**COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS**

**SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Report of the Social, Community & Equality Strategic Policy Committee Meeting at 3p.m. on Tuesday 21 February 2023 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) D. Hennessy (PPN).

**Apologies:** None.

**Officials Present:** C. Ward (Director of Services), J Lumumba (Administrative Officer), T. McDermott (Local Sports Coordinator), M. Nugent (Inter Agency Coordinator), P. Swayne (Age Friendly Officer), G Meehan (Slaintecare Co-ordinator), Su Clarke (Community Officer), M. Murtagh, (Administrative Officer) F. Keane (Senior Staff Officer), M. Farrell (Clerical Officer).

**Presenters:** Alix Brady and Marly Bah (Comhairle na nÓg), Eamon Seydak (S3 Solutions)

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

**1. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 15 November 2022 were proposed by Cllr. Gilligan, seconded by Cllr. Holohan and agreed.

**2. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**3. 2023 Work Programme**

C Ward referred to the 2023 work programme which was made available in advance of the meeting and advised committee members to contact him with anything additional they would like to see included.

Cllr Bailey suggested adding Communications from Community Centres to members of the public to the programme and C Ward agreed to review. Communications around sports would be covered in the Local Sports Plan.

The report was noted.

**4. Comhairle na nÓg 2023 Programme.**

Alix Brady (Chair, South Dublin Comhairle na nÓg, 2023) and Marly Bah, (National Executive Representative, South Dublin Comhairle na nÓg, 2023) presented to the committee outlining the mission of Comhairle na nÓg, its governance and current topics of focus in 2023. Mental health is the chosen topic for this year and posters have been designed that will be circulated to schools and other organisations. A campaign with be launched with Mayor Emma Murphy over Easter.

There were contributions from Cllrs Holohan,Casserly, O’Hara and Bailey and the report was noted.

**5. Local Sports Plan**

E Seydak of S3 solutions reported on the consultations that have taken place relating to the Local Sports Plan. The 4 strategic themes are: Active Cities and Clubs; Active Spaces and Places; Active Communication and Active Partnerships and Systems. He outlined the next steps of the process and confirmed there would be a full draft strategy document ready by 10 March 2023. Follow up consultations would take place with appropriate stakeholders including Sport Ireland and other external organisations. Committee Members would also be invited to review the consultation document and strategy detail.

A full draft of strategy content would be submitted for consideration and sign off by this SPC at the next meeting (2nd April) with a public launch towards the end of April.

There were queries and contributions from Cllrs Bailey, Gilligan and Holohan and L Byrne PPN.

The report was noted.

**6. Community Grants 2023 including Community Recognition Fund**

P Swayne presented a report informing the committee members of the large number of Community Grants that are currently live and the systems used to administer the data (Salesforce).

She highlighted the Community Recognition Fund and the approaching deadline for submissions of the 16th of March. C Ward highlighted the challenges around this fund given that 60% of the €2.7 million funding needs to be spent in 2023.

There were contributions from Cllrs Gilligan, Bailey and D Hennessy (PPN) and the report was noted.

**7. Sláintecare:**

A pre-reordered report was made available to the members in advance of the meeting.

C Ward noted that there would be a piece in the CE report in April regarding the Slaintecare initiative.

The report was noted.

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

C Ward referred to the report made available in advance of the meeting and noted that this is a vibrant and active group with a work programme that was developed following a public consultation process.

As one of the initial actions under their work plan, the Older People’s Council have designed a flyer to be distributed across the county to introduce themselves to residents, clubs, groups and organisations of the county and to start communicating their aims and purposes and to facilitate engagement.

The Chair offered his assistance in advising where to distribute the flyers and the report was noted.

**9. Equality Initiatives**

C Ward referred to the report made available in advance of the meeting and highlighted the launch of the new Pool Pod in Clondalkin which was launched in January by Mayor Emma Murphy.

The report was noted.

**10. LECP**

M Nugent presented the committee with an update on the LECP process. The Council has tendered for a consultant to develop the new LECP and the tender evaluation is currently being undertaken.

The LECP Advisory Group most recently met on 20th January 2023 and agreed that it will reconvene once the consultant is appointed. Cllr. C O'Connor was the Social, Community and Equality SPC representative on the advisory group and a replacement is now required for this role given Cllr. O'Connor's recent move. It was agreed to action this.

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

**11.AOB**

Cllr Bailey suggested a having information available to refugees/new arrivals to the county in different languages to inform them of what is available for them in the county.

There was no other business and the meeting concluded at 4:21 p.m.