Regulations is provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in the form of Technical Guidance Document B and other guidance.  Multi-unit developments such as apartment buildings must be fitted with fire safety features to provide for means of escape, control of the internal and external spread of fire and for firefighting facilities to achieve compliance with Building Regulations 1997-2019.  It should also be noted that fires in high-rise buildings are principally designed to be fought from an internal protected stairwell as well as utilising external resources as required.

The Dublin Inter-County Sub-Committee on Fire and Emergency Management, which was established in April 2022 to consider strategic and policy matters in relation to Dublin regional fire and emergency management and is chaired by the Dublin Lord Mayor, is due to have its next meeting this month (October) after which it is anticipated that a report from that meeting will be brought to the Housing SPC in November.  South Dublin is currently represented on this sub-committee by four Councillors, namely Councillor Lynn McCrave, Councillor Liam Sinclair, Councillor Liona O’Toole and Councillor Alan Edge.

The fire appliances in Tallaght Fire Station carry the same standard 10m and 13.5m ladders as all national fire appliances carry.  These ladders allow firefighter access to at least the 4th floor of a building, suitable for all regular domestic housing stock.  In addition 30m and 42m Turntable Ladder appliances are on the Pre-Determined Attendance for high-rise developments for all areas of the city.  These appliances can be in attendance in the Tallaght area within the national guideline travel times for Special Aerial Appliances.  Dublin Fire Brigade are currently reviewing their Aerial Appliance deployment model for the city, which may see these appliances being redeployed to other station areas in the future.

### **H7/1022 DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE MADE PUBLIC ROADS - FOR APPROVAL**

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

### **H8a/1022 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES/SITES - FOR APPROVAL**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Mr. J. Frehill, Director of Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development and was **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 |
| 169 Arthur Griffith Park, Lucan, Co. Dublin | Sarah Graham | €216.55 |

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**

  Councillor J. Tuffy raised a query regarding disposal of fee simple.

Mr. J. Frehill, Director of Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development responded to the member’s query.

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor E. Murphy and seconded by Councillor J. Tuffy and **RESOLVED:**

“That proposed disposal of fee simple in 169 Arthur Griffith Park, Lucan, Co. Dublin be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

### **H9/1022 MANAGERS REPORT** - **FOR NOTING**

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

[HI 9 a) Chief Executive's Monthly Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76198)

[HI 9 b) Statistics Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/76291)  
[HI 9 c) Finance Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76168)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors R. McMahon, P. Holohan and M. Johansson. Queries were raised regarding rent and rates collection, homeless statistics and the vacant sites levy.

Mr. D. McLoughlin, Chief Executive responded to the members.

The report was **NOTED.**

### **H10/1022 LPT VARIATION REPORT – FOR APPROVAL**

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

[H10 (a) LPT Presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/76297)

[H10 (b) Oct 2022 LPT Local Adjustment Factor Report to Council](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/76310)  
[H10 (c) SI 358 of 2022 LPT Regulations](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/76270)

Councillor S. Moynihan proposed and Councillor M. Duff seconded that the LPT be reduced by 15% for a 1 year period.

Councillor D. McManus proposed and Councillor R. McMahon seconded that the LPT be reduced by 15% reduction for a 2 year period.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors S. Moynihan, D. McManus, F. Timmons, K. Mahon, P. Kavanagh, M. Johansson, L. Sinclair, R. McMahon, L. O'Toole, D. Ó Brádaigh, G. O'Connell, P. Gogarty, E. Ó Broin, L. Dunne, L. Donaghy, L. McCrave, J. Tuffy, P. Kearns and W. Carey.

Mr. D. McLoughlin, Chief Executive responded to the members.

The Mayor Councillor E. Murphy proposed, and the Members **AGREED** to a **ROLL CALL** vote that the LPT be reduced by 15% for a 1 year period, proposed by Councillor S. Moynihan and seconded by Councillor M. Duff. The result of which was as follows:

**FOR: 35 (THIRTY FIVE)**

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

**AGAINST: 0 (ZERO)**

**ABSTAIN: 2 (TWO)**

**Councillors P. Kavanagh, L. Sinclair**

It was **RESOLVED** “That South Dublin County Council hereby determines that the basic rate of Local Property Tax should stand varied downwards by fifteen percent (15%) for the year - 1st November 2011 to 31st October 2023 in respect of relevant residential properties situated in the local authority’s administrative area” was **APPROVED.**

Following the **PASSING** of Councillor Moynihan’s amendment the following proposal in the name of Councillor D. McManus **FALLS:**

‘That the LPT be reduced by 15% for a 2 year period.’

### **H11/1022 OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENT 2023 – FOR APPROVAL**

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

In accordance with [**Sections 106 (7) and 106 (3)(a) of the Local Government Act 2001**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2001/en/act/pub/0037/sec0108.html#partxii-chapi-sec108)borrowing is a reserved function which requires the approval of the local authority and the appropriate Minister.

The Council currently has an approved overdraft facility of €25M in order to provide for temporary cash flow timing differences. The overdraft facility has not been drawn upon during 2022. It is considered prudent to renew the overdraft accommodation of €25M for the period 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023. Costs associated with the overdraft are limited to interest charges if the facility is used as the bank does not charge for the overdraft facility.

Accordingly, it is recommended that the Council approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the securing of an overdraft accommodation (to a maximum limit of) €25m for the period 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023.

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor E. Murphy and seconded by Councillor R. McMahon and **RESOLVED:**

“That the Overdraft Accommodation Requirement 2023 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

### **H12/1022 AUDIT REPORT 2021 ACCOUNTING YEAR – FOR NOTING**

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

[H12 (a) SDCC Audit Report 2021](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/76228)

[H12 (b) Audited AFS 2021](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/76286)

The report was **NOTED**

### **H13/1022 RATIFICATION OF PPN REPRESENTATIVE - 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:**

South Dublin County PPN have nominated Mr. John Kiberd to the Environment, Water and Climate Change SPC as their representative. South Dublin County PPN have confirmed that Mr. John Kiberd has resigned from the Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC and that he satisfies the eligibility criteria for the environment pillar PPN nomination.

This is now before the Council for ratification.

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor E. Murphy and seconded by Councillor C. O'Connor and **RESOLVED:**

“That the Ratification of PPN Representative be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

### **H14/1022 DODDER VALLEY – BLUE HAVEN/FIRHOUSE ROAD PART 8 – FOR APPROVAL**

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

[H14 Dodder Greenway Phase 5 Amended Drawings for CE Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/76315)

[H14 Dodder Greenway phase 5 Presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/76314)  
[H14 Dodder Greenway Phase 5 Firhouse Road and Butterfield Avenue Part 8 CE Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/76262)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors Y. Collins, E. Ó Broin, D. McManus, K. Mahon, R. McMahon, L. Donaghy, L. Hagin Meade, E. Murphy, and L. Dunne. Queries were raised regarding alternative type junctions, the relocation of a bus-stop, advertising, completion by Dublin City Council and Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown County Council.

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

Councillor D. McManus stated he wished to have his vote to abstain noted. A **Roll Call** vote was called in the names of Councillors D. McManus, K. Mahon and E. Murphy, the result of which was as follow:

**FOR: 30 (THIRTY)**

**Councillors W. Carey, V. Casserly, Y. Collins, T. Costello, L. Donaghy, M. Duff, L. Dunne, A. Edge, K. Egan, T. Gilligan, P. Gogarty, L. Hagin Meade, P. Holohan, M. Johansson, P. Kavanagh, R. McMahon, S. Moynihan, E. Murphy, D. Ó Brádaigh, E. O'Brien, E. Ó Broin, G. O'Connell, C. O'Connor, S. O'Hara, L. O'Toole, D. Richardson, L. Sinclair, F. Timmons, J. Tuffy, L. Whelan.**

**AGAINST: 0 (ZERO)**

**ABSTAIN: 3 (THREE)**

**Councillors K. Mahon, D. McManus, B. Pereppadan.**

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor E. Murphy and seconded by Councillor Y. Collins and **RESOLVED:**

“That Dodder Valley – Blue Haven/Firhouse Road Part 8 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

### **H15/1022 MECHANICAL DEPOT PALMERSTOWN PART 8 – FOR APPROVAL**

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

# **Introduction**

In accordance with the requirements of Part XI Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) (the Act) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (as amended) (the Regulations), South Dublin County Council is seeking planning consent to construct an additional salt barn, new mechanical services depot and 2no. new diesel pumps with associated underground fuel storage tanks at the existing Palmerstown depot, adjoining the Deadman’s Inn, Old Lucan Road, Dublin 20.

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

# **Site Description**

The subject site is located on existing SDCC depot lands, adjacent to the Deadman’s Inn at the Old Lucan Road, Dublin 20. The depot lands is referred to within SDCC as the ‘Palmerstown Depot’ and is currently used as a storage depot for SDCC Roads Maintenance Section and includes a Salt Barn (internal dimension of 16M x 16M) with concrete apron for the storage of salt for road gritting in the winter season.

The site is approximately 0.75 hectares and is bounded by the Old Lucan Road to the north and east, by a slip road to the N4 to the south and by a public open green space to the southeast. The site is gently sloping from southeast to northwest with a fall of approximately 1.5m and is accessed from an existing gated vehicle entrance off the Old Lucan Road. The southern section of the site is elevated ground (approximately 1.5m above the concrete apron) and contains a number of mature trees, which are to be retained.

The depot site is currently enclosed within an existing palisade fence, however, the development lands includes a brownfield green space to the north of the fenced area, which is also in SDCC ownership and was formerly a section of the Old Lucan Road before it was redirected north toward the new roundabout, as part of the Heritage Clinic development works.

# **Scheme Description**

The proposed development is for an additional salt barn, new mechanical services depot and 2no. new diesel pumps with associated underground fuel storage tanks at the existing Palmerstown Depot, adjoining the Deadman’s Inn, Old Lucan Road, Dublin 20.

The proposed development shall consist of:

* Construction of an additional Salt Barn (designed to meet or exceed the existing salt barn design and specifications)
* New Mechanical Services Depot for servicing of SDCC vehicles and plant consisting of new vehicle maintenance workshop and ancillary support services including offices, canteen, storage and sanitary facilities.
* 2no. new diesel pumps with associated underground fuel storage tanks.
* Modifications to existing Salt Barn site entrance. New site entrance and exit with security hut and entrance gates.
* New Wastewater Treatment System and percolation area to EPA guidelines
* General site works, including new access and circulation driveways, vehicle parking bays, hard and soft landscaping, granite clad blockwork boundary walls (to match existing) and metal railings.

The proposed mechanical services depot design consists of a two-storey structure with a shallow pitched roof, which accommodates a 5-bay vehicle maintenance workshop with ancillary support services including offices, storage and sanitary facilities. The proposed design includes a single-storey annex with mono-pitched roof on the north side of the east facing elevation, which is to accommodate the canteen, with basic self-catering facilities.

The facility is designed to facilitate the general maintenance and repair of existing SDCC vehicles and plant. Set down parking bays within the depot are designed to accommodate both large and small vehicles (15 large parking bays and 27 standard car parking bays, 14 of which will be used depot staff).

The design and layout of the vehicle maintenance workshop is based on the same principle as an NCT centre. Vehicles visiting the facility for routine maintenance or repair works are directed through the facility in a clockwise motion, with set down parking bays at the entrance and exit for pick-up by the depot mechanics. The canteen facility, with basic self-catering facilities also functions as a waiting area for visiting drivers. It is envisaged that at capacity, the depot can accommodate up to 40 vehicles per day for routine maintenance.

Plans and reports for proposed development are shown at the following links:

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| [Sheet 1 Site Location Plan](https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/proposed-development-additional-salt-barn-new-mechanical-services-depot-and-2no-new-diesel-pumps)  [Sheet 2 Proposed Site Plan](https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/proposed-development-additional-salt-barn-new-mechanical-services-depot-and-2no-new-diesel-pumps)  [Sheet 3 Proposed Ground Floor Plan & Section D-D](https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/proposed-development-additional-salt-barn-new-mechanical-services-depot-and-2no-new-diesel-pumps)  [Sheet 4 Proposed Plans Sections & Elevations](https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/proposed-development-additional-salt-barn-new-mechanical-services-depot-and-2no-new-diesel-pumps)  [Sheet 5 Proposed Elevations /Site Sections](https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/proposed-development-additional-salt-barn-new-mechanical-services-depot-and-2no-new-diesel-pumps)  [Sheet 6 Site Location Map & Landscape Layout](https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/proposed-development-additional-salt-barn-new-mechanical-services-depot-and-2no-new-diesel-pumps)  [Proposed Drainage & SUDS Measures layout](https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/proposed-development-additional-salt-barn-new-mechanical-services-depot-and-2no-new-diesel-pumps)  [Proposed Foul Water Longsection](https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/proposed-development-additional-salt-barn-new-mechanical-services-depot-and-2no-new-diesel-pumps)  [Proposed Storm Water Longsection](https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/proposed-development-additional-salt-barn-new-mechanical-services-depot-and-2no-new-diesel-pumps)  [Proposed Watermain Layout](https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/proposed-development-additional-salt-barn-new-mechanical-services-depot-and-2no-new-diesel-pumps)  [Typical Drainage Details – Sheet 1](https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/proposed-development-additional-salt-barn-new-mechanical-services-depot-and-2no-new-diesel-pumps)  [Typical Drainage Details – Sheet 2](https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/proposed-development-additional-salt-barn-new-mechanical-services-depot-and-2no-new-diesel-pumps)  [Typical Drainage Details – Sheet 3](https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/proposed-development-additional-salt-barn-new-mechanical-services-depot-and-2no-new-diesel-pumps)  [Attenuation Tank Detail](https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/proposed-development-additional-salt-barn-new-mechanical-services-depot-and-2no-new-diesel-pumps)  [Engineering Planning Report](https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/proposed-development-additional-salt-barn-new-mechanical-services-depot-and-2no-new-diesel-pumps)  [Site Specific Flood Risk Assessment](https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/proposed-development-additional-salt-barn-new-mechanical-services-depot-and-2no-new-diesel-pumps)  [Appropriate Assessment Screening Report](https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/proposed-development-additional-salt-barn-new-mechanical-services-depot-and-2no-new-diesel-pumps)  [Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report](https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/proposed-development-additional-salt-barn-new-mechanical-services-depot-and-2no-new-diesel-pumps)  [Part 8 County Architect’s Report](https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/proposed-development-additional-salt-barn-new-mechanical-services-depot-and-2no-new-diesel-pumps) |

# **Public Consultation**

Plans and particulars of the proposed additional salt barn and mechanical services depot development have been on public display for over six weeks from 22nd August to 3rd October 2022 (inclusive). During the public consultation information on the proposed development was disseminated to the public and submissions were invited.

The public consultation on the proposed additional salt barn and mechanical services depot development included the following statutory and non-statutory elements:

* + Newspaper Notice in The Herald;
  + Site Notices (2no. erected);
  + SDCC Public Consultation Portal;
  + Emails notifying the relevant prescribed bodies;
  + Plans and particulars of the proposed scheme available for inspection or purchase at the Planning Department counter in the offices of South Dublin County Council, County Hall.

Submissions and observations on the proposed additional salt barn and mechanical services depot development can be made online and in writing for a period of six (6) weeks between 22nd of August to 3rd of October 2022 (inclusive).

# **Legislative Background**

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

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

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

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

# **Environmental Impact Assessment and Appropriate Assessment**

The proposal has undergone an Appropriate Assessment Screening under the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC). This Council has determined that the implementation of the proposed development would not be likely to have significant adverse eﬀects on the integrity or conservation objectives of any Natura 2000 network of sites.

It has also undergone a preliminary examination for an Environmental Impact Assessment and the Planning Authority has concluded that there will be no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and therefore an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required.

As a result of the above, in accordance with Part XI of the Act, the elected members of the Council can consider the proposed additional salt barn, new mechanical services depot and 2no. new diesel pumps with associated underground fuel storage tanks at the existing Palmerstown depot, adjoining the Deadman’s Inn, Old Lucan Road, Dublin 20 under Part 8 of the Regulations.

1. **Outcome of Public Consultation Programme**

No formal submissions /observations were received. A total of 1 informal submission/observation was received.

A list of all the persons, organisations and bodies that made submissions is provided in the table below together with a copy of the submission received. For reasons of data protection, these documents have the personal addresses of submitters redacted.

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| **Person/Prescribed Body** | **Link to Submission Received** | **No. of Submissions Received** |
| Consultation Portal Submissions | Consultation Portal Submissions | 0 |
| Transport Infrastructure Ireland | Transport Infrastructure Ireland | 1 |

A table breakdown of the issues raised in the submissions received for all categories is outlined here (summary and responses to issues raised is provided in Section 8 below):

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| **No.** | **Category of Submission** | **Count** |
| 1 | Traffic | 1 |

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

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| **Submission Category No. 1 – Traffic**   1. Access to the development is primarily reliant on the private car via Junction 2 of the N4. Clarification sought as to when the planned infrastructural upgrades works to this junction will be undertaken by SDCC (Refer to Condition 23\*, ABP-310119-21 concerning the proposed Liffey Valley Shopping Centre Extension). 2. SDCC to ensure that the agreed requirements to protect and maintain the capacity of the national road network have been met. 3. SDCC to ensure the proposal is in accordance with the DoECLG’s “Spatial Planning and National Road Guidelines for Planning Authorities”.   \*Please note: Condition 23 refers to a special planning contribution for infrastructural upgrade works outside of the Liffey Valley Shopping Centre redline boundary, including works to Junction 2 of the N4. |

**Response:**

* The planned infrastructural upgrade works is outside of the development red-line boundary and is scheduled for construction in 2025 (estimated 2-year lead time to allow for surveys, design, planning & procurement before commencement on site).
* It is envisaged that at capacity, the depot is designed to accommodate up to 40 vehicles per day for routine maintenance, however, these vehicles will be scheduled by appointment only, staggered between the depot opening hours, therefore minimising potential impacts on the adjoining road network.
* The proposed depot facility will not be operational during peak traffic hours (4-7pm Friday evening peak, 1-4pm Saturday lunchtime peak), therefore minimising potential impacts on the adjoining road network.
* To align with the principles, set out in the DoECLG’s ‘Spatial Planning and National Road Guidelines for Planning Authorities’ and to further minimise potential impact on the adjoining road network, SDCC will include the following measures at detail design stage:

1. The construction of the proposed depot development shall be managed in accordance with a Site Traffic and Construction Management Plan, to be agreed in writing with SDCC prior to commencement on site.  This plan will be prepared by the successful contractor, with specific emphasis on site traffic management during construction.
2. SDCC to continue to liaise with BusConnects at design development stage to ensure that the proposed development and proposed infrastructural upgrade works by BusConnects (to the north and east of the site along the Old Lucan Road), are fully co-ordinated.
3. Design development to include vehicle swept path analysis (AutoTrack study) with special emphasis on the site entrance and exit point, off the Old Lucan Road.
4. SDCC to provide cycle parking provision, to promote more sustainable travel modes for depot staff.

# **Recommendation**

Following consideration of the submissions, it is considered that the issues raised in submissions will be satisfactorily addressed as outlined in the foregoing report.

Accordingly, it is considered that the proposed development is in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and therefore it is recommended that the Council adopt the following Motion:

*“As the proposed development is in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, the Council approves the development of an additional salt barn, new mechanical services depot and 2no. new diesel pumps with associated underground fuel storage tanks at the existing Palmerstown depot, adjoining the Deadman’s Inn, Old Lucan Road, Dublin 20.”*

[H15 (b) Mechanical Depot Palmerstown Part 8 Presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76259)  
[H15 (c) Correspondence with TII](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76260)

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor E. Murphy and seconded by Councillor A. Hayes and **RESOLVED:**

“That the Mechanical Depot Palmerstown Part 8 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

**The Mayor, Councillor E. Murphy, proposed to suspend Standing Orders to allow Members address Councillor P. Kavanagh, following the tendering of his resignation. The Members Agreed.**

The Mayor, Councillor E. Murphy, Councillors A. Edge, D. McManus, C. O’Connor, L. Sinclair, M. Johansson, E. O’Brien, V. Casserly, P. Gogarty, L. Donaghy, E. Ó Broin, W. Carey, D. Ó Brádaigh, L. Hagin Meade, S. Moynihan, L. Dunne, D. Richardson, T. Gilligan, F. Timmons and P. Holohan paid tribute to Councillor P. Kavanagh and commended him on his work and wished him and his family well in his future.

Mr. D. McLoughlin, Chief Executive expressed his thanks to Councillor P. Kavanagh and wished him good luck.

Councillor P. Kavanagh responded to the Members and Management and thanked them for their good wishes.

### **H16/1022 CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME - FOR APPROVAL**

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

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR APPROVED HOUSING BODIES IN 2021 UNDER THE CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 6, HOUSING MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1992 - FOR APPROVAL**

The Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS) is funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage to Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) to provide accommodation through construction or acquisition to meet specific categories of housing need, particularly in situations where tenancy supports and low to medium care is required. In many cases, AHBs provide a housing model and a range of on-site supports not normally associated with more mainstream local authority social housing schemes with the eligible categories of housing need under CAS including the following:

* Elderly persons
* Homeless persons (including "care leavers" exiting State care on reaching the age of 18).
* People with a disability, particularly people with a disability moving from a congregated setting into community-based living.

Under Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992 it is a reserved function of the Council to approve such assistance and any associated terms and conditions under which that assistance is provided.  If approved, funding is then provided by way of a grant to AHBs and is not repayable provided that the accommodation continues to be let to eligible categories of persons and is properly maintained.

At the March 2021 Council Meeting, CAS funding of €10 million was approved by the Council and that funding is now committed for funding of specific construction projects and the acquisition of various properties to meet the housing needs of applicants within the specific categories covered under CAS.

With various potential CAS developments and acquisitions under consideration in the County, to ensure appropriate provision to be made Council's Three-Year Capital Programme 2023-2025, and to allow the Council to be responsive to CAS applications to meet the housing needs of such priority categories of applicants, particularly in the current prevailing housing market conditions, an additional approval in the sum of €7.5 million is now requested from the Council.  Properties acquired, constructed, and funded through CAS will continue to be reported to the Housing SPC and Area Committees as part of regular housing delivery updates.

Accordingly, the following Motion is proposed:

"That this Council hereby approves assistance by way of grants up to the total sum of €7.5 million to various Approved Housing Bodies under the Capital Assistance Scheme for the acquisition and/or construction of appropriate housing units in South Dublin County in accordance with the requirements of Section 6 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992.”

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors K. Mahon, S. Moynihan, L. Dunne, P. Holohan and G. O'Connell. Queries were raised regarding HAP and RAS tenancies and liaison with AHB’s

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

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor E. Murphy and seconded by Councillor S. Moynihan and **RESOLVED:**

“That the Capital Assistance Scheme be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

### **H17/1022 DRAFT SCHEME OF PRIORITY FOR AFFORDABLE DWELLING PURCHASE ARRANGEMENTS - 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:**

**DRAFT SCHEME OF PRIORITY FOR AFFORDABLE DWELLING PURCHASE ARRANGEMENTS - FOR APPROVAL**

**Legislative Background**

Under the Affordable Housing Act 2021, a Housing Authority is required to make a Scheme of Priority, determining the order of priority to be accorded to eligible applicants in relation to the sale of affordable dwellings where the demand for such dwellings exceeds the number of such dwellings available.

Regulation 5 of the Affordable Housing Regulations 2022 (S.I. No. 184) states the following:

"In relation to **70 per cent** of the dwellings the subject of applications accepted...a scheme of priority shall provide the following:

(a) where the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of dwellings for which applications have been accepted, a housing authority shall give priority to eligible applicants on the following basis:

(i) for dwellings with 4 bedrooms: priority to be given to households of 3 persons or more;  
(ii) for dwellings with 3 bedrooms: priority to be given to households of not less than 2 persons;

(b) where, having applied the criterion in subparagraph (a), the number of eligible applicants still exceeds the number of dwellings for which applications have been accepted, a housing authority shall give priority to the eligible applicants **in the order in which their applications were received**.

In relation to **30 per cent** of the dwellings the subject of applications accepted under Regulation 4, a scheme of priority shall provide the following:

(a) where the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of dwellings for which applications have been accepted, a housing authority shall give priority to eligible applicants on the following basis:

(i)  for dwellings with 4 bedrooms: priority to be given to households of 3 persons or more;  
(ii) for dwellings with 3 bedrooms: priority to be given to households of not less than 2 persons;

(b) where, having applied the criterion in subparagraph (a), the number of eligible applicants still exceeds the number of dwellings for which applications have been accepted, a housing authority shall give priority to the eligible applicants **in accordance with criteria selected by the housing authority for the purposes of this paragraph and included in its scheme of priority.**

A housing authority may, if it chooses to do so, provide in its scheme of priority that 100 per cent of the dwellings the subject of applications accepted under Regulation 4 shall be allocated in accordance with the terms set out in paragraph (1). The criteria selected by the housing authority, referred to in paragraph (2)(b), may include priority being given to eligible applicants based on any person making the application being, or having been, resident in the administrative area of the housing authority or being, or having been, so resident for a particular length of time."

**South Dublin Scheme of Priority for Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements**

At its meeting in May 2022, the Housing Strategic Policy Committee agreed to establish a working group to examine the requirements of the legislation and explore options for the draft scheme.  This working group, together with officials from the Council's Housing Department, considered the requirements for the scheme and, in particular, the four schemes adopted by local authorities to date ([Fingal County Council](https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2022-08/Affordable%20Housing%20Scheme%20of%20Priority%20Adopted%20June%202022.pdf), [Cork City Council](https://www.corkcity.ie/en/media-folder/housing/cork-city-council-scheme-of-priority-affordable-housing-schemes.pdf), Cork County Council and [Waterford City and County Council](https://www.waterfordcouncil.ie/media/meetings/2022/plenary/may/7.%20Draft%20Scheme%20of%20Priority%20for%20Affordable%20Dwelling%20Purchase%20Arrangements.pdf)).  These local authorities have decided on the allocation of 30% of affordable dwellings in their administrative area as follows:

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| **Local Authority** | **Give priority to households whose accommodation needs would be adequately catered for by the type of dwelling in Table A below:** | **Being or having been resident in the administrative area LA for a minimum period** | **Where the number of applicants still exceeds number of dwellings for sale and all other criteria have been applied** |
| Fingal | Yes | 5 years | Date and Time Order |
| Cork City | Yes | 5 years | Date and Time Order |
| Cork County | Yes | Whose current address as per their application form is within the Municipal District of the scheme OR within 10km of the scheme | Date and Time Order |
| Waterford | Yes | Not included | Date and Time Order |

**Table A:**

Should the number of eligible applicants exceed the number of affordable dwellings for which application have been accepted, the priority as to which type of dwelling is deemed to adequately cater to the accommodation needs of a household, will be made on the following basis:

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| **Dwelling Type** | **Meets accommodation needs of:** |
| Three-bedroom dwelling | 2 or more-person household |
| Four-bedroom dwelling | 3 or more-person household |

**SPC Recommendation**

On review of the documentation, legislation, existing schemes and potential options for local criteria, the working group recommended that, in relation to 30 per cent of the dwellings the subject of applications accepted under Regulation 5(1) &5(2) of the Affordable Housing (No 2) Regulations 2022, priority should be given to eligible households where any person making the application is or has been resident in the administrative area of South Dublin for a minimum period of five (5) years.

Following consideration of the report from the working group, the Housing SPC, at its meeting in September 2022, recommended the draft Scheme of Priority for adoption by full Council.  In accordance with section 11(7) of the Act, which requires that "(b)before making or amending a scheme of priority, a housing authority shall provide a draft of the scheme or amendment to the scheme, as the case may be, to the Minister, who may, as he or she considers necessary and appropriate, direct the housing authority to amend the draft scheme or draft amendment, and the housing authority shall comply with any such direction within such period as may be specified by the Minister.", the draft scheme recommended by the Housing SPC was submitted to the Minister for Housing for review in September 2022 with the Minister confirming his approval for consideration by the Council of the draft Scheme on 3rd October 2022.

The draft Scheme of Priority for Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements is therefore before the Council to ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place to advertise and allocate future affordable purchase homes in South Dublin.

Members should also note that it is open to the Council to review and amend an adopted Scheme in future as required.

[H17 (a) Draft Scheme of Priority for Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76171)

[H17 (c) Affordable Dwellings Scheme of Priority Presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76277)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors D. McManus, W. Carey, L. Dunne, M. Johansson, K. Mahon, J. Tuffy and S. Moynihan. Queries were raised regarding purchaser family size, the percentage of dwellings available to those with a connection to the County and the mortgage drawdowns.

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

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor E. Murphy and seconded by Councillor D. McManus and **RESOLVED:**

“That the Capital Assistance Scheme be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

### **H18/1022 COMMUNITY & SPORTS GRANTS – FOR NOTING**

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

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SPORTS GRANTS FOR NOTING**

On 19th April 2022, The Community Department opened the 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
* Sport Development Grants

To date, one-hundred and eighty-two (182) Applications have been received in 2022 all of  which undergo 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.

At the June and September Council meetings, members noted the approval of  a total seventy-nine (79) community and sports grants totalling €154,317 for sixty-seven (67) local groups. Following the latest assessment process and having regard to the available budget, twenty eight (28) grants for twenty-four (24) local groups, totalling €40,454 are now being approved, summarised as follows:

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| **Category** | **No:** | **Amount** |
| Community Development Grants\* | 9 | €5,865 |
| Community Events Funding | 9 | €10,830 |
| Sport Development Grants | 10 | 23,759 |
| Total | **28** | **€40,454** |

(\*includes Running Costs, Start Up, Environmental Improvement, Major and Minor Equipment Grants)

The final list of approved grants at this time together with their respective approved grant amounts is as follows:

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| **Group** | **Category** | **Amount** |
| Bawnogue Youth and Community Centre | Community Event Funding | €800 |
| Bodearg Residents Association | Environmental Improvement Grant | €500 |
| Bros Pearse AC | Sport Development | €1,000 |
| Clondalkin Global Garden | Minor Equipment Grant & Running Costs Grant | €1,350 |
| Clondalkin Rugby Club | Sport Development- Mobile Floodlight & Goalpost Grant | €4,750 |
| Dominics Active Mens Social | Running Costs | €500 |
| Fettercairn Community & Youth  Centre | Community Event Funding | €1,000 |
| Glenanne Sports Club | 2 x Sport Development | €2,000 |
| Irish Bongs | Running Costs Grant | €500 |
| Jobstown Community Centre | Community Event Funding | €490 |
| Knockmitten Youth and Community Centre | 2  x Community Event Funding (Family Fund day & Halloween Event) | €3,000 |
| North Clondalkin Community Development Programme | Community Event Funding | €3,550 |
| Peamount United Football Club | Sport Development- Mobile Floodlight & Goalpost Grant | €4,500 |
| Quarryvale Family Resource Centre | Minor Equipment Grant | €500 |
| Retired Active Men's Social (RAMS ) | Minor Equipment Grant | €800 |
| South Dublin Community Facilities CLG | Community Event Funding | €590 |
| South Dublin Panthers | Sport Development- Mobile Floodlight & Goalpost Grant | €4,750 |
| St Kevins Killians GAA Club | 2 x Sport Development-Minor Equipment Grant  & Coach Education Grant | €1,759 |
| St Marks GAA Club | Sport Development | €500 |
| St Patrick GAA Club | Community Event Funding | €600 |
| St. Finian's GAA Club Newcastle | Sport Development  - Mobile Floodlight & Goalpost Grant) | €4,500 |
| St. Judes Mens Shed Club | Minor Equipment Grant | €1,370 |
| The WEB Project | Community Event Funding | €800 |
| Woodview Heights Residents Association | Start Up Grant | €345 |
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|  |  | €40,454 |

The 2022 online community and sports grants  application process  remains open and  available to local community, voluntary and sporting groups until further notice. Applications will continue to be assessed as they are received, and further notification of grant approvals will be brought to the attention of the Elected Members at subsequent Council meetings over the course of the remainder of the year.

Councillor T. Gilligan thanked Mr. C. Ward for the report and queried the date for the next grant application.

Mr. C. Ward, Director of Housing, Social and Community Development responded to Councillor T. Gilligan.

The report was **NOTED**

### **H19/1022 CAPITAL PROJECTS PROGRESS REPORT – FOR NOTING**

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

To: The Mayor and each Member of South Dublin County Council

Re: Three Year Capital Programme Progress Report – October 2022

Dear Member,

This Quarterly Capital Progress Report sets out briefly the current position in relation to Capital Projects in the 2022 – 2024 Capital Programme.

I have in recent quarterly reports advised members of issues impacting on the construction sector associated with post Brexit and Covid supply chain issues, the war in Ukraine and related inflationary pressures. These difficulties persist and are reflected in:

* Tender participation rates and tender hesitancy including repeated requests for extension to tender periods, as main contractors are experiencing difficulties in pricing contracts and getting prices from their sub-contractors.
* Inflated tender prices relative to estimated project value.
* On site construction inflation and delays associated with supply chain issues.

Notwithstanding issues related to particular projects highlighted below, I remain of the view that all projects within the 3-year Capital Programme will be delivered albeit at an increased cost and in some cases much later than originally anticipated.

**Housing**

The Council’s proposed 5-year programme has as previously reported been approved by the Minister for Housing and is published on the Council’s website at [housing-delivery-action-plan-2022-2026-final.pdf (sdcc.ie)](https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/housing/delivering-housing/delivering-housing/housing-delivery-action-plan-2022-2026-final.pdf)

The 2022 build target of 400 is clearly challenging in the face of contracts having been determined in the cases of Homeville, Fernwood and Maplewood. Every effort will be made to secure compensatory turnkey purchases, provided value for money can be achieved. The following represents the current position with all live schemes.

**Large Housing Sites:**

**Kilcarbery:** 36 social homes, 16 affordable purchase and 74 cost rental (with Tuath Housing) homes have been delivered to date, with 38 more social homes also due to be completed before the end of 2022. A licence has been granted to the developer for commencement of works on Phase 2 of development and a design team is being appointed to develop a proposal for social and affordable housing on the former school site for Members’ approval.

**Clonburris:** The first stage of the construction tender for Clonburris Phases 1 & 2, comprising of a total of 382 social and affordable homes, is currently advertised. The expectation is that Phases 1 & 2 will be onsite in Q2 next year. A separate design team tender for phases 3,4 & 5 is being prepared for issue.

**Killinarden:** The LSRD pre-planning meeting for Killinarden Development took place in August, followed by the planning opinion being issued in September. Our joint venture partner Arden Ltd.

is now expected to submit their planning application this month.

**Rathcoole:** A revised design for Part 8 will now be prepared following the adoption of CDP.

**Belgard North:** The final tenders for construction of cost rental apartments are due on 7th October following two tender extensions. A report will be brought to members at the November Council meeting.

**Part 8 Approvals**

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| **Site** | **No.** | **Update** |
| Riversdale, Clondalkin (Phase 1) | 25 | Due for delivery in Nov 2022 |
| St Catherine’s Way, Knockmore | 12 | Due for delivery in Nov 2022 |
| St. Marks Ave. (including 9 age friendly homes) | 38 | Due for delivery in Dec 2022 |
| Templeogue Village (age friendly housing) | 10 | Currently projected for delivery Q1 2023 |
| Whitestown Way (age friendly housing) | 81 | Currently projected for delivery Q2 2023 |
| Fernwood/Maplewood (age friendly housing) | 40 | Contract terminated by Clúid Housing - revised programme to follow re-tender. |
| Homeville | 16 | Design team appointed, remediation package and tender being finalised. |
| Old Bawn, Brady’s Field (age friendly housing) | 12 | On site & currently projected for delivery in Q3 2023 |
| Riversdale, Clondalkin (Phase 2) | 18 | Contractor appointed & anticipated delivery in Q3 2023 |
| Eircom/Nangor Road | 93 | On site & currently projected for delivery Q4 2023 |
| Grand Canal, Lindisfarne | 19 | Contractor appointed & currently projected for delivery in Q4 2023 |
| Balgaddy | 69 | Contractor to be appointed with projected delivery in 2024. |
| Old Lucan Road, Palmerstown (age friendly housing) | 4 | To be reviewed - project not currently viable for AHB following tender. |
| St Aongus, Pearse Brothers Park & St. Ronan’s (age friendly housing) | 31 | Design teams appointed and working on detailed design for construction tender packages. |
| Clonburris-Canal Extension | 60 | Stage 1 of construction tender process advertised. |
| Clonburris-Kishogue | 93 | Stage 1 of construction tender process advertised. |
| **Total** | **621** |  |

**Traveller accommodation programme**

Four sites were prioritised to be progressed in the current TAP Capital Programme for construction/redevelopment works, to provide long-term sustainable traveller accommodation in the County:

**Adamstown:** 6 units are due to be completed and handed over to the Council for allocation by the end of this year.

**Fonthill Road**: Part 8 for this scheme has now been approved by the Council with a follow-up road safety audit and land transfer being finalised before the commencement of construction.

**Owendoher Haven:** There is ongoing consultation with the residents to finalise a solution to progress through Part 8.

**Oldcastle Park:** Design work is continuingfollowing detailed consultation with residents and it is expected that the final proposals for the redevelopment will be progressed to a Part 8 public consultation process later this year.

**Homelessness and RAS**

Members specifically requested updated figures for homelessness and HAP/RAS tenancies at the September monthly meeting. These are set out below.

|  |  |
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| **Homeless** | **No. Households** |
| Homeless Register -Jan 2022 | 474 |
| Exits from EA to Allocations YTD | -45 |
| Exits from EA to HHAP Tenancies YTD | -48 |
| Added to Register YTD | 131 |
| **Current Homeless Register** | **512** |
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| New Presentations to Homeless Services YTD | 602 |
| HHAP Tenancies YTD – Homeless Prevention | 166 |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Social Housing Support in Private Rented Properties** | **HAP** | **Homeless HAP** | **RAS** | **Total** |
| Active Tenancies Jan 2022 | 2,957 | 1,895 | 963 | 5,815 |
| New Tenancies Created 2022 to date | 102 | 214 | 7 | 323 |
| Tenancies Ceased 2022 to date | (245) | (109) | (75) | (429) |
| **Total Current Tenancies 2022** | **2,814** | **2,000** | **895** | **5,709** |

**Tourism and Enterprise Projects**

Progress on the main projects since the July report can be summarised as follows:

* The Dublin Mountains Project – the Supreme Court judgement is due in October.
* Corkagh Park/Camac Valley Tourism Cluster Study – Part 8 approved. Stage 1 Tender issued, due back 14th October, Stage 2 will issue after this with an early 2023 onsite start.
* The Rathfarnham Castle Stables Tourism/Retail Opportunity – following initial market soundings, a formal EOI tender will issue in the next few weeks for an operator partner.
* Tallaght Innovation Centre – contract making very good progress onsite – completion late summer 2023.
* Tallaght Heritage/Interpretive Centre – interpretative consultant appointed, design architects appointment is imminent. Detailed design to also look at the potential addition of a historical digital records archive. Outline design and budget will be advised in Q2 2023.
* The Grand Canal Greenway has received Part 8 approval – Stage 2 tender published with targeted start date before the end of the year.
* The Grand/Royal Canal Loop Study – Part 8 for consideration at the November meeting.
* 12th Lock Masterplan - consultants appointed, initial survey work completed – design concept report due Q1 2023.
* Lucan Schoolhouse – awaiting formal conveyancing before appointing design consultants.

**Town and Village Public Realm Enhancement Programme**

Progress can be summarised as follows:

* Castletymon Part 8 approved. Tender is live, hope to appoint contractor in November and start on site in January. Initial survey work and design on the Rosemount and Bawnogue District Centre Enhancement Projects is underway.
* Lucan Village Improvement Works – hope to start onsite by year end, or early new year.
* Tallaght Town Centre public realm works including Chamber Square, Innovation Plaza, Mobility Hub and connecting pedestrian ways to commence on site in next two weeks.
* N81 Landscaping Project – Phase 3 scope and cost under consideration.
* Tallaght District Heating Project – on site, projected completion date is November 2022.
* Clondalkin Village improvement design to commence in coming weeks and will progress alongside the development of the Clondalkin Local Area Plan.
* City Edge Masterplan Naas Road – report noted by both Councils and submitted to the Department for comment – next step is to prepare a variation to the County Development Plan to provide a statutory plan for this area.
* Adamstown URDF – the final business case has been approved and the central plaza project will commence on site this month. An outline project concept for the library and enterprise building will be brough before members in November.

**Roads and Drainage**

Progress can be summarised as follows:

* The LIHAF funded Celbridge Link Road is on site and scheduled for opening in November.
* The East West Airton link - expect to be onsite in early 2023.
* The business case for €186m of URDF funding and €18m of NTA funding was approved in August to develop the enabling infrastructure, including roads, parks, community spaces and drainage for the entire Clonburris SDZ. The first major contract involving the Southern Link Street will be on site in March/April 2023.
* The Dodder Greenway Walking and Cycling Scheme – Phase 5 - Blue Haven/Firhouse Road Part 8 before the members in October.
* Other Active Travel projects include Grange Road and Avonbeg - both recently completed, works are on site (or will shortly be on site) for the Dodder Greenway Phase 4, Templeville and Limekiln. Public consultations are live for Wellington Lane, the Grand Canal to Lucan and the D24 Neighbourhood Cycle Network. Design work is underway for Old Bawn to Knocklyon, Castletymon Road and Tallaght to Clondalkin schemes.
* **River Poddle Flood Alleviation Scheme -** The scheme is currently in Part 10 planning with An Bord Pleanála. The proposed decision is expected in early Q4 2022 as ABP have recently informed that the scheme has now been moved up the priority list for decision.
* **Camac Flood Alleviation Scheme –** currently in Preliminary Design Stage. Hydraulic model being calibrated, leading to more detailed optioneering which will be presented to the public in Q4 2022.
* **Whitechurch Stream Flood Alleviation Scheme -** Judicial Review Supreme Court decision awaited.
* Integrated Constructed Wetlands – Construction completed on Griffeen Valley and and the first Dodder Valley Scheme. The second Dodder Valley scheme is due for completion this month. Kilnamanagh ICW due for completion 2023.

**Sport, Recreation and Libraries and Community facilities**

* Citywest Library – tender invite published 1st September, including a draft development agreement. This is open for a 5-week period with the expectation of a successful outcome before the end of the year.
* Adamstown Library – outline proposal will be brought to Council in November.
* Lucan Pool – notwithstanding the difficult construction environment, there are unacceptable delays to this project. The Council and the contractor are not in agreement with regard to these delays and have asked an independent conciliator to examine the construction programme including contractor capacity, sub-contractor commitments, key milestones and overall timeframe. Regrettably I am unable to commit to a definitive completion date until I get greater assurance in this regard, which hopefully this independent assessment will provide.
* Teen Space Programme – Griffeen Valley Park due for completion in October, Bancroft due on site this month. Following completion of a teen survey on completed facilities, a revised programme of locations will be submitted as part of the 3-year Capital Programme to be agreed in December.
* Griffeen and Corkagh Park pavilions at tender stage.
* Airlie Park delayed due to supply chain issues with pavilion materials and seeding issues with the landscaped areas. Now due for completion in January 2023.
* Killinarden Park Regeneration - contractor due for appointment this month.
* Whitestown Stream Amenity Works – Part 8 now approved and tender documents under preparation, boundary enhancement works to start in November.
* St Cuthberts Park – design consultations underway – hope to commence Part 8 before year end.
* Quarryvale and Jobstown Parks – preliminary report and environmental assessments completed. Tender brief for Landscape Architect to be issued this week, tender responses due mid-Nov.​
* Kiltipper Park – Phase 2 to be substantially re-examined due to significant escalation in costs.
* Tallaght Stadium 4th Stand and the West Stand enhancements – underway and going well.
* Sports Pitch Strategy – Sean Walsh Park Astro construction to commence October. Woodstown – additional winter surveys underway – target to go to Part 8 Q2 2023.
* Belgard Community Centre All Weather pitch – consultants appointed to manage the project and contractor to be appointed in next few weeks.
* Saggart Community Centre – onsite, scheduled completion summer 2023.
* Orchard Lodge Age Friendly centre – to go to contract in coming weeks with a view to opening in early 2023.
* Killinarden, Kilcarbery and Balgaddy Community Centres to be delivered in conjunction with respective housing schemes.
* Citywest Community Centre – planning application for preferred option to be lodged imminently.
* Newcastle Community Centre – designs and land requirements under discussion with adjoining landowner.
* Ballycullen Community Centre – to be delivered in conjunction with the Whitepines private housing development, currently the subject of Judicial Review.
* Templeogue Intergenerational Facility – Tender issued 30th September. Tenders due back 28th October 2022
* Rathcoole Courthouse Extension – onsite and due for completion in February 2023.
* Glenasmole Community Centre – extension and upgrade due for completion in coming weeks.
* Community Centre Upgrades – staff resources now in place – upgrade/extension works on a number of centres to be brought to Part 8 in 2023, starting with Ballyroan Community Centre, followed by The Park Community Centre, Knockmitten Community Centre and Perrystown Manor Community Centre.

Yours sincerely,



Daniel McLoughlin

Chief Executive

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors D. Ó Brádaigh, L. Donaghy, R. McMahon, E. Ó Broin, C. O'Connor, S. Moynihan, L. O'Toole, K. Mahon, Y. Collins, P. Gogarty, L. Dunne, and G. O'Connell. Queries were raised in regarding various projects and tenders.

Mr. D. McLoughlin, Chief Executive responded to the members.

The report was **NOTED**.

### **C1/1022 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. [Correspondence from Tipperary County Council re. Additional Funding for Local Authorities](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76189)
2. [Correspondence from Mayo County Council re. Expansion of Eligible Criteria for Croí Cónaithe](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76190)
3. [Correspondence from Meath County Council re. Condolences to the People of Tallaght](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=76197)

The Correspondence was **NOTED.**

### **M1/1022 PUBLIC TOILETS**

**It was Proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin and seconded by Councillor R. McMahon**

The regressive response to Question 12 from the council of March 2022 that asked for an update on the feasibility study on the installation of public toilets is noted. To begin to resolve this situation in a progressive manner this council agrees to have one self cleaning one person outdoor public toilet installed in each of the four local areas of SDCC. <http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/74389>

**REPORT:**

The demand for the provision of public toilets is something that arose during the first year of Covid 19 restrictions, at a time when hospitality venues were closed to the public but at the same time people were being encouraged to utilise outdoor spaces for recreation and exercise.  The situation that existed back then no longer applies as all restrictions have been lifted and all cafes, restaurants, bars and public facilities have reopened to the public.  Information available on-line in relation to publicly accessible toilets indicates that there are many options available in all town and village centre locations in the county such as cafes, restaurants, bars, hotels, other premises where food is served such as supermarkets and filling stations, shopping centres, some public parks and some public buildings.  Access to public toilets is available at a large number of such locations around the County and for this reason the proposal to provide free standing, self-cleaning toilets at four locations around the County is not considered to be necessary.

This Council's focus at the present time is to provide toilet facilities in public parks where these are needed.  In this regard public toilets were opened in 2021 in Tymon Park beside the new playground.  There are plans to replace the temporary toilets at the Wellington Lane car park in Tymon Park with new toilets which will form part of the new multi-generational facility and cafe to be developed there.  The development of further cafes complete with access to public toilets is planned for Corkagh Park, Airlie Park and other park locations in due course.

Councillor M. Duff proposed and Councillor P. Kavanagh seconded an amendment to the motion as follows:

*“After the words “progressive manner” replace the wording with “ That this Council agrees to install one outdoor public toilet on the High Street of a Village in the County, as a pilot project.”*

In accordance with Standing Orders the Mayor, Councillor E. Murphy

proposed and the members unanimously agreed to suspend standing orders in order to

deal with the Motion.

A discussion then followed with contributions from Councillors E. Ó Broin F. Timmons, M. Duff, E. Murphy, L. Donaghy, K. Mahon, T. Gilligan, P. Kavanagh, L. Hagin Meade, W. Carey, L. Dunne, E. O’Brien, L. O'Toole, G. O’Connell, and Y. Collins. Queries were raised regarding installation and maintenance costs.

Ms. T. Walsh, Director of Environment, Water and Climate Change responded to the members informing them that the installation of a singular facility would cost between €80,000 and €100,000 excluding annual maintenance costs and that there was no provision in the current Budget for the delivery of such a facility.

The Mayor, Councillor E. Murphy then called for a roll call vote on the amendment, the result of which was as follows:

**FOR: 17 (SEVENTEEN)**

**Councillors W. Carey, L. Donaghy, M. Duff, L. Hagin Meade, A. Hayes, M. Johansson, P. Kavanagh, R. McMahon, S. Moynihan, E. Murphy, D. Ó Brádaigh, E. Ó Broin, G. O'Connell, C. O'Connor, S. O'Hara, L. Sinclair, L. Whelan.**

**AGAINST: 5 (FIVE)**

**Councillors Y. Collins, L. Dunne, K. Mahon, F. Timmons, J. Tuffy.**

**ABSTAIN: 2 (TWO)**

**Councillors E. O'Brien, L. O'Toole.**

The Motion was **AGREED**

### **M6/1022 HOSPITAL PARKING CHARGES**

**It was Proposed by Councillors L. McCrave, V. Casserly and seconded by Councillor L. Dunne and MOVED without debate**

That this council support the Children in Hospital and Irish Cancer Society Hidden Costs Campaign to eliminate or significantly reduce car park costs for those that are frequent visitors to hospital. If this motion is agreed we will write to the Minister For Health and the Children in Hospital Group expressing our support

**REPORT:**

If this motion is agreed, letters will be issued to the Minister For Health and the Children in Hospital Group. The responses, when received, will be circulated to the Members.

[M6 (b) Attachment submitted by Councillor Casserly](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=75829)

### **M10/1022** [**NATIONAL DEFIBRILLATOR DATABASE**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=76186)

**It was Proposed by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh and seconded by Councillor W. Carey and MOVED without debate**

That this Council now agrees to press upon Government, the HSE and all relevant stakeholders to develop a comprehensive 'National Defibrillator Database' that actively works to update the location of all Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) in Ireland.

**REPORT:**

If this motion is agreed, letters will be issued to the Minister for Health and the HSE. The responses, when received, will be circulated to the Members.

### **M11/1022 FAIR TRADE COUNTY**

**It was Proposed by Councillor Peter Kavanagh and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons MOVED without debate**

This County Council declares South Dublin to be a Fair Trade County, and commits to establishing a fair trade committee of elected representatives, community representatives and local businesses to adhere to the aims of Fair Trade Ireland.

**REPORT:**

If this motion is passed South Dublin County Council will explore the feasibility of a designated Fair Trade County to fully understand the implications of meeting the requirements of Fair Trade Ireland from an operational and cost perspective for the Local Authority itself and the wider implications for local businesses. As part of this, the Local Authority will engage with South Dublin Chamber to explore the roles, responsibilities and governance arrangements associated with the establishment of a fair trade committee.

The Motion was **AGREED.**

### **M12/1022** [**ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES AND VAPES RESEARCH**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=76187)

**It was Proposed by Councillor F. Timmons and seconded by Councillor M. Johansson and MOVED without debate**

That this Council calls on the Minister for Health to carry out research into any long-term effects of using Electronic Cigarettes or Vapes.

**REPORT:**

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

The Motion was **AGREED.**

Meeting ended at 19:27.

**Motions not reached**

### **(M2)** [**COMMUNITY CHILDCARE ASSESSMENT**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=76157)

**Councillor J. Tuffy**

To ask the Chief Executive to undertake an examination of the extent to which the Council is currently involved in supporting childcare within the South Dublin County Council area, with a view to seeing if this support can be enhanced. This would include an audit of childcare services in its own properties, including Council owned community, youth and leisure centres. (Details of a similar examination being carried out by another local authority is attached)

### **(M3) RELETS**

**Councillor C. O'Connor**

That this Council calls for effective action to deal with boarded up Council houses and return them to the housing stock for reletting.

### **(M4) AHB ENGAGEMENT**

**Councillor T. Costello**

To ask South Dublin County Council to develop a protocol whereby Councillors can make representations on behalf of constituents to Approved Housing Bodies to ensure that AHB's will have a pathway to communicate with Councillors when they contact them on behalf of their constituents. Given the growing number of tenancies in the County which are being managed by AHBs this protocol will ensure that tenants get the necessary support and level of representation which they are entitled to.

### **(M5)** [**DECLARATION'S OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?noinc=true&id=76182)

**Councillor P. Holohan**

This Council calls on the government to launch an enquire into declarations of TD's and elected representatives and the owing of property's to rent and their declaration's of conflict of interest in discussions and votes on matters regarding housing and the rental sector and to issue a report.

### **(M7) FREE CONTRACEPTION**

**Councillor L. Dunne**

This Council calls on the Minister of Health Stephen Donnelly to extend Free Contraception for the over 30s on a medical card, this would include scraping fees for those seeking to have fittings/removals of various types of long acting reversible contraception, as a 1st step to the introduction of free contraception to all.

### **(M8) PRIVATE AIRPLANES**

**Councillor L. Sinclair**

That this council declares that private airplanes used for leisure or commerce are wasteful and inconsistent with our climate goals, and demands that none are given permission to fly in Irish air space. On passing the motion a letter issues to Minister of Defence and Minister of Transport.

### **(M9) S254**

**Councillor M. Duff**

In an effort to give residents of areas in the County an opportunity to make observations regarding applications for S254 Licences for telecommunication cabinets and masts, this Council calls on the Manager to amend the South Dublin County Council S254 Applications Policy.

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

Mayor

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