**COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS**

**SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**



**Report of the Social, Community & Equality Strategic Policy Committee Meeting at 3p.m. on Tuesday 16th May 2023**

**via Microsoft Teams**

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

**Apologies:** D. Hennessy (PPN)

**Officials Present:** E. Leech (A/Director of Services), E Clancy (SEO, Community Department), J Lumumba (Administrative Officer), T. McDermott (Local Sports Coordinator), P McAlerney (Senior Community Officer), M. Nugent (Inter Agency Coordinator), P. Swayne (Age Friendly Officer), G Meehan (Sláintecare Co-ordinator), P. Saab, (A/Administrative Officer) F. Keane (Senior Staff Officer), M Travers (ASO), M Farrell (CO).

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

**1. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 21 February 2023 were proposed by Cllr. Gilligan, seconded by Cllr. Holohan and agreed.

**2. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**3. Capital Projects Update**

Paul McAlerney presented to the Committee the Capital Projects Update. Key highlights were Whitechurch Sports Hub, Saggart School, Rathcoole Old Courthouse, Lucan Swimming Pool, Balgaddy Community Centre, Belgard All Weather Pitch, Orchard Lodge and Community Centre Extensions and Upgrades Elaine Leech gave an update on the Whitechurch Project.

Cllr Gilligan thanked Mr McAlerney for the presentation.

There were queries and contributions from Cllr. Casserly regarding funding, accessibility of the swimming pool for those with disabilities, and Cllr. Bailey regarding the increasing population. The presentation was noted.

**4. LECP**

M. Nugent presented the committee with an update on the LECP tender. The tender was awarded to Octavian Advisory. M. Nugent sough a nomination from the SPC to join the Advisory Group. Cllr. Bailey indicated her interest, and she was subsequently nominated by Cllr. Holohan and Seconded by Cllr. Gilligan. E Leech acknowledged the nomination and stated she would revert to the SPC in September with an update on the LECP.

There was a contribution from Cllr T Gilligan and the report was noted.

**5. Healthy Ireland**

L Cush gave a presentation on the Healthy Ireland initiative informing the committee members of the current programme.

There were queries from Cllr. Holohan regarding the nationality of those applying for Ukrainian programmes, to which L Cush advised that there were no exclusions for anyone who wished to participate. Cllr. Gilligan enquired to the location of the activities.

**6. Community Development Update**

J Lumamba presented the Community Development Community Sports Grants breakdown. E Leech requested that the link to the summer project grant application be circulated to all members of the SPC and noted that the deadline was extended. Cllr. Bailey noted that Africa Day was not being held this year and the report was noted.

**7. Age Friendly Older People’s Council**

P Swayne gave a report on the Older Peoples Council. Feedback has been received from the Age Council regarding downsizing and queries were raised namely regarding pets and parking. The group were updated on Age Friendly Accommodation, and it was suggested that the Age Council be consulted in the designing of Age Friendly accommodation. Cllr Holohan requested an update on the Age Friendly accommodation in Springfield. A discussion was held regarding the Financial Contribution Scheme.

The report was noted.

**8. Reports/Updates for Noting**

1. **Comhairle na nÓg 2023**

An update on Comhairle na nÓg was given. There were contributions from Cllr. Bailey.

**B) Active South Dublin** – Local Sport and Physical Activity Plan 2023 – 2027

T. McDermott gave an update on the Plan. The Plan was noted.

**9. AOB**

E Leech requested that a list of new staff in HSCD be circulated to all SPC members

There was no other business and the meeting concluded at 4.25 p.m.