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



**MEETING OF SOCIAL, COMMUNITY & EQUALITY SPC**

**Tuesday, September 19th 2023**

**Draft Minutes of Social, Community and Equality Strategic Policy Committee Meeting at 3p.m. on Tuesday 19th September 2023 in the Council Chamber and Via Microsoft Teams.**

**In Attendance:**

**Cllr T. Gillian (Chair), Cllr. Vicky Casserly, Cllr S. O’Hara, Cllr. P. Holohan,** Cllr. Lillian Guéret**, Darragh Hennessy (PPN), Lynn Byrne (PPN)**

**Apologies:**

Cllr. Carly Bailey

**Officials present:**

E. Leech A/Director HSCD; E. Clancy, A/SEO Community; Maria Nugent, Administrative Officer Community; Paula Swayne, A/Administrative Officer Community; Lucy Cush, Healthy South Dublin Co-ordinator; Toss McDermott, Local Sports Coordinator; Paul McInerney, Senior Community Officer; Tricia Saab, A/Admin Officer; Fionnuala Keane, Senior Staff Officer

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

**Headed Item 1: Minutes of Social & Community SPC Meeting**

The Minutes of the Social & Community SPC Meeting of 16th of May 2023 were AGREED.

**Headed Item 2 Matters Arising:**

There were no matters arising.

**Cllr. Gilligan welcomed new member** Cllr. Lillian Guéret to the SPC.

**Headed Item 3 – Update on Capital Programme and Community Centres**

P. McInerney gave an update on the Capital Programme including the Rathcoole Old Courthouse, Saggart Community Centre and Glenasmole Community Centre. He briefed the group on Orchard Lodge project and the anticipated timeframe for completion.

Cllr. O’Hara acknowledged all the work involved.

The report was noted.

**Headed Item 4 LECP Progress Update**

Maria Nugent delivered an update on the LECP Programme and the objectives and actions for the next 6 years. The process is currently on stage 1 of 6.

Cllr. Gilligan queried the Irish Speakers in SDCC area. E. Leech stated that initial census data indicated that the was a lower number of Irish speakers in South Dublin compared to the national average.

The Report was Noted.

**Headed Item 5 Community Grants**

E. Clancy presented an update on the Community Support Grant update.

The Report was Noted.

**Headed Item 6 Matters Arising: Community Services Day**

Maria Nugent gave an update on the Community Services day and listed all the groups that were represented at the event. A video of the highlights of the Day was shown to members.

Cllr Gilligan asked if this Community Services Day would be an annual event and if it could be rolled out to other areas.

Cllr. Holohan acknowledged the success of the day and enquired if it could be carried out on other smaller estates with the involvement of the Community Garda. M. Nugent replied that communities can request and engage with Gardai and Fire Services. Cllr. Holohan can contact the individual service or make enquiries through the SPC.

**Headed Item 7 Integration Update**

Paula Swayne presented the Connect the Dots Research Report.

A discussion followed on Direct Provision Centres in South Dublin.

Cllr. Gilligan asked if there was there a timeframe for the scheme?

Paula Swayne explained that research was completed, and a timeline set for end of Sept / October to finalise the draft report.

Cllr. Gilligan queried how many members are expected on the Integration Team. Paula Swayne outlined the proposed staffing structure.

Cllr. Holohan asked the question about the differences between the current situation and previous direct provision.

E. Leech explained that the Local Authority have no direct role in relation to accommodation provision at City West Centre.

**Headed Item 8 Sports Services Report**

Toss McDermott presented Local Sports Service Report and gave an update on the new sports Box Equipment being rolled out to Parks in the County. There is currently a pilot in two parks: Cherryfield Park and Dodder Valley Park.

Cllr Guéret referred to the initiative and how it would be beneficial to communities and facilities.

Lynne Bryne queried the identification required and it was noted that the National ID card is acceptable. T. McDermott would clarify if under 18’s could avail of the scheme.

Cllrs. O’Hara and Holohan enquired if other locations are being considered. T McDermott responded to the queries. .

The Report was noted.

**Headed Item 9 Health and Wellbeing**

Lucy Cush presented the Health and Wellbeing Programme and gave an update on Men/Women/Sister Sheds.

The Report was noted.

**Headed Item 10 Any Other Business**

The date of the next meeting is set for Wednesday 22st November at 3pm.

Meeting concluded at 4.30pm pm