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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council October 2023 County Council Meeting held on Monday 9 October 2023

### **PRESENT**

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

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| Chief Executive | C. Ward. |
| Directors | J. Frehill, M. Mulhern, T. Walsh, E. Leech |
| Head of Finance | R. FitzGerald. |
| Head of IT | T. Kavanagh |
| County Architect | C. Harte |
| Senior Executive Officer | M. Murtagh. |
| Staff Officer | K. McLoughlin |
| Assistant Staff Officers | D. Murphy, L. Farrell |
| Sord | A. O’Brien. |
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The Mayor, Councillor A. Edge, presided.

Apologies were received from Councillor L. Dunne.

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The Mayor, Councillor A. Edge, welcomed everyone and informed the Members of the etiquette for Hybrid Meetings:

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**H1/1023 CONFIRMATION AND REAFFIRMATION OF MINUTES - FOR APPROVAL**

Minutes of the September Council Meeting held on 11th September 2023 which had been circulated were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed in the proposition of Councillor A. Edge seconded by Councillor M. Duff.

1. [September Council Minutes - 11th September 2023](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80004)

At this point, the Mayor, Councillor A. Edge proposed, and the Members **AGREED** to vary the sequence of items on the Agenda in order to take Headed Item no. 17 (H17) next and welcomed Ms. Ann Graham, Chief Executive, and Mr. Hugh Creegan, of the NTA to the meeting.

**H17/1023 NTA PRESENTATION ON GREATER DUBLIN AREA TRANSPORT STRATEGY – FOR NOTING**

The following report, which had been circulated was presented by Ms. Ann Graham of the NTA and was **CONSIDERED**.

[H17 NTA briefing](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80043)

It was proposed by Councillor A. Edge and seconded by Councillor S. Moynihan and **AGREED** that the Members reduce their speaking time to 1 minute for this item.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors K. Mahon, M. Duff, L. O’Toole, E. Ó Broin, P. Gogarty, D. Ó Brádaigh, P. Kearns, J. Tuffy, Y. Collins, S. O’Hara, M. Johansson, L. Hagin Meade, E. O’Brien, C. O’Connor, W. Carey, C. Bailey, R. McMahon, G. O’Connell, S. Moynihan, E. Murphy, D. McManus, P. Holohan, F. Timmons, L. McCrave and A. Edge.

Ms. A. Graham and Mr. H. Creegan responded to the Members’ queries

The report was **NOTED.**

**H2/1023 REPORTS OF AREA COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

*It was* ***NOTED*** *that there was* ***NO*** *business under this item.*

**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

(No Reports)

**b) Clondalkin Area Committee**

Dealing with Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management

(No Reports)

**c) Tallaght Area Committee**

Dealing with Public Realm, Water & Drainage, Housing, Community, Planning, Economic Development, Libraries & Arts, Corporate Support, Performance & Change Management

(No Reports)

**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

(No Reports)

**H3a/1023 STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE - FOR APPROVAL**

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

**REPLY:**

**The following report when to the September OP&F -**

[**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 2023**

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| **Name** | **Organisation** | **Location** | **Date** |
| AILG Module 4 | AILG | The Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa Cork (LittleIsland) & The Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa Sligo | 20th July & 22nd July |
| AILG Autumn Seminar | AILG | Mullingar Park Hotel, Co.Westmeath | 13th - 14th September |
| ICSH National Housing Seminar | ICSH | Clayton Whites Hotel, Wexford | 18th - 19th October 2023 |

**Training Confirmed Attended Since May 2023**

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| **Name** | **Organisation** | **Location** | **Date** | **Councillors in Attendance** |
| AILG Module 3 | AILG | Mullingar Park Hotel, Co.Westmeath | 15th June | Cllr L. Hagin MeadeCllr G. O'ConnellCllr David McManusCllr S. O'HaraCllr B. Pereppadan  |
| AILG Module 4 | AILG | The Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa Cork The Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa Sligo | 20th July22nd July | Cllr K. EganCllr S. O'HaraCllr B. LawlorCllr L. Hagin MeadeCllr R. McMahonCllr D. McManusCllr G. O'Connell |

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 2023**

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| **Name** | **Organisation** | **Location** | **Date** |
| MacGill Summer School 2023 | MacGill Summer School |  Donegal |  16/8/23 - 19/8/23 |

**Conferences Confirmed Attended Since May 2023**

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| **Name** | **Organisation** | **Location** | **Date** | **Councillors in Attendance** |
| None |   |   |   |   |

**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 –

1. a) attend that event and participate in the proceedings to the greatest extent possible, and
2. 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."

**This is now before full Council for final approval.**

The reports were **APPROVED** on the proposition of Councillor A. Edge and seconded by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh.

**H3b/1023 STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE - FOR APPROVAL**

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

**The following report went to the September OP&F -**

At the May 2023 OP&F meeting it was agreed "that South Dublin County Council join the 'Building Europe with Local Councillors' project and a Nominee to be decided".  It was also proposed that the nominee should be confined to the role of The Mayor to cover the two year period of the project and allowing for 2024 Local Elections.

This is now before the Council for consideration.

It must be noted that funds for Councillor's Conference Abroad were reallocated in Budget 2023.

This is now before Council for approval.

The Item was proposed by A. Edge and seconded by G. O’Connell and AGREED.

The reports were **APPROVED** on the proposition of Councillor A. Edge and seconded by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh.

**H4/1023 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

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

**H4 (a) i) Report of the Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage Libraries Meeting 6th September 2023**

**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

**H4 (a) ii) Minutes of the Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage Libraries SPC Meeting 3rd May 2023**

**Attended:**

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| **Members** | **Sectoral Members** |
| Cllr. Alan Edge (Chair) | Ms. Elaine Vince O'Hara |
| Cllr. Mick Duff | **External**  |
| Cllr. Teresa Costello | Mr. Donal Shiels, Artistic Director, The Civic Theatre |
| Cllr. Mark Lynch |  |

**Apologies**

Cllr. Kenneth Egan, Cllr. Alan Hayes, Ms. Freda Manweiler

**Officials Present**

Mr. Jason Frehill, Director of Services

Ms. Lorna Maxwell, Director of Services

Mr. Paul Fusco, County Librarian

Ms. Orla Scannell, Arts Officer

Ms. Geraldine O Meara, Senior Executive librarian

Ms. Rosena Hand, Senior Executive librarian

Ms. Meabh Butler, Assistant Arts Officer

Mr. Declan Healy, Communications Manager

**Minute-taker:**

Ms. Cliona Graham

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

Chair Cllr. Alan Edge opened the meeting at 17.34 and welcomed everyone including Cllr. Mark Lynch.

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| **Headed Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes**The [minutes](http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=78926) of Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries SPC meeting held on 1st February 2023 were proposed by Cllr. Mick Duff and seconded by Cllr. Alan Edge .**Agreed.** |
| **Headed Item 2: Civic Theatre – Introducing Artistic Director Donal Shiels**Cllr. Alan Edge, welcomed Mr. Donal Sheils who has been Artistic director of the Civic Theatre for the past seven months. Donal Sheils spoke with enthusiasm about his role and the myriad of opportunities available for promoting increased community engagement across all ages, through multiple artistic disciplines and genres and by using multiple spaces with increased collaboration with Libraries, the Arts, Rua Red and Tallaght Community Theatre. Reflecting on the current year’s successes to date, Donal expects this year’s attendance will exceed last year’s total of over forty thousand at the Civic’s performances and artistic functions. Looking to capture new audiences, in March, the Civic hosted a very successful, innovative and experimental stage show called PL AI – a performance piece where an artificial intelligence generated script was instantly created from audience prompts and then acted by three actors. This novel event was free, open to all ages and drew considerable media attention.The Scratch mini festival for children is currently running and The Civic Theatre is looking forward to hosting three preview Edinburgh Fringe festival performances before they head to Scotland. Donal spoke about their commitment to providing opportunities for local artists across multiple disciplines and making Art more accessible across all demographics. To that end, Donal spoke of their plans to move more events into the community to help break down barriers and increase visibility. A new Dance Company in Residence – Honey and Lemon - will provide a focus on dance and be available for outreach & community events. Promotion of diverse musical genres will also include a focus on Classical music and Opera. Donal noted Comedy events ongoing popularity and the importance of the local amenities, such as parking, transport and food outlets in encouraging repeat attendances. Looking forward to a very busy and diverse line up of events including the Comedy Circus, Victor – Kid V rapper, Performing Arts summer school and the Redline Festival, Donal re-iterated that The Civic is keen to explore opportunities through technology such as V.R. and to forge ongoing links and dialog with organisations such as Tallaght University. With audiences returning, Donal acknowledged the challenge of keeping audiences engaged and reinforced The Civic’s continuing focus on maintaining community links, pursuing new audiences and reaching out to new communities such as Adamstown. The Civic is also looking forward to the newly developed County Hall square and the collaborative opportunities that will bring. Looking to the Civic Theatre itself, Donal noted that staff in the Civic, although benefiting from a remote working policy continue to attend primarily in person. Changes to The Civic Theatre’s board are ongoing with an expectation that a full new board will be in place by year end and a three year Art’s Council business plan is being developed.Chair Cllr. Alan Edge thanked Donal for the amazing work being done, acknowledged The Civic’s happy working environment, welcomed the opportunities created for local artists and was excited about extending its reach through Music, technology and the new Dance Group in Residence.Cllr. Mick Duff and Mr. Jason Frehill also congratulated Donal’s enthusiasm and vibrancy and wished him well with the upcoming programmes and looked forward to outdoor space performances and opportunities brought about through improved links with Rua Red, Libraries, Arts and ongoing links with Tallaght community Theatre. Mr. Donal Sheils responded to questions raised, re-affirmed that he welcomed feedback and input to future plans and stated that he felt there was scope to examine collaborations and opportunities around the new County Square space, Halloween festival, a possible future music festival and the use of food and the medium of dance and music to break down barriers.The report was **Noted**. |
| **Headed Item 3: Arts Office – Cruinniú na nÓg programme 2023**Ms. Meabh Butler, Assistant Arts Officer, presented a report on [Cruinniú na nÓg](http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=78928) which empowers children and young people to develop their creative expression by providing opportunities for them to participate in free creative activities in their local area. It’s Ireland’s national day for ‘doing’, ‘making’ and ‘creating’ and funding is provided by Creative Ireland and this year is the first time that Northern Ireland takes part. This year Cruinniú na nÓg will take place on Saturday 10th June across the country. The SDCC Arts office ran an open call for projects in February of this year and received 28 applications from individuals and organisations throughout South Dublin. The open call was for any and all creative activities, performances, readings, workshops, interactive installations, etc to take place either on the 10th June and shoulder dates. 18 Projects across short- and long-term categories in Adamstown, Lucan, Clondalkin, Perrystown, Tallaght and Greenhills were chosen by a selection panel that consisted of a 9 year old and an external arts advisor from outside of the county and activities awarded include theatre, music, visual arts and circus. Building on last year Meabh discussed closed interactive workshop events for children attending Tallaght children’s Hospital called ‘Umbra – shadow of light’. Also included were Freshly Ground Theatre who present ‘Sióg’ where fairy folklore and the environment will be explored through creative making sessions and ‘Creative Circus with Fadi Zmorrod’ where creative circus workshops aim to foster diversity through dance, movement and creative activities. ‘Belonging’ for children and young people who have recently arrived in Ireland, together with local artists, will create panels of symbols and words representing themselves which will be shown in Rua Red on Cruinniú na nÓg. ‘Meabh noted that public announcements regarding the full final itinerary will be made on May 18th and that ‘Song Tales’ a musical extravaganza, wand making and storytelling creative workshops will form part of Lucan’s Ruaille Buaille Music festival which will extend to Adamstown this year.Following the presentation, Cllr. A. Edge, Cllr. Mick Duff, Cllr. Mark Lynch and Ms. Elaine Vince O'Hara thanked Meabh and congratulated the exciting range of diverse projects across the community and County and the inclusion of children in the selection process. Meabh responded to questions. The report was **Noted**. |
| **Item 4: Our Library, Our Future – SDL Champions**1. Ms. Rosena Hand, Senior Executive librarian, presented a report on her new champion role in [Equality, Diversity & Inclusion](http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=78929) (EDI) within South Dublin Libraries (SDL) which overlaps with Geraldine O Meara’s champion role for Innovation & Creativity. Rosena addressed the five areas of Workforce Diversity, Physical Accessibility, Celebrating Neurodiversity, reaching out to Marginalised communities and Plans going forward. SDL’s staffing level of 110, breaks down as 95% white Irish, 83% over 40, 64% female and with English, Irish, Polish, Greek, Spanish and Afrikans spoken. Rosena noted that under-representations and disparities can be examined in more detail when the breakdown of the 2022 census figures are available. Rosena examined SDCC resources including Social Inclusion Officer, Access & Equality Officer, disability advisory & Consultative officer and an active LGBTQ+ staff network. She listed existing policies and procedures which aim to ensure diversity, inclusion and equality within the workplace and asked How do we encourage a more diverse workforce into SDL? Rosena spoke about SDL compliance with regulations for physical accessibility into SDL service point for wheelchair users. She outlined the measures taken to improve access for users with visual impairment, including staff awareness training & branch audits by NCBI, collaboration with NCBI in an expanding collection of Braille books and the Pilot of ‘The Fact Factory’ magazine. Rosena addressed the commitment of SDL to improving access for neurodiverse patrons which includes ongoing staff training, adapted physical environments, specialist equipment, sensory tools, accessible garden areas, adapted collections, specialised neuro diverse programming and events, ongoing collaborations with specialist organisations and finally outreach events. SDL have an extensive range of assistive technology including Tovertafel tables ( Neurodiverse/dementia), TTRS programme (assisting with Dyslexia & Dyspraxia), Tilt & Touch Table (learning &Sensory needs), C-pen scanners (reading & understanding)and Acorn tablets targeted to be Age Friendly. Looking ahead Rosena discussed planned rebranding of TTT (Toys Technology Training) to ‘Neuro Diverse South’, possible additional sensory equipment including a ‘Sensory Cubbie’, expansion of SDL neuro-diverse childrens collections and support collections for adults. Rosena discussed outreach and services to support marginalised communities including non-nationals and the travelling community. Rosena outlined SDL plans, using the Champion roles to build on current resources, adapted space, staff training, collections, collaborations, programming and community outreach to further the aim of embedding EDI in SDL services.

Cllr. Alan Edge thanked Rosena for a very engaging presentation and suggested holding questions and contributions until after the next presentation.1. Ms. Geraldine O Meara, Senior Executive librarian, presented a report on the [Innovation & Creativity](http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=78929) champion role, it’s aims, objectives and place within the Libraries Development Plan . Geraldine explained that Innovation has been deemed a critical requirement for all Public Service Organisations to progress the development and delivery of services both today and for tomorrow. SDCC has presented its Innovation Strategy 2022-2024. The strategy aims to harness the power of innovation to deliver world class public services in South Dublin. For libraries, Innovation is about delivering today and shaping tomorrow and they now aim to foster a culture of Innovation, to develop processes and practices in this area, to encourage the development and use of technology to deliver high quality services and support collaborations and partnerships between the library and both local and national organisations. Geraldine noted that to **foster a culture of innovation** we need to lead with vision, empower staff and challenge the norm. Libraries will offer staff opportunities to develop and upskill. This in turn will equip them with the tools to innovate. Library staff recently attended Maynooth University to meet with students completing an innovation Masters Class. Before meeting the students had been given an overview of SDL and the challenges facing the library service. They were tasked with looking at our Library Development Plan from a Design Innovation viewpoint and then presented their ideas for the future of the library service to some of our library staff. The staff hugely enjoyed the session and feedback was positive. They were given the opportunity to go outside the library environment, to engage with non-users and think about libraries and our services are delivered from another perspective. As a result of this trip to Maynooth an Innovation library working group has been created.

Geraldine gave examples of how the innovation approach was successfully applied through pilot projects, including the extended opening hours of Palmerstown Library Hub and the Neurodiversity Programme and said **pilot projects** will continue to be used as a tool in delivering innovative services. South Dublin Libraries also recognises the potential for **collaborations and partnerships** as a source of innovation and creativity. The Think Big Space partnership with AWS was highlighted and video clip shown of STEAM in action in the space. Think Big Space won an excellence in local government award last year in the innovation category. This shows us that working in partnership across sectors and organisations can scale up innovation. In order to continue to foster innovation, support and encouragement for new ideas and experimentation will be provided. Staff training and skillsets will be captured on a skills database and we will regularly assess and evaluate the library’s culture of innovation. Geraldine and Rosena gave a Demonstration of innovative assistive technology that is now available in South Dublin Libraries, to all those in attendance. Technology and equipment shown included the Tovertafel “magic table”, C Reader Pens, Fact Factory Magazine for those with reading difficulties and Sensory boxes. Cllr. Alan Edge, thanked Rosena and Geraldine for their amazing, informative, fun and inspirational presentations and stated that Libraries were at the forefront in pushing innovation, diversity and equality.Cllr. Mick Duff, Cllr. Mark Lynch and Ms. Elaine Vince O Hara congratulated both and expressed their appreciation of the excellent learning supports available through libraries which promote inclusion through such fun mediums.Mr. Paul Fusco thanked Rosena and Geraldine for their interactive presentations, for the enthusiasm of the Libraries management team in adopting the new Champion roles and expressed his wish for other role champions to present at the September SPC when it will be possible to report back on the work done to date.Mr. Jason Frehill said the work being done by Libraries was inspirational and that the entire team was pushing the boundaries of innovation the nature and scale of which was of national significance.The reports were **Noted**. |
| **Headed Item 5: Corporate Communications – Irish Language Act Update**Ms. Lorna Maxwell, Director of Services, introduced herself and Mr. Declan Healy, Communications Manager, and their role in the implementation of the Irish Language Act and promotion of Irish within the Council and County. Declan presented [an update](http://intranet/cmas/documentsbyitem.aspx?itemid=78930) on the Irish Language Requirements as set out in the Irish Language Act 2003, whose main objective is to promote the use of Irish Language for official purposes in the state. South Dublin County Council (SDCC) has an Irish Language Scheme (ILS) in place till December 2023, which outlines, through a comprehensive list of services, what services SDCC will offer through Irish, through English and Bilingually. Declan outlined the specific requirements under the Act and also the Official Languages (Amendment) Act, 2021 enacted in December 2021 and enforced in January 2023 and discussed how that will effect service delivery.Under The Amendment Act, which strengthens the language rights of Irish speakers, there is a new statutory obligation, for public bodies in relation to advertising, general communications and commercial communications which engage with the public. SDCC will comply with the requirements of 20% of all advertising/communications done in Irish, 5% of advertising budget outlay on Irish Language specific channels, self-auditing and an annual submission to An **Coimisinéir** **Teanga.** To assist with meeting these requirements and to raise awareness, SDCC will engage an Irish Language Officer who will also assist with in-house translation services. Certain Departments must ensure that communications are done in both languages and self-audit this. Professional translation services will be required for official documents. Demand for Irish Language services will increase so more Irish Language speakers will be required. Staff training, service delivery and budget for translation services will be impacted.Cllr. Alan Edge thanked Declan for his presentation and invited questions from the members. Cllr. Mick Duff welcomed the return of an Irish Language Officer and would like to see in-house training which Councillors could also benefit from. Ms. Lorna Maxwell confirmed that libraries currently provide Irish Language courses and would encourage staff to attend. Cllr. Alan Edge congratulated the work done to date and how proactive SDCC are being with supporting the implementation of the Act, acknowledged the additional time and resources required and enquired about the demand for reports provided in Irish. Ms. Lorna Maxwell and Mr. Declan Healy responded to questions raised, confirmed current demand was small for Irish Language reports and acknowledged the need to balance the use of public means to effectively support Irish Language speakers and the requirements of the implementation of the updated Irish Language Act.The report was No**ted**. |
| **Headed Item 6 : Action Items**Chair Cllr. Alan Edge invited contributions for Action Items.No items were raised. |
| **Headed Item 7: Any Other Business**Chair Cllr. Alan Edge invited contributions for Any Other Business.No items were raised.Chair Cllr. Alan Edge thanked members for their attendance.**The meeting concluded at 19:10** |

**b) Environment, Water, Climate Change & Biodiversity SPC**

**H4 (b) (i) Environment, Water, Climate Change Biodiversity SPC Report of September Meeting 5th Sept 2023**

**In attendance:**

**Elected Members Sectoral Members**

Councillor David McManus (Chair) Ms. Deirdre Mooney (Teams)

Councillor Alan Edge

Councillor Madeleine Johansson

Councillor Emma Murphy (Teams)

**Officials** **Apologies**

Teresa Walsh, Director of Services Mr. Donie Anderson

Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer Mr. John Kiberd

Leo Magee, SE EWCC Councillor Francis Timmons

Juliene Helbert, SE EWCC Councillor Liam Sinclair

Richard Fitzpatrick, EESO EWCC (Teams) Councillor Dermot Richardson

Ian Jackson T/LGG EWCC (Teams)

Michael Heffernan, SEE EWCC

Maria Nugent, A/AO HSCD

Councillor McManus (Chair) welcomed those in attendance in the Council Chamber and on Microsoft Teams. Cllr. McManus paid tribute and thanked previous SPC member Councillor Guss O’Connell and welcomed new SPC member Councillor Alan Edge.

**Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 2nd May 2023**

The minutes of the Environment SPC meeting, held on 2nd May 2023 were proposed by the Chair, Councillor McManus, seconded by Councillor Murphy and agreed.

**Item 2: Local, Economic and Community Plan Update**

Maria Nugent, Acting Administrative Officer, presented an update on the 2023-2028 LECP.

Councillor Edge raised questions in relation to the health and safety aspects of the plan and whether it was focused purely on public safety.

The manager responded to all of the queries.

The Report was **NOTED.**

**Item 3: Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 Update**

Juliene Helbert, Senior Engineer, presented an update on the 2023 actions to date. Ms Helbert then outlined the work programme for 2024 to 2029 and indicated that the draft 2024-2029 plan is in its final stages, with public consultation to be completed by 31st October 2023. The final plan would be sought to be adopted by February 2024.

Councillor Johansson raised queries in relation to ongoing funding for energy retrofits for council houses as well as anti-litter campaigns for schools.

Councillor Edge raised the issue of public transport in rural areas.

Councillor McManus queried if the issues surrounding public lighting and the ESB had been resolved.

The manager responded to all of the queries.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 4: Dublin Urban Rivers LIFE Project**

Richard Fitzpatrick, Executive Environmental Scientific Officer presented an update on the DURL Project.

Councillor Edge noted the photographs within the presentation gave him a much clearer understanding of misconnections.

Councillor Johansson acknowledged the improvement to Griffeen Valley park since the introduction of the wetland and urged those in attendance to visit it themselves.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 5: River Basin Management Plan 2022 – 2027 Implementation**

Richard Fitzpatrick, Executive Environmental Scientific Officer presented an update on the implementation of the 2022 – 2027 River Basin Management Plan.

The Report was **NOTED.**

**Item 6: Waste Enforcement Update**

Michael Heffernan, Senior Executive Engineer presented a report on the works currently being carried out by the Waste Enforcement Section.

Councillor Edge acknowledged works being carried out and noted the works with PURE for special mention. Queries were raised in relation to the LGMA’s code of practices for use of CCTV and drones for enforcement purposes.

The manager answered all questions/queries.

The Report was **NOTED.**

**Item 7: A.O.B.**

Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer, informed those in attendance that a meeting would be arranged with the members who had indicated they wished to be part of a subgroup to look at the Circular Economy. Now that members have changed again, she asked for another member to volunteer to attend along with Councillors Johansson and Timmons. This group would meet in advance of the November SPC. A decision will be made thereafter should there be a requirement for a subgroup or not.

Teresa Walsh, Director of Services, informed those in attendance as a matter of information, that as and from tomorrow, 6th September 2023 that effective control of water services in South Dublin County will be transferred to Uisce Éireann.

The Chair, Cllr McManus concluded the meeting at 6:46pm.

**H4 (b) (ii) Minutes of Environment, Water, Climate Change Biodiversity SPC Meeting 2nd May 2023**

**In attendance:**

**Elected Members Sectoral Members**

Councillor David McManus (Chair) Mr. John Kiberd (Teams)

Councillor Madeleine Johansson Ms. Deirdre Mooney (Teams)

Councillor Emma Murphy Mr. Donie Anderson

Councillor Guss O’Connell (Teams) Councillor Francis Timmons Councillor Liam Sinclair (Teams)

**Officials Apologies**

Teresa Walsh, Director of Services Councillor Dermot Richardson Sharon Conroy, Senior Executive Officer

Leo Magee, SE EWCC

Fionnghuala Ryan, CC &EAO (Teams) Colum Fagan, SEE EWCC

Councillor David McManus (Chair) welcomed those in attendance in the Council Chamber and on Microsoft Teams and a special welcome to Liam Sinclair on becoming a member of the Environment SPC.

**Item 1: Minutes of Environment SPC meeting held on 7th February 2023**

The [minutes](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=79068&itemTxt=H-I1) of Environment SPC meeting held on 7th February 2023 were proposed by Councillor David McManus, seconded by Councillor Gus O’Connell, and agreed.

**Item 2: New Waste Management Action Plan for a Circular Economy/Regional Waste Management Office Report**

Hugh Coughlan, Regional Co-ordinator, Eastern-Midlands Region Waste Management Planning Office, presented a [report](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=79069&itemTxt=H-I2) on the new Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy to the committee.

Cllr Madeleine Johansson raised questions in relation to plastic packaging, the impact of the privatisation waste industry and the number of repair sites suggested in the new plan. Hugh Coughlan responded to all queries.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 3: Community Recycling Strategy**

Colum Fagan, Senior Executive Engineer presented the [Strategy](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=79070&itemTxt=H-I3) to the committee.

Cllr Francis Timmons, Cllr Madeleine Johansson, Cllr Gus O’Connell and Sectoral Member Donie Anderson asked about increasing the number of bottle banks, suggested some possible new locations and queried payment of fines.

The manager responded to all of the queries. The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 4: Local Authority EV Charging Strategy Update**

Teresa Walsh, Director of Services presented an update [report](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=79071&itemTxt=H-I4) on the Local Authority EV Charging Strategy.

Cllr Gus O’Connell asked about charging electric bikes at charging hubs and if a surcharge will be put in place.

The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 5: Climate Change Plan 2024-2029 progress update**

Fionnghuala Ryan, Climate Change & Environmental Awareness Officer presented a [report](http://intranet/cmas/documentsedit.aspx?id=79072&itemTxt=H-I5) on Climate Change Plan 2024 – 2029.

The manager answered all questions/queries. The Report was **NOTED**

**Item 6: Any Other Business**

Cllr Francis Timmons enquired about the Circular Economy Sub-Committee

 Cllr O’Connell enquired about a dead horse in Clondalkin. Cllr Emma Murphy confirmed that the horse had been removed.

The Chair, Cllr D. McManus concluded the meeting at 6.50pm.

**c) Economic, Enterprise & Tourism SPC**

**H4 (c) (i) Report of meeting held on 13th September, 2023**

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** |
| Cllr. Pamela Kearns [Acting Chair] | Jason Frehill - Director of Service |
| Cllr. Liona O’Toole | Laura Leonard- Senior Executive OfficerTom Rooney -Head of Enterprise |
| Cllr. Lynn McCrave | Ralph McGarry-Administrative Officer |
| Cllr. Louise Dunne | Maria Nugent – Administrative Officer |
|  | Allyson Rooney - Senior Staff Officer |
|  | Dylan Rock -Clerical Officer |  |
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| **Outside Members** |  |
| Mr. Michael Noonan, PPN Representative |  |

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| **Guest** |  |
| Mr. Marc Coleman, Consultant, Octavian Advisory Consultancy Ltd. |  |
| **Apologies** |  |
| Jack Mc DonnellSherri BrennanCllr. Cathal KingCllr. Ronan McMahonCllr. Leah Whelan |  |

**In the absence of the Chairperson, Cllr C. King, the Members present nominated Cllr P. Kearns to take the chair for the meeting.**

**Headed Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of EETD SPC held on 10th May 2023 were **Proposed** by Cllr. P. Kearns, seconded by Cllr. L. Dunne and **Agreed**.

**Headed Item 2: Draft Local, Economic and Community Plan**

**Headed Item 3: LECP - High Level Goals**

**These items were taken together.**

Mr. Marc Coleman was introduced by Jason Frehill, Director of Services. He provided a detailed presentation updating members of the committee on the progress of development of the new Local Economic & Community Plan under the following areas:-

* High Level Goals
* Socio Economic Statement

Following the presentation, Chair Cllr. P. Kearns invited questions from members.

Questions were raised by Cllr. Dunne, Cllr. O’Toole and Cllr. Kearns.

Marc Coleman and Jason Frehill responded to questions raised and were thanked by the Chair for the presentation.

**The Report was Noted and The High Level Goals were Agreed by members.**

**Headed Item 4: Projects updates**

* 1. **Castle Courtyard & Stables, Rathfarnham**
	2. **Dublin Mountains Visitor Centre**
	3. **Innovation Centre -Work IQ**
	4. **12th Lock Masterplan**
1. **Castle Courtyard and Stables, Rathfarnham**
2. **Dublin Mountains Visitor Centre**

Ralph McGarry, A.O. provided a presentation outlining the progress of the two projects above to the committee. Both are progressing well and the committee were brought fully up to date on all matters.

Questions and contributions were put by Cllr McCrave & Cllr. Kearns.

Ralph McGarry responded to all matters raised.

1. **Dublin Mountains Visitor Centre**

Jason Frehill, DOS provided a presentation to members on the progress of the Innovation Centre, Work IQ. The centre is scheduled for completion in the coming months with handover early in New Year.

Following the presentation, Chair P. Kearns invited questions.

Questions and contributions were put by Cllr McCrave & Cllr. Kearns.

Jason Frehill responded to all matters raised.

1. **12th Lock Masterplan**

Laura Leonard, S.E.O. presented to the members an update on progress of the 12th Lock Masterplan and the next steps intended to advance the plan.

Following the presentation, Chair P. Kearns invited questions.

Questions and contributions were put by Cllr O’Toole & Cllr. Kearns.

The Chair expressed her thanks for all of the presentations provided to members.

**The Reports as presented were Noted.**

**Headed Item 5: A.O.B.**

Jason Frehill responded to the questions raised.

**The meeting ended at 7.00 p.m.**

Cllr. P. Kearns concluded the meeting.

**H4 (c) (ii) Minutes of the EETD meeting held on 10th May**

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** |
| Cllr. Liona O’Toole | Jason Frehill - Director of Service |
| Cllr. Cathal King (Chair) | Des English – Administrative Officer |
| Cllr. Pamela Kearns | Ralph McGarry-Administrative Officer |
| Cllr. Leah Whelan | Sandra Hickey-Administrative Officer |
| Cllr. Louise Dunne | Allyson Rooney - Senior Staff Officer |
| Cllr. Ronan McMahon | Dylan Rock -Clerical Officer |  |
| Cllr. Ed O’Brien | Laura Leonard Senior Executive Officer |  |
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| **Guest** |  |
| Mr. Peter Byrne, Chief Executive, South Dublin Chamber. |  |

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| **Apologies** |  |
| Jack Mc DonnellSherri BrennanCllr. L McCrave |  |
| **Could Not Attend** |  |
| Michael Noonan |  |

**Headed Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of EETD SPC held on 8th February 2023 were **Proposed** by Cllr. C. King seconded by Cllr. P. Kearns and **Agreed**.

**Headed Item 2:**

1. **South Dublin Chamber**

Mr. Peter Dunne, presented the report comprising updates to the Chamber on the work of the South Dublin Chamber of Commerce. The report included detail on: -

* Core mission of the Chamber
* Awareness of South Dublin as a location
* Working in partnership with stakeholders
* Challenges

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

Questions were raised by Cllr.Dunne , Cllr. Kearns, Cllr. O Toole, Cllr. Whelan, Cllr. Cathal King and Cllr. Mc Mahon.

**The Report was Noted.**

**Headed Item 3: Heritage Centre**

Mr. Ralph McGarry, Administrative Officer, presented a report updating members of the committee on the progress of construction of the Heritage centre under these areas:-

* Outline plans and scope of work
* Interpretive Heritage Storyline
* Indicative Project Timelines

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

Questions were raised by Cllr. McMahon, Cllr. K. King and Cllr. Kearns.

Ralph McGarry responded to questions raised and was thanked by the chair for the presentation.

**The Report was Noted.**

**Headed Item 4: Innovation Centre**

Mr Jason Frehill, Director of Services, presented the report comprising updates to the Committee on the Innovation Centre as follows:-

* Work IQ Website and mobilisation plan
* Tallaght Innovation Quarter
* Operations Partner – Oxford Innovation
* Construction Progress and Completion timeline (with video shown)

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

Questions and contributions were raised by Cllr. O Brien, Cllr. Dunne, Cllr. C. King and Cllr. O’ Toole.

Mr. Jason Frehill and Ms. Sandra Hickey, Administrative Officer, responded to the questions raised. The Chair expressed his thanks for the presentation.

**The Report was Noted.**

**Headed Item 5: A.O.B.**

Cllr. Liona O’Toole raised the issue of the repatriation of the remains of Patrick Sarsfield.

Questions and contributions were raised by Cllr. Dunne, Cllr. Kearns, Cllr. O’ Brien, Cllr. C. King and Cllr. O’ Toole.

Jason Frehill responded to the questions raised.

**The meeting ended at 7.45 p.m.**

Cllr. C. King concluded the meeting.

**d) Housing SPC**

**(i) - Report of Housing SPC Meeting - 14th September 2023**

**In Attendance**: Cllr. C O’Connor (Chair), Cllr. W. Carey, Cllr. K Mahon, Cllr. B. Lawlor, Cllr. L. Donaghy, Cllr. B. Lawlor, Cllr. S. Moynihan, G. Stockil (PPN) S. Harty (PPN) and B. Tyrell-Collard (ICTU).

**Apologies:** Cllr. J Tuffy, Brenda Pierce, SEO

**Officials Present:** E. Leech (A/Director of Services), F, Hendley (A/SEO), Mary Connell (A/SEO), P. Saab, (A/Administrative Officer), F. Keane (Senior Staff Officer), Damien McNulty (Senior Executive Engineer)

The Chair, Cllr. O’Connor opened the meeting at 5.30pm.

Cllr Lawlor asked to speak before the meeting commenced.  He stated that due to the ongoing issues with FORSA Union, he would not be participating in the meeting in support of the Union and South Dublin County Council staff.  E. Leech explained to the members in attendance that staff were not precluded by the current industrial action to assist/work at the meeting. Cllr. Lawlor left the meeting. Cllrs Carey and Mahon both stated that they also wished to record their support for staff.

**Agenda Item No 1.       Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 May 2023 were proposed by Cllr. O’Connor and seconded by Cllr Carey.

**Agenda Item No 2.       Matters Arising**

G. Stockil referred to the Minutes regarding fire station response times. He requested the response times proposed by Dublin Fire Brigade be examined and noted in the minutes. E Leech stated that the matter of Fire Station response times is not under the remit of the SPC.  E. Leech agreed to seek clarification from Dublin Fire Brigade on some of the queries raised.

Cllr. Mahon stated that this matter should be raised in the proper forum and that any suggestion that Cllr’s and the committee do not take this matter is incorrect.

**Agenda Item No 3.       Planned Maintenance / EERP**

D. McNulty delivered a report on Planned Maintenance, Energy Retrofit, Windows and Doors Programme and the Mac Uilliam and Balgaddy Clean up.

Cllr Carey acknowledged the work that was conducted and raised maintenance issues in some properties. He queried the Property Condition Survey presented to the Housing Department and asked for an update. D. McNulty stated that the Surveys are scheduled for every 4 – 5 years.

Re: the Windows and Doors Programme, Cllr Carey queried if the tenants could contact the Council on a specific number to check their status on the programme.

Cllr Donaghy asked if the Property Condition Survey Programme was open ended and general information on the surveys. D. McNulty explained that the standard is for 180 items to be checked in each property.

Cllr Moynihan acknowledged the significant Windows and Doors Programme and queried what other planned maintenance programmes are scheduled and what is the plan for the backlog?

D McNulty responded that upgrade works are planned on all council properties, not just relets. Planned maintenance is the key to maintaining standard of properties, rather than just response maintenance.

The report was noted.

**Agenda Item No 4.       Housing Delivery Report (pre-recorded)**

The report was presented to the Group.

An update was given on the Housing for All Pipeline 2023 and an overview of 2023 Leasing. The Homeville site in Knocklyon has received approval to proceed.

Cllr Carey had a query on the Sallymills development and requested an update.  E. Leech responded that units should be ready for allocation in October of this year. She also agreed to clarify the number of nominations (for allocations) forwarded to Cluid in relation to the development to date.

Cllr Moynihan asked about the delays in the development at St Marks. E. Leech responded that there were some issues with landscaping and utility connections but that it should be ready for allocation in Q4 of this year.

Cllr Moynihan requested an update on Old Lucan Road and Balgaddy Units. This is to be given at the next SPC meeting.

**Agenda Item No 5.       Allocations Report**

The Allocations Report was presented by F. Hendley. There were queries and contributions from Cllr. Moynihan and Cllr. Carey regarding ‘Time on List’, ‘Exits from Homeless Accommodation’ and ‘Refusals’. Gerry Stockil queried the reason for increase in 4 bed demand.

F Hendley responded to the queries and E. Leech gave an update on Age Friendly Units.

**Agenda Item No 6. Items for Noting**

**Tenant in Situ**

There were queries from Cllr  Carey and Cllr Mahon regarding the Tenant in Situ Scheme and if enough staff resources have been allocated to deal with the volume of queries. E. Leech responded and agreed to circulate contact details for the section.

**Affordable Housing**

Cllr Carey referenced the Affordable Housing Report and the 29 units in Kilcarbery.  E. Leech responded detailing some delays with applicants not being mortgage ready. Going forward, applicants will be advised to have their mortgage approval in principle in place.

**Relets**

Cllr. Moynihan welcomed the Re-let Report and queried turnaround times.  E. Leech responded that the re-let process involves both the re-let and allocation teams. Some properties would be deemed ‘hard to let’ and this can impact the average turnaround times of the re-let process.

**Housing Disability Steering Group**

The Housing Disability Steering Group report was discussed.  A workshop was held on 13 September with the committee and members of the Dept.  It was agreed that a copy of the Disability Report should be circulated to Cllrs. and SPC Members.

**Caravan Loans**

Caravan Loans Scheme was discussed.  6 caravans allocated by the DHLGH under the 2023 programme.

**UDRF Call 3**

URDF Funding – €6m allocated to SDCC.

Cllr Mahon queried the minimum works required to bring houses up to standard and a list of what areas are proposed. Cllr Carey expressed concerns about the limits. E Leech responded to the queries.

**New Housing Customer Centre**

Housing Customer Centre: E Leech invited all Cllrs and Committee members to visit the new Housing Centre.

**Agenda Item No 7.    Any Other Business**

There was no other business and the meeting concluded at 7p.m. The next Housing SPC meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd of November.

[H4 (d) (ii) Minutes of Housing SPC held on 30th May, 2023](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80051)

**Minutes of South Dublin County Council Housing SPC Meeting held at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 30 May 2023 at 5.30pm (Hybrid Meeting)**

**In attendance:**

Cllr. C O’Connor (Chair), Cllr. W. Carey, Cllr. K Mahon, Cllr. J Tuffy, Cllr. B. Lawlor, Cllr. L. Donaghy, Cllr. B. Lawlor, Cllr. S. Moynihan, B. Tyrell-Collard (ICTU), G. Stockil (PPN),

**Others Present - Guest Speaker:**

Greg O’Dwyer, Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Dublin City Council

**Officials Present:**

E. Leech (A/Director of Services), B. Pierce (Senior Executive Officer), F. Hendley (A/Senior Executive Officer), M. Connell (A/Senior Executive Officer), P. Saab, (A/Admin Officer), F. Keane (Senior Staff Officer) and M. Farrell (Clerical Officer)

**Apologies:**

There were no apologies.

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The Chairperson, Cllr. C O’Connor opened the meeting at 5.30pm

Following the resignation of Sharon Harty PPN from the Housing SPC, Cllr. O Connor gave thanks for her valuable contributions to the committee.  He requested that a letter of thanks  be issued.

Cllr O’Connor introduced all the new staff attending the SPC for the first time.  – E. Leech (Appointed acting Director of Service in Housing and Community Department), F. Hendley (Acting SEO), Mary Connell (Acting SEO). The Director noted that all elected members were circulated with a list of areas of responsibility for senior staff within the HSCD Directorate and that this would be circulated to the Housing SPC Members.

Cllr. O Connor wished C. Ward in his new role as Deputy Chief executive.

**Agenda Item No 1 - Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr. Mahon and seconded by Cllr. Carey

The minutes of the previous meeting of the committee, held on 16th February 2023, were noted, and agreed.

**Agenda Item No 2 - Matters arising.**

Cllr. Carey had requested at a previous meeting that the Allocation report would include a CBL profile. E. Leech stated that the Integrated Housing System team are continuing to work on this initiative.

**Agenda Item No 3 - Housing Delivery**

1. Pierce delivered a report on Housing Delivery. She outlined the expected delivery times for the various projects including Homeville and Lindisfarne where delivery is now expected in 2024.

Revised planning permission was proposed on the site on the Old Nangor Road, with an extension granted until 28th September for additional information.

In relation to Long Term Leasing, the target was 90 units with 39 achieved to date in 2023.

There was a query from Cllr. Tuffy in relation to funding for renovation of newly acquired second hand houses to which Ms. Pierce responded to confirm that any re-let works are carried out and included in the main claim for Acquisitions from the DHLGH.

Cllr. Lawlor expressed his concerns about the continued delay in the delivery of houses at the Homeville site. Ms. Pierce responded to confirm the tender process is completed and Architects department are reviewing the tenders with a view to work  re-commencing on site in 2023.

Cllr. Carey enquired queried the number of houses proposed on the Alpine Heights. Ms. Pierce agreed to confirm the number of units and update the report as necessary. She also agreed to circulate a screen shot of the Old Nangor Road site for his perusal.

Cllr. Mahon had a query on the Affordable Housing in Kilcarbery and he was informed that there is a full report available in Items for Noting on the agenda.

The report was noted.

**Agenda Item No 4 - Rightsizing**

E. Leech delivered the presentation on Rightsizing. She referenced that that Age Friendly Officer (P. Swayne) consulted with the South Dublin Older Person’s Council on the scheme.

The presentation referenced the frequently asked questions around right sizing and the draft of the rightsizing guide was reviewed. Once this is agreed, it will go to design/print and will also be available to view on the website.  The Council are also working on a dedicated Age Friendly Housing webpage.

There were queries from Cllr Carey in relation to the criteria for those applying and from Cllr Mahon in relation to the location of the schemes.  E Leech responded that the scheme is only open to residents of South Dublin County. She also noted that in relation to Cllr Mahon’s query, the tenants will pay the Council/AHB a differential rent once a contribution from the sale of their house is paid. Current developments are strategic located with good access to public transport, hospitals, retail and community facilities. However, Ms Leech will confirm if any right sizing units are available in large scale developments such as Killinarden.

**Agenda Item No 5 - Allocations Report**

The Allocations Report was circulated and pre-recorded for the meeting.

There were queries and contributions from Cllr. Tuffy in relation to allocations for Ukrainian migrants, from Cllr. Carey in relation to length of time between and allocation of houses and tenancies starting and from Cllr Mahon in relation to allocation of RAS tenants.

F Hendley and E Leech responded to the queries.  Ms Hendley asked Cllr. Tuffy to contact her in relation the specific cases.  Regarding the time lapse between allocation of properties and families moving in, it was noted that this could be due to a number of reasons including Garda Vetting or the extent of the re-let works involved.

Ms. Pierce responded to Cllr .Mahon in relation to the NTQ’s received for RAS tenants and that the section is continuing to work on requests as received.

The report was noted.

**Agenda Item No 6 - Private Housing and Older Persons Grants**

F Hendley delivered a report on Private Grants available Housing Adaptation Grant (HAG)/ Mobility Aid Grant (MAG) and Housing Adaptation Grant (HOP).

The section is working on a new platform to enable applicants for apply for grants online and provide the best possible service to our citizens. The process has been tested by the Age Council and feedback given has been considered.  E Leech confirmed that this offering of online applications, would be in addition to the option of traditional paper copies. It would not be replacing the paper/hard-copy applications.

There were queries and contributions from Cllrs Lawlor, Carey, Donaghy and Mahon. Ms Leech and Ms Hendley responded to the queries.

The report was noted:

**Agenda Item No 7- Items for Noting**

E Leech referenced the Items for noting and there were queries from Cllr Moynihan, Cllr Carey and Cllr Mahon.

1. Leech responded to the various queries. In response to Cllr. Moynihan’s query on vacant home, she said there are two vacant homes officers now in situ. The team are currently carrying out a survey of vacant homes in the County in conjunction with the DHLGH.

In response to Cllr. Care’s query, Mr Leech noted that under-occupied properties are usually 3/ 4 bed properties where there are bedrooms being underutilised, i.e., 2 persons living in a 3 bedroom property.

In response to Cllr. Mahon’s query on the incremental tenant purchase, Ms Leech advised that all applicants for the tenant purchase scheme must undergo a retrospective rent review as applicants must have a clear rent account.  The 10-year tenancy rule is now in place for the purchase of a property.

**Agenda Items No 8 - Requested by Members**

**Employment of trades persons by contractor on housing projects.**

There were contributions from Cllrs Tuffy, Carey and Mahon and the report was noted.

**Fire Safety**

Cllr. O Connor introduced Assistant Chief Fire Officer O’ Dwyer who addressed questions raised by G Stockil, PPN Member. The questions were in relation to response times by the Fire Brigade to incidents in the county, issues relating to Dry Risers, and other aerial appliances used to fight fires and then questions on the Dublin Fire Brigade Fire and Emergency Operations Plan and Public Consultation.

Mr. O’ Dwyer responded to each query at length and noted that of the 11 occasions aerial equipment was requested in the county in 2023, it was only used at 3 incidents with the response times being between 15-20 minutes. The national  standard is 15 minutes 75% of the time. The comparable response times for normal fire appliances is the first appliance in 8 minutes and second within 10 minutes.  He also noted there are several new appliances ordered under the program for 2023.

 In relation to availability of Dry Risers and related matters, he noted that an assessment is carried out at each incident, and it is the officer in charge who would make the call as to what appropriate equipment is used. In relation the DFB – Fire Emergency Operations Plan, he clarified the differences between a major incident and a major emergency.

Mr. O’ Dwyer also updated the committee on the work of the Organisational Intelligence Unit, the use of GEO Building Intel systems and Water Mapping in the Dublin Region.

The Chair thanked Mr O’ Dwyer for his comments.

There were contributions from G. Stockil (PPN), Cllr. W Carey and Cllr K Mahon who thanked the Assistant Chief Fire Officer for his comments and raised some matters in relation to the reported response times; adequate water pressure for equipment and recruitment of new staff in the service to deal with incidents as they arise.

The Assistant Chief Fire Officer responded to the queries.

Cllr. O’Connor thanked the Assistant Chief Fire Officer, and the report was noted.

**Agenda Item No 9 - Any Other Business**

The date of the next meeting is set for Thursday 14th September and the November date is Wednesday 22 November. The original November date was changed as it clashed with a budget meeting.

The meeting concluded at 7.00pm

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

[H4 (e) (i) Report of Social Community Equality SPC 19th September 2023](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80042)

**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

**H4 (e) (ii) Minutes of Social Community Equality SPC 16th May 2023**

**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.

1. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

1. **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.

1. **LECP**

Nugent presented the committee with an update on the LECP tender. The tender was awarded to Octavian Advisory. M. Nugent sought 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.

1. **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.

1. **Community Development Update**

J Lumumba 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.

1. **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.

1. **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

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

 **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.

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

**H4 (f) (i) Mins of May 2023 SPC**

**PRESENT**

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| **Members** | **Council Officials** |  |
| Cllr Lyn Hagin Meade (Chair) | Mick Mulhern | Director of Services |
| Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh (Teams) | Mary Maguire | Senior Executive Officer |
|  Cllr Eoin Ó Broin (Teams) | Michael McAdam | Senior Engineer |
| Cllr Yvonne Collins (Teams) | Eoin Burke (Teams) | Senior Planner |
| Cllr Baby Pereppadan (Teams) | Hazel Craigie (Teams) | Senior Planner |
|  | Susan Sinclair | Administrative Officer |
|   | Rosaleen Dwyer | Heritage Officer |
|  | Ally Menary | Road Safety Officer |
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| **Non Elected Members** |  |  |
| Eoin Ahern (TEAMS) | PPN |  |

Prior to the commencement of business, Cllr Lyn Hagan Meade introduced herself to the committee, having been recently approved by Council to replace Cllr Liam Sinclair as Chair and new member of the LUPT SPC.

**H-1 (1) Item 79077 - Minutes of 23rd February 2023**

[Minutes of LUPT SPC held on 23rd February 2023.docx](file:///F%3A%5CMeetings%5C1%20SPC%27s%5CLANDUSE%20PLANNING%20%26%20TRANSPORTATION%20SPC%5CSPC%202019-2024%5C2023%5CMay%202023%5CMinutes%20of%20LUPT%20SPC%20held%20on%2023rd%20February%202023.docx)

Minutes of Land Use Planning & Transportation SPC, held on 23rd February, 2023 were proposed by

Cllr. Eoin Ó Broin, seconded by Cllr Yvonne Collins and **AGREED**

**H-1(2) Item 79201 - CySD – Year 2 Update**

[Cycle South Dublin Year 2 Update.pdf](file:///F%3A%5CMeetings%5C1%20SPC%27s%5CLANDUSE%20PLANNING%20%26%20TRANSPORTATION%20SPC%5CSPC%202019-2024%5C2023%5CMay%202023%5CCycle%20South%20Dublin%20Year%202%20Update.pdf)

The report as circulated was presented by Mr. Michael McAdam, Senior Engineer

Mr McAdam gave an update on the public consultation and engagement process. The Active Travel team use a variety of means including face to face meetings, direct outreach to business groups, schools, focus groups, online consultation portal and leaflet drops. In the past year approximately 1,000 submissions and survey have been submitted through the consultation portal for Active Travel Scheme.

Mr. McAdam advised that there has been significant progress on over 30 projects, including:

Schools Projects – Construction of the Safer to Schools Streets will commence in Q2 2023 at

• St. Lorcan’s B.N.S. and St. Brigid’s G.N.S., The Oval, Palmerstown.

• Gaelscoil Chluain Dolcáin and Coláiste Chilliain, Old Nangor Road, Clondalkin.

• St. Mark’s J.N.S. and S.N.S., Springfield, Tallaght.

Part 8 Approvals on

• Wellington Lane Cycle Scheme

• Grand Canal to Lucan Urban Greenway

• Dodder Greenway Firhouse Road/Butterfield Avenue

Significant construction on

• Avonbeg Road

• Grange Road

• Templeville Road

• Dodder Greenway (including Springfield Avenue, Dodder View Road and Dodder Road Lower)

Mr. McAdam also informed that, at the request of the National Transport Authority, South Dublin County Council have commenced delivery of a series of Rapid Deployment Schemes. These schemes reallocate road space using hardware e.g., bolt down kerbs, bollards etc. Schemes have been completed in locations such as Taylors Lane, Dodsboro, Junctions on the Outer Ring Road, Bothar Katherine Tynan and Cookstown Road.

Mr. McAdam gave a progress update on the Cycle South Dublin NOW and SOON Schemes as well as information on the Walking and Cycling Index – to be published later in 2023 and will include reports from regional cities as well as the Dublin Metropolitan Area.

A significant project South Dublin County Council are leading on is the Pathfinder Project which includes the D24 Neighbourhood network and Castletymon projects. The D24 Neighbourhood Cycle Network will be 11km long and the Castletymon Scheme will contribute towards 15 minute neighbourhood.

Mr. McAdam gave an update on the work of the Active Travel Admin team including

* Successful Bike Week recently completed
* Development of a dedicated Active Travel Website, a first for Local Authorities
* Bike Parking Rollout

Finally, Mr. McAdam gave an outline of the Active Travel Communications and Engagement Strategy which includes plans for a series of Active Travel Roadshows later in 2023 covering topics such as Safe Cycling to School and Inclusive cycling and cycling without age.

Mr. McAdam responded to queries raised by Cllrs Collins, Ó Brádaigh, Ó Broin and Hagin Meade and Mr. Eoin Aherne regarding signage, upkeep of cycle tracks, School Streets. project routes, inclusion of new schools in bike network and bike parking.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (3) Item 79202 – City Edge – Variation of County Development Plan**

[City Edge - Variation of County Development Plan.pptx](file:///F%3A%5CMeetings%5C1%20SPC%27s%5CLANDUSE%20PLANNING%20%26%20TRANSPORTATION%20SPC%5CSPC%202019-2024%5C2023%5CMay%202023%5CCity%20Edge%20-%20Variation%20of%20County%20Development%20Plan.pptx)

The report as circulated was presented by Mr. Eoin Burke, Senior Planner

Mr. Burke gave an update on the proposed variation of the County Development Plan including the anticipated timelines for variations. Public Consultation on the variation is anticipated to be during the period November 2023 to January 2024 with May 2024 being the deadline for completion of the statutory variation process. This will all conclude in advance of the May/June 2024 local elections.

Mr. Burke explained that a consultant’s services has been extended to carry out background studies which will support the Variation. Other studies which will be carried out are:

Environmental Reports – Recommence SEA and AA screening, Natural Impact Statement and Strategic Environmental Assessment and an updated Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.

Further Studies – Feasibility study for first large park; feasibility study into undergrounding of overground high voltage electricity cables; energy management and provision feasibility study.

The report was **NOTED**.

**H-1 (4) Item 79203 – Heritage Plan Review**

[Heritage Plan Review.pptx](Heritage%20Plan%20Review.pptx)

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

Pre Draft Consultation: A Public Consultation survey was live on the Council’s Consultation Portal between 10th March and 11th April, 2023 to which 43 submissions were received. Submissions and outputs from consultation workshops are being review and assessed.

Ms. O’Dwyer detailed the programme for the review of the Heritage Plan, anticipating a presentation on the Draft Plan content and consultation to the September 2023 meeting of the LUPT SPC, with final Heritage Plan going to full Council in January/February 2024.

Ms. O’Dwyer outlined the proposed format of the Heritage Plan which will be in 3 sections covering changes in legislation etc, projects achieved from the first plan, summary of the plan making process and the focus point/categories for list actions.

Ms. Dwyer responded to queries raised by Cllrs Hagin Meade and Ó Broin, and Eoin Ahern regarding Community Archaeology and that Clondalkin is an Architectural Conservation Area.

The report was **NOTED**.

**H-1 (5) Item 79205– Road Safety – School Warden Crossings Review**

[School Crossing Report - presentation.pptx](file:///F%3A%5CMeetings%5C1%20SPC%27s%5CLANDUSE%20PLANNING%20%26%20TRANSPORTATION%20SPC%5CSPC%202019-2024%5C2023%5CMay%202023%5CSchool%20Crossing%20Report%20-%20presentation.pptx)

The report as circulated was presented by Ms Mary Maguire, Senior Executive Officer.

Ms. Maguire gave an overview of the review:

* 95 Primary School crossings
* 104 School Wardens (Permanent/Relief)
* Counts undertaking at existing crossing location and at requested new crossings

Details of the data collection and analysis were presented by Ms. Maguire for crossing locations in each of the following areas:

* Lucan/Clondalkin – 37 crossings. 2 locations <1 Peak User per minute; 4 locations >1 but <2 Peak Users per minute
* Tallaght/Rathcoole – 31 crossings. 4 locations <1 Peak User per minute; 1 location >1 but <2 Peak Users per minute
* Templeogue/Rathfarnham – 27 crossings. 1 location <1 Peak User per minute; 2 locations >1 but <2 Peak Users per minute

The next steps in the process will be

1. Examine crossings highlighted red (except for SC-032 due to Luas track) in consultation with Traffic technical staff to explore alternative road safety engineering solutions,
2. Explore whether staff assigned to crossings highlighted in red (except for SC-032 due to Luas track) can be relocated/ reassigned to new crossings identified and highlighted in green,
3. If, point 2 above is not feasible, submit business cases for additional staff appointments to cover new crossings meeting criteria,
4. Begin processes of exploring 30km/h zones, were appropriate, initially outside primary schools in consultation with Traffic technical staff and plan to deliver as a separate project to upcoming speed limit review.

Ms. Maguire and Mr. Menary, Road Safety Officer, responded to questions raised by Cllrs. Ó Broin and Hagin Meade and Mr. Eoin Aherne regarding NS Deansrath, new schools requesting School Wardens, and possible closure of crossings.

The report was **NOTED**

**H-1 (6) Item 79206 - Clondalkin Local Area Plan Update**

[**Clondalkin local area plan update 25.05.2023.pptx**](file:///F%3A%5CMeetings%5C1%20SPC%27s%5CLANDUSE%20PLANNING%20%26%20TRANSPORTATION%20SPC%5CSPC%202019-2024%5C2023%5CMay%202023%5CClondalkin%20local%20area%20plan_update%2025.05.2023.pptx)

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

Ms. Craigie gave an update on the progress of the Clondalkin Local Area Plan, which is currently at Stage One of the process: Non-Statutory Public Consultation which includes surveys and workshops.

Feedback from on online survey carried out in April to May 2023 found that the participants favourite things about Clondalkin were:

Community Spirit 46%; Green Spaces 37%; Village Feel 34%; Culture & Heritage 26%; Shops, Services & Facilities 24%

Aspects of Clondalkin where participants would like to see improvement included more footpaths/cycle paths, bike facilities; traffic issues; culture and heritage to be restored/maintained; independent local businesses; more schools; provision of youth spaces; support for the Arts.

Ms. Craigie gave details of two workshops held in relation to the LAP. There was also additional consultation carried out via one-to-one interviews with disabled persons; youth specific online survey; a children’s corner at the face-to-face workshop; outreach to local groups, clubs the library and schools.

Ms. Craigie also explained the next steps in the process which will involve Urban Design Stage 1 (July 2023 to Q1 2024) and Urban Design Stage 2 (Q1 2024 to Q3 2024)

Ms. Craigie responded to questions raised by Cllr. Ó Broin in relation to independent businesses and engaging with assisted living complex.

The report was **NOTED**

**The meeting concluded at 6.53p.m.**

The SPC reports were proposed by Councillor A. Edge and seconded by Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh and **NOTED.**

**H5/1023 REPORTS REQUESTED BY AREA COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

*It was* ***NOTED*** *that there were* ***NO*** *reports under this heading.*

**H6/1023 JPC REPORT – FOR NOTING**

It was proposed by Councillor A. Edge and seconded by Councillor M. Duff and **NOTED.**

[H6 - Report from Joint Policing Committee](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79967)

**QUESTIONS:**

It was proposed by Councillor A. Edge, seconded by Councillor L. Hagin Meade and **RESOLVED**:

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

### **Q1/1023 Councillor C. Bailey**What is the current waiting time for a 1 bed, 2 bed, 3 bed and 4+ bed property for households on the Social Housing List and HAP Transfer List, where there is no eligibility for any form of priority.

**REPLY:**

The table below details the number of allocations to the end of August 2023 and outlines the current average waiting time for applicants on the Council's social housing list and HAP transfer list.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Tallaght Central | 13 | 11 | 9 | 0 | 33 |
| Tallaght South | 16 | 41 | 45 | 2 | 104 |
| Clondalkin | 34 | 63 | 84 | 4 | 185 |
| Lucan | 24 | 20 | 10 | 5 | 59 |
| Palmerstown/Fonthill | 2 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 10 |
| Firhouse/Bohernabreena | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rathfarnham/Templeogue | 4 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 14 |
| Total | 93 | 147 | 154 | 11 | 405 |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |
| **Time on List for Allocations** | 1-Bed | 2-Bed | 3-Bed | 4-Bed+ | Overall |
| **Average Time On List (years) excluding transfers** | 8.8 | 10.2 | 9.8 | 10.4 | 9.8 |

### **Q2/1023 Councillor C. Bailey**

How many households are currently on the SDCC Social Housing List or HAP Transfer List that are in receipt of Homeless HAP and how does this compare to the previous three years?

**REPLY:**

There are currently 6,094 applicants on the South Dublin County Council Housing List and a further 5,120 on the HAP transfer list up to the end of August 2023.

There are currently 2,037 active HHAP tenancies to date this year.

The table below shows the number of active Homeless HAP tenancies for the previous three years.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** |
| **Homeless Hap tenancies** | 1408 | 1898 | 2032 |

### **Q3/1023 Councillor C. Bailey**

Are Homeless HAP tenants on the HAP transfer list given any priority status, given the much higher cost of their HAP tenancies and would the Manager care to make a statement on this?

**REPLY:**

There is no Priority List for Homeless HAP or HAP tenants.  As per the Allocation scheme the primary method of allocations is via the Choice Based Letting Platform (CBL), which is based on time on list.

There is no static position for an applicant on the housing list as this will change each time depending on the property advertised, the number of Expressions of Interest (EOI’s) received and the time on the list of each of the EOI’s received.

All applicants excluding those on the medical list who require specially adapted units or level access units and those on the approved transfer list have access to CBL and should continue to check the website weekly to check for suitable properties

### **Q4/1023 Councillor C. Bailey**

Are households in receipt of HAP or Homeless HAP supports eligible to apply for a Local Authority Home Loan, where they meet eligibility criteria regarding income and deposit etc.

**REPLY:**

An applicant who is in receipt of HAP or Homeless HAP supports may apply for a Local Authority Home Loan, provided they meet all the eligibility criteria of the scheme.  The eligibility criteria is available on [www.localauthorityhomeloan.ie](http://www.localauthorityhomeloan.ie).  When making an application, a 12 month HAP statement is required to be submitted to confirm a clear rent account. When assessing the repayment capacity of the applicant,  only the payment made by the applicant towards the household rent is considered.

### **Q5/1023 Councillor P. Gogarty**

To ask the Chief Executive has the situation changed yet or will it change shortly whereby points accrued in other Dublin local authorities can be added to time on list in South Dublin (and vice-versa), given that there are people living here in DCC HAP accommodation, for example, who would wish to remain in the community where their kids are attending school and are close to being offered a property in another Council, but would be way down on the South Dublin list; and if a statement can be made on the matter.

**REPLY:**

All applicants that move from one local authority to another do not carry over their time on list.  An applicant of one local authority can include a cross over to a different Local Authority in Dublin by changing their area of preference with the Local Authority the application is registered to.

There are no current plans to change this policy.

### **Q6/1023 Councillor P. Gogarty**

To ask the Chief Executive if there is a mechanism whereby a request could be made in formal discussions with the Minister for Housing and county managerial colleagues to allow SDCC applicants to transfer to a house in a rural county and keep their place on our list for two years, providing confidence that if the move does not work out, they still retain their current points allocation; and if a statement could be made on the matter?

**REPLY:**

There is currently no mechanism in place to allow applicants to transfer to a house in a rural county and keep their place on the South Dublin Housing List.

An existing tenant can avail of a mutual transfer between South Dublin tenant or tenants of another Local Authority or Voluntary Body as long as both Authorities are agreeable.  To be eligible to apply the accommodation involved must suit the needs of both sets of applicants, they must have a clear rent account and no history of anti-social behaviour.

An approved social housing applicant can apply to avail of HAP in any County in Ireland providing they qualify for income in the relevant Local Authority Band and that the Local Authority has granted permission.  The applicant can be placed on the HAP transfer list.

### **Q7/1023 Councillor L. Guéret**

To ask the Chief Executive if consideration has been given to making an arrangement with the Grass Cutting Contractors that they do not leave cut grass on footpaths after completion of their work.

**REPLY:**

The Council's Public Realm Operations staff carry out the vast majority of grass cutting in the county, with only the meadow mowing programme assigned to contractors.  The issue of grass cuttings left behind on hard surfaces is one that Public Realm management and supervisory staff are mindful of and raise with operational staff on a regular basis.  When conditions for grass cutting are good, that is the grass is dry and not excessively long, then the issue of grass cuttings left on hard surfaces does not arise in general.  Grass cuttings can build up on grass cutting machinery and then be deposited on the ground for a number of reasons.  These include the necessity to continue to cut grass even when it is wet, the wet grass cuttings stick together in a clump and then drop off when the mower hits a hard surface.  In some circumstances there is excessive driving on and over footpaths and in these circumstances staff are instructed to keep this to a minimum.  Where crossing a footpath is unavoidable then it should be done with care to avoid the depositing of grass cuttings on the footpath.  Where this does occur however it is the responsibility of the mower operator, and the supervisor, to ensure that the area is cleaned afterwards.  Regular cleaning of mowers is also required to maintain the mowers in good condition but also to remove any build up of grass cuttings.  Public Realm management and supervisory staff will continue to monitor this issue and remind staff as necessary of the standard that is required.

### **Q8/1023 Councillor L. Guéret**

To ask the Chief Executive if there are any current plans or future plans for the provision of a Community Living Room in a Public Space in South Dublin County Council area.

**REPLY:**

The provision of community living rooms is commonplace in most of our community centres in different formats. Arrangements between respective Boards of Management and community centre anchor tenants dictates the local arrangement at each facility. We are aware of the new 'Welcome Rooms' initiative which has been recently launched by Fingal County Council and local authorities in the UK. We will explore feasibility of same in our new centres with our Architectural Services Department.

### **Q9/1023 Councillor L. Guéret**

To ask the Chief Executive if there are currently any plans or any future plans for the provision of Padel Tennis Facilities in South Dublin County Council Area.

**REPLY:**

The Council's Public Realm Section will undertake to research the matter to determine the level of interest in padel tennis across the county and to determine a suitable location and the cost estimate to develop such a facility.  These facilities are generally provided in conjunction with standard tennis courts at tennis club facilities, a number of padel tennis courts are in place at the Dublin City Council tennis courts at Bushy Park for example.

### **Q10/1023 Councillor L. Guéret**

To ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans to continue the radio advertising re safe disposal of disposable vapes that commenced on September 4th for a 2 week period.

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council runs a number of anti-littering and anti-dog fouling campaigns throughout the year.

As disposable vapes have become a more significant litter problem across the County, the Environmental Awareness Office decided to work with a local radio station to develop an advertisement campaign to highlight the issue. The advert on the safe disposal of vapes will be run again in Q4 2023 or early in 2024.

### **Q11/1023 Councillor L. Guéret**

To ask the Chief Executive if there are any current plans or future plans for the erection of new signage at entry points to South County Dublin which would highlight the range of Tourist Amenities and Areas of Heritage and Historical Interest for the residents and visitors to South County Dublin.

**REPLY:**

South Dublin Council is in the process of delivering an extensive tourism capital programme, with approximately €100m being spent on tourism related initiatives. Some of these projects are at concept development, master-planning, Part 8 preparation or under construction. Once all of these initiatives have been delivered there will be a network of tourism destinations in the County, which will then need to be subject to an integrated wayfinding/interpretation strategy. In this regard, a strategic approach to tourism signage will be provided for once the full network of tourism destinations are developed. This will be an integral part of ensuring the County’s tourism destinations will be accessible to all domestic and international tourists. As part of this work, all locations within the County will be considered with regard to the optimal location of new tourism signage and how these locations will work as part of an overall network, taking account of the different transport modes, including walking, cycling, public transport and private vehicles. In addition to this, it is worth noting that the Council is presently working on the preparation of a new tourism strategy, which will highlight the important role of wayfinding, signage and interpretation in delivering the County’s tourism objectives.

### **Q12/1023 Councillor M. Johansson**

To ask the Chief Executive how many households have been prevented entering homelessness in 2023?

**REPLY:**

The Council continues to work proactively to address the ongoing challenges for households in need of accommodation by increasing new housing supply through partnerships with approved housing bodies, ongoing choice based letting and other allocation options, turning around vacant Council properties for re-letting, supporting HAP tenancies and engaging with landlords on potential tenant in-situ acquisitions.

At 31st August 2023, there have been 108 allocations to homeless households in South Dublin. Of the 108 total allocations 17 were allocated in August, 3 of these were singles of which 2 were Housing First Tenancies and 14 were to families/couples (comprising a total of 21 adults and 36 children). We currently have a further 91 properties assigned to homeless households in the coming months, of which 31 have been formally offered accommodation so far.

In addition to this, there were 141 Homeless Hap tenancies awarded to applicants who did not enter emergency accommodation.  A further 51 Homeless HAP tenancies were awarded to applicants exiting emergency accommodation.

### **Q13/1023 Councillor M. Johansson**

To ask the Chief Executive to give numbers for each of the following; homeless HAP, social housing allocation and tenant-in-situ?

**REPLY:**

**Homeless HAP**

At 31st August 2023, there are 2037 active Homeless HAP tenancies.

**Social Housing Allocations**

At 31st August 2023, there have been 503 offers of social housing made, 113 of the these have been refused.  A total of 405 allocations have been made, comprising of 609 adults and 624 children.

**Tenant in Situ**

To date, 428 expressions of interest have been received from current landlords looking to sell their property to the Council with tenants in-situ where notice of termination of tenancy has issued and the current status of our responses to the expressions of interest received is as follows:

* 100 properties have been purchased or are sale agreed/with law.
* 128 properties have undergone due diligence checks and are at valuation/negotiation stage with a view to purchasing.
* 104 properties at various stages of due diligence and pre-purchase checks.

### **Q14/1023 Councillor M. Lynch**

Can the manager outline the Council's policy on individual householders who wish to install EV charging points on public footpaths where no other options are available to the householder?

**REPLY:**

Currently the Council does not have an adopted policy position on this issue. However, work is underway to develop this. SDCC is working with our neighbouring Dublin Authorities on developing consistent policy and guidance in relationship to the management of EV charging infrastructure in Public Realm locations.

Specifically addressing the question raised, it is true to say this Council currently has concerns surrounding the installation of EV infrastructure across public footpaths. These concerns include:

* The issue of satisfactory reinstatement of the public footpath.
* The problem of allowing private infrastructure within a Local Authority footpath.
* The installation of charging units within the public realm causing restricted footpath width and possible trip hazards.
* Ownership issues – does the customer actually owns the parking space that they wish to convert to an EV space?    If the parking space is a shared parking space then it cannot be taken over by individuals as their personal parking and charging space.

In summary, there are several important safety and public realm management issues that the Councils must address in the granting of EV charging infrastructure across and within Public Realm areas.

These are complex issues and SDCC is keen to develop consistent and practical guidance in this policy area.

It is hoped that this agreed guidance will be developed shortly.

### **Q15/1023 Councillor M. Lynch**

Can the manager confirm whether the council would refuse to take in charge an estate that has previously allowed the installation of ducting under common area footpaths for the installation of EV charging points?

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council is working with our colleagues in the other Dublin Local Authorities in creating policies and procedures around the management of EV charging in our County.

There are currently a number of concerns regarding the Taking in Charge of previously installed EV infrastructure under common footpath areas including:

1. The quality of the reinstatement of the ducting trench across the footpath. If the footpath was already Taken in Charge we could manage this aspect through the Road opening licence process but not if the footpath is private when the EV ducting work is carried out.

2. The position charging unit upstands that may cause trip hazards or restrict the full width of the footway.

3. Cabling that may cause a trip hazard in publicly managed areas.

4. Ownership of space: Do the persons who installed the EV charging space actually own the charging parking space, or have they taken over a common shared parking space for their sole use?  If the persons have "taken over" a shared space, this would lead to significant problems in managing parking when the estate is "Taken in Charge."

For the reasons outlined above, SDCC would have significant concerns if previously installed EV charging infrastructure was in place before SDCC initiated the Taking in Charge process in a Housing Estate. Each location would have to be assessed on a case by case basis.

### **Q16/1023 Councillor M. Lynch**

To ask the manager has consideration been given to using the "deadsureapp" where the public can report street lighting faults.

**REPLY:**

The Council has software and staff in place that identify when and where there is a public light outage and repairs are ordered following this.

In addition, members of the public and Cllrs can notify the Council as to public lighting outage via the Council website, direct line and Customer Care. Whilst this is helpful, the vast majority of public lighting outages are already identified through the Council's software and staff.

The Council does not currently use the deadsureapp. Whilst it may be of benefit to some local authorities it is not an option the Council is proposing to progress at the moment.

### **Q17/1023 Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh**To ask the manager what is the number of applicants currently on the housing list that are approved for medical priority and the percentage of the overall social housing waiting list total that this represents?

**REPLY:**

There are currently 6,094 applicants on the Housing List and a further 5,120 on the HAP transfer list @ 31st August 2023.

Of these applicants 677 have been awarded medical approval, which represents 6% of the overall list.

### **Q18/1023 Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh**To ask the manager what is the approximate / average waiting period for medical priority approved applicants to receive an offer of accommodation?

**REPLY:**

There are currently 677 applicants awarded medical approval. In 2023, the average waiting time for the allocation of accommodation is 5.9 years, including those transferred on medical grounds. See table below:

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **No. Applicants** | **Area North/South of Naas Road** | **Physical** | **Physical** | **Intellectual/Sensory/MH** |
|   |   | **Ground Floor** | **Wheelchair accessible** | **Standard** |
| 109 | North | 57 | 25 | 27 |
| 169 | South | 91 | 37 | 41 |
| 126 | Both | 69 | 27 | 30 |
| **404** |   | **217** | **89** | **98** |
|   |   |   |   |   |
| **Supported Living** |   |   |   |   |
|   |   | **Physical** | **Physical** | **Intellectual/Sensory/MH** |
|   |   | **Ground Floor** | **Wheelchair accessible** | **Standard** |
| 41 | North | 9 | 6 | 26 |
| 106 | South | 3 | 2 | 101 |
| 126 | Both | 21 | 13 | 92 |
| **273** |   | **33** | **21** | **219** |

### **Q19/1023 Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh**

To ask the manager, from the annual cost of removing Illegally dumped material, is it possible to provide an estimate cost of removing discarded bulky household items?

**REPLY:**

This Council spends approximately €1.4m per year on the collection and removal of illegally dumped materials.  Those costs include a substantial wages element as well as the cost of provision of vehicles complete with lifting equipment, fuel costs and the cost to dispose of the waste.  While the illegally dumped waste consists of some bulky items the majority of it is illegally dumped and burned household waste as well as household materials which are collected illegally by unauthorised waste collectors.

The Council's Environment Dept previously provided a mobile collection service for both bulky waste and large white goods, this service was terminated in 2008 due to the economic downturn.  The service was provided to households in RAPID areas once in every 3 years and to all other households once in 5 years, it was not provided to households on an annual basis.  The cost to provide the service was in the region of €500,000 to €600,000 per annum to service a total of 20,000 households and the total quantity of waste materials collected was on average 1,500 tonnes per year.  The costs associated with the various elements of such a service (labour costs, provision of collection equipment, fuel, materials and waste recycling/disposal costs for example) have increased in recent years, the overall costs given above would be expected to have increased by 25% or more over the 15 years since the last collection and would likely be in the region of €750,000 per year to provide a similar service.

It should be noted that the provision of a collection service for household bulky waste would have no impact on the illegal dumping of 'black bags' and burning of household black bag waste which forms the largest part of the illegal dumping problem in the County. Another point to bear in mind in this regard is that the new waste management plan for a circular economy represents a very clear shift towards the need to re-use household items or to prepare them for re-use, rather than dispose or recycle them.  If this is to be achieved then it will involve the development of schemes and facilities where the preparation of items for re-use can happen, goods such as household furniture for example.  It will no longer be seen as acceptable that such items are either disposed of or recycled, as Ireland transitions towards a Circular Economy.

The Council's recycling centre at Ballymount Avenue continues to accept bulky household waste items, in 2022 a total of 7,816 tonnes of this waste type was accepted at the Ballymount CA facility.  Mattresses are also accepted at the CA site with 490 tonnes of mattresses accepted there in 2022 and a sizeable additional tonnage accepted through the mattress 'amnesty' which was held again in 2022. 847 Mattresses were collected as part of the Mattress Amnesty Programme to date in 2023, supported by Anti Dumping Initiative Funding. .  Recycle IT provide a WEEE collection and acceptance service on behalf of the Council, this can be arranged to take place as a community service for which no fee is charged, or alternatively a collection can be arranged for an individual household for which a fee is payable.  Household WEEE is also accepted at the Ballymount CA facility and these items are accepted free of charge there, in 2022 a total of 779 tonnes of WEEE items was accepted at the CA.  The provision of these services including the acceptance of bulky waste at the CA, the annual mattress amnesty and the mobile and door to door collection service provided by RecycleIT provide easily accessible options to the householder with regard to the majority of household bulky items.

### **Q20/1023 Councillor C. O’Connor**

To ask the CEO in respect of the Relets issue, will he please detail the number of vacant Council houses across the County and will he confirm actions he is taking in the matter?

**REPLY:**

The following is the current breakdown of SDCC Vacant Home Properties within the county.

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Electoral Area** | **Survey** | **In Progress** | **Ready** | **Total** |
| **Lucan** | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| **Clondalkin** | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| **Palmerstown-Fonthill** | 5 | 11 | 8 | 24 |
| **Tallaght South** | 0 | 24 | 7 | 31 |
| **Tallaght Central** | 0 | 7 | 1 | 8 |
| **Firhouse-Bohernabreena** | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| **Rathfarnham-Templeogue** | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| **Total** | **8** | **47** | **21** | **76** |

Following a review of the vacant home process in 2022, a number of process improvements have been implemented to help reduce the length of time a property remains vacant. In May 2023, following a procurement competition, Housing Maintenance have increased the number of contractors available from two to five. Since the increased number of contractors, the back log of properties vacant, have been allocated to contractors and works completed.

Since the revisions of the vacant home process and increasing contractor availability, there have been significant improvements in the delivery of vacant properties up to the end of Q3. Since the 1st March 2023, the number of current vacant homes has reduced from 121 homes to 76 homes, a reduction of 38%, with a vacancy rate of the SDCC housing Stock of less than 0.8%. In relation to the number of properties awaiting works to commence, this has reduced from 55 homes on 1st March 2023 to 8 homes currently, a reduction of 85%. The total number of re-let properties allocated since the start of 2023 is 160 homes, an increase of 15% for the same period in 2022, and an increase of 64% for the same period in 2021. Turnaround times currently is approximately 25 weeks.

Housing Maintenance will continue to identify and implement measures to reduce turnaround times to a maximum target of 20 weeks.

### **Q21/1023 Councillor C. O’Connor**

To ask the CEO to present a full report on Fire Services in our County and will he give assurances with regard to the level of services available and make a statement?

**REPLY:**

The following report was received from Dublin Fir Brigade Service.

**Dublin Fire Brigade Report September 2023**

Following on from a comprehensive recruitment campaign in 2023 for Dublin firefighters, there was a panel of 216 created. The first class of 37 recruit firefighters from this panel passed out in September and a second class of 48 recruits will commence training in late October Additional recruit classes have been budgeted for 2024.

In 2023, there was a recruitment campaign for Emergency Service Controllers (ESC’s). A panel of 52 ESC’s was subsequently created. The first class commenced in early September with the second class due to commence in late October 2023. Additional ESC classes have been budgeted for 2024.

Discussions on required manning levels into the future are ongoing between management and unions.

Please find link below to the most recent DFB annual report, which is a full report on the level of services provided by DFB in 2022. The report provides a breakdown of services provided by Local Authority. In addition, the data below provides details on the incidents attended by DFB in SDCC for Q1 & Q2 2023 (01/01/23 to 30/06/23). DFB are committed to ensuring that the Councils and residents alike will remain proud of their Fire & Ambulance service.

[News | Dublin City Council (Link for annual report)](https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/dublin-fire-brigade/dublin-fire-brigade-news)

**Fire and Ambulance Incidents (minimum of 1 DFB resource mobilised)**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **DFB** | **Incidents** |
| DFB Ambulance | 6875 |
| DFB Fire | 884 |
| **Grand Total** | **7759** |

**DFB Appliance Activity**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **DFB** | **Appliance Mobilisations** |
| DFB Ambulance | 8941 |
| DFB Fire | 2014 |
| **Grand Total** | **10955** |

**Breakdown of Fire Service Incident Types**

|  |
| --- |
| **SDCC FIRE SERVICE INCIDENTS Q1&Q2 2023** |
| **DFB Incident Type** | **No Incidents** |
| Fire/ALARM | 229 |
| Fire/CAR | 85 |
| Fire/CHIMNEY | 20 |
| Fire/DOMESTIC PERS REPT | 23 |
| Fire/DOMESTIC | 55 |
| Fire/FIRE | 15 |
| Fire/FOREST | 2 |
| Fire/GORSE | 3 |
| Fire/GRASS | 4 |
| Fire/HAY/BARN  | 2 |
| Fire/HIGHRISE | 1 |
| Fire/INDUSTRIAL | 16 |
| Fire/INSTITUTIONAL | 3 |
| Fire/Motor BIKE | 1 |
| Fire/SMALL | 254 |
| Fire/TRUCK | 4 |
| Fire/UNDERGROUND | 3 |
| Special Service AMB ASSIST | 27 |
| Special Service Animal Rescue | 6 |
| Special Service CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM | 6 |
| Special Service ELECRICAL | 7 |
| Special Service FLOODING | 2 |
| Special Service GAS LEAK | 3 |
| Special Service Garda Assist | 3 |
| Special Service LOCKOUT | 17 |
| Special Service LIFT | 1 |
| Special Service LIFT PERSONS TRAPPED | 4 |
| Special Service Make Scene Safe | 10 |
| Special Service OIL SPILL | 1 |
| Special Service OTHER | 46 |
| Special Service RIVER RESCUE | 1 |
| Special Service RTA | 22 |
| Special Service TREES DOWN | 2 |
| Special Service WATER LEAK | 6 |
| **Grand Total**  | **884** |

### **Q22/1023 Councillor C. O’Connor**

To ask the CEO to detail actions he is now taking to promote the use of cycle lanes in the County and will he make a statement?

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council was the first Local Authority in Ireland to have an Active Travel Website.

This  website has all the details to the Council's cycle schemes across the county, alongside lots of content on Active Travel and its promotion. It is found through the main South Dublin County Council Website and we regularly send out links to the website across our social media channels. The link to the website is as follows <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/active-travel/>

The Active Travel team is about to embark on a series of Active Travel Roadshows and once again will be the first Council in Ireland to do this.   The roadshows will be a series presented to the public focusing on cycling and walking and our current and future infrastructure. More detail on this will follow in the very near future.

The Active Travel team has also worked with the NTA and Professor Pila to introduce a bike library scheme to two large primary schools on Rossmore Road.   The aim of this scheme is to encourage both parents and children to cycle to school safely, and to use the new cycle lanes that are in place. Depending on the success of this initial bike library scheme, it is hoped that in the future we can roll out further similar schemes to more schools across the county.

Finally, every year we deliver Bike Week which is a National Event run in collaboration with the NTA. This initiative delivers a series of large events across the county which include organised Community Cycles, Webinars, Bike Maintenance Clinics and School Events to highlight and promote our Active Travel Routes.

### **Q23/1023 Councillor C. O’Connor**

To ask the CEO to confirm the number of new homeless cases presented so far in this calendar year and detail actions he is taking to deal with the challenge? Charlie O'Connor

**REPLY:**

Below are the current numbers in relation to those applicants currently availing of Emergency Accommodation.



The Council continues to work proactively to address the ongoing challenges for households in need of accommodation by increasing new housing supply through partnerships with approved housing bodies, ongoing choice based letting and other allocation options, turning around vacant Council properties for re-letting, supporting HAP tenancies and engaging with landlords on potential tenant in-situ acquisitions.

At 31st August 2023, there have been 108 allocations to homeless households in South Dublin. Of the 108 total allocations 17 were allocated in August, 3 of these were singles of which 2 were Housing First Tenancies and 14 were to families/couples (comprising a total of 21 adults & 36 children). We currently have a further 91 properties assigned to homeless households in the coming months, of which 31 have been formally offered accommodation so far.

To date this year, 20 offers of accommodation made to families in emergency accommodation have been refused.

Our allocation team are prioritising allocations to homeless households, including three and four bed homes to reduce family homelessness, and we are also progressing significant numbers of tenant in-situ acquisitions to prevent further homelessness.

Households at risk of experiencing homelessness should engage with the Council to examine prevention measures including possible alternative accommodation and our Homeless Unit continues to help those who find themselves homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.  Working in conjunction with the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DHRE), this unit operates an advice clinic in County Hall and provides outreach services across the County as well as detailing emergency accommodation options including central placement, self-accommodate, family hubs and other supported accommodation. Staff in the Homeless Unit will organise emergency accommodation for those assessed as homeless through the Assessment and Placement Service.

The Council, in conjunction with the DHRE will continue to explore potential options for additional family hubs and other supported accommodation in the County.

In addition, the homeless outreach service operates all year round for rough sleepers across the County, working with other agencies, including the HSE, in identifying rough sleepers and connecting them with appropriate accommodation and support services and this service will also play a vital role in assisting homeless rough sleepers during the winter months.

### **Q24/1023 Councillor C. O’Connor**

To ask the CEO to report to the members on his endeavours to deal with the growing challenge of dealing with Litter/Graffiti issues in the Council's area; will he appreciate the concern of many communities in the matter and make a statement?

**REPLY:**

There are currently five full time Litter Wardens employed by South Dublin County Council. All of the wardens will operate throughout the county but for operational purposes each Litter Warden is assigned an area within the county.

All incidents of littering and illegal dumping detected or reported are investigated and where evidence is found, appropriate enforcement action is taken. 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.

As always, the Council is grateful for assistance and support from residents or others in their investigations of such incidents as they arise. In the absence of substantive evidence / witness statements and the presence of such witnesses in court it is not possible for us to bring successful prosecutions.

The South Dublin County Council Litter Management Plan 2020-2022 proposes to address the negative impacts of litter on our county, improve the quality of life and sense of wellbeing of our residents, and enhance our commercial and tourism potential through effective and efficient enforcement of legislation and regulation, management and maintenance of our public realm and communication, education, and awareness. Graffiti is managed in accordance with the provisions of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 as amended, and through the Council's supporting Annual Action Plan.

The Litter Management Plan 2020-2022 has been reviewed and the Draft replacement Litter Management Plan is currently being drafted. The public consultation where the members were invited to make submissions has just closed. The report on the public consultation will inform the content and reporting arrangements in respect of the new plan.

All reports of graffiti are dealt with by either public realm operations staff, the probation service graffiti removal crew or the specialist contractor appointed by the Council. We continue to take immediate action to remove or paint over offensive or politically motivated graffiti as a priority once a report is received.

SDCC has a Memorandum of Understanding with the ESB and a number of other utility companies, who have agreed to remove graffiti from their premises/assets once reported to them.

SDCC has used some anti-graffiti paints in a limited number of areas such as some boundary walls and bridges. These paints/coatings are used to form a layer over a surface to prevent graffiti from attaching to that surface. Graffiti can then be removed using power hoses from surfaces that are treated in such a way. The addition of the paint/coating does not prevent further graffiti; however, it does make the area affected easier to clean.

SDCC are currently procuring for a specialist contractor for graffiti removal from block and stone face walls and other specialist graffiti removal.

Incentives that are currently in place include the Social Credits Scheme which supports and rewards community groups and individuals who take ownership of their environment and improve their local area by carrying out pro-environmental actions such as community clean-ups, maintenance of community gardens, graffiti removal, weeding of footpaths etc. The scheme is open to all community groups in South Dublin County's administrative area including:

* Environmental groups
* Primary and post primary schools.
* Resident's Associations
* Volunteer groups
* Youth groups

The Social Credits Scheme is broken into 3 elements. Clean ups, Minor Landscape Scheme and Paint Enhancement Scheme.  Under the paint enhancement scheme the council provides paint to groups for the removal of graffiti or to carry out minor enhancement projects in their area.  We also supply materials including paint brushes and rollers.  Also, since 2018 South Dublin County Council has used traffic light boxes to exhibit high quality, creative artwork to the public. Traffic light control boxes make perfect canvases to showcase community art as they are always naturally located in high footfall – high traffic areas. The artwork can be enjoyed by pedestrians, cyclist, and motorists as they wait for the traffic light to turn green.

The Council’s Public Realm Section provides a variety of cleansing services across the County as follows –

1. The servicing of on-street litter bins on a daily basis, the service consists of full-time operatives servicing litter bins on dedicated routes each day and this includes servicing of bins on Sundays and bank holidays.
2. Daily cleaning of town and village centres in Tallaght, Clondalkin, Lucan, Palmerstown, Rathcoole, Rathfarnham, Templeogue and Walkinstown.  This service is also provided on Sundays and bank holidays.
3. Daily cleaning of parks and servicing of park litter bins on a daily basis.
4. The operation of mobile cleansing crews dealing with the cleaning and litter picking of parks and estate open spaces, including the response to illegal dumping and collections from Tidy Towns and community clean up events.
5. The road sweeping service provided under contract to the Council by Oxigen Environmental Ltd.
6. Graffiti removal which is provided by Public Realm painting staff and also by specialist contractor where chemical removal of graffiti is required.
7. These services are considered to be priority services within Public Realm, and in this regard they are the first tasks to be assigned to staff each day.  What this means in effect is that where a regular operative is not available on a given day a replacement is assigned to their task as a priority, before any other tasks are assigned.
8. The total provision for all of the above services in the revenue budget is between €8m and €9m per year.

Information relevant to the provision of these services is included in the reports on the Litter Management Plan which are presented to the area committees on a twice-yearly basis.  Any issues raised by elected members through this process are taken into consideration and responded to in an appropriate manner.

Cleansing services are kept under constant review and as issues come to light through area committee business, membersnet and customer care items or through ongoing monitoring and supervision they are responded to in a timely manner.  Where certain changes or improvements to a service are required then these have always been acted on and this will continue to be the case.  For example the need to provide daily cleaning and servicing of litter bins in park locations which arose during the pandemic has now become a permanent feature of the cleaning services provided by this Council.

Issues such as the provision of additional street litter bins arise from time to time as area committee agenda items and where possible these are responded to in a positive manner with additional bins provided as requested by elected members.  Similarly where locations of persistent littering or illegal dumping are raised by elected members then these are factored in to the regular response by public realm operations, with illegal dumping incidents being responded to within a 24 hour time frame where possible.  As the county grows and new urban centres, public parks and residential areas become established then the services provided will have to expand accordingly.

### **Q25/1023 Councillor C. O’Connor**

To ask the CEO to present a housing delivery update in respect of all projects across our County and will he include assurances that everything possible is being done to ensure that all previously understood completion dates are on schedule and will he make a statement?

**REPLY:**

A full update on the Housing Delivery Programme has been provided in Headed Item (9) the Chief Executive's Capital Project Progress Report.

### **Q26/1023 Councillor F. Timmons**To ask the Chief Executive For an Report into why Council's Customer Care Counters' are shut down in SDCC?

**REPLY:**

An objective of South Dublin County Council’s Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024 is to develop a customer service model that makes full use of digital service provision as a more effective and efficient way of delivering services, as well as improving customer accessibility and customer experience.

As part of our ongoing Customer and Digital Services Transformation Strategy a new Housing Customer Centre was officially opened on Wednesday, 12th July. Some 99% of counter queries relate to Housing Services, this new Housing Customer Centre greatly improves the quality and standard of service provision to customers. In-person meetings are arranged through an appointments system to remove the queueing requirement for our customers and to ensure that discussions are fully private. We are happy to assist customers using our online facilities, customers can contact us at 01-4149000 to arrange appointments for guidance on using these facilities. The Council recognises the need for customers with limited I.T. skills or accessibility issues to speak directly with staff members to ensure access to information, our telephone lines are open from 9am to 5pm – Monday to Thursday and 9am – 4.30pm on Friday for this purpose.

Another project under the Customer and Digital Services Transformation Strategy is the redesign, build and fit-out the Concourse in County Hall to create a new public engagement space. The creation of the MyDoorstep space in County Hall created a new audio-visual experience where people can consider the range of information available in a comfortable, welcoming environment, while meeting and engaging with the Council on the plans for the local community they hope to move into. The redesign of the concourse in County Hall will modernise and integrate this full space to reflect a more open, welcoming and engaging Council.

### **Q27/1023 Councillor F. Timmons**To ask the Chief Executive for an breakdown of rent arears by LEA?

**REPLY:**

The breakdown of rent arrears as at the 22nd September, 2023 is as follows:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Local Electoral Areas | Current Balance |
| Clondalkin | €865,772.91 |
| Firhouse-Bohernabreena | €335,325.03 |
| Lucan | €251,879.62 |
| Palmerstown-Fonthill | €2,006,885.16 |
| Rathfarnham-Templeogue | €23,492.95 |
| Tallaght Central | €339,716.09 |
| Tallaght South | €4,352,435.81 |
| Total Arrears | €8,175,507.57 |

### **Q28/1023 Councillor F. Timmons**To ask the Chief Executive for a Report that states what supports are available for people in their dealings with the Council, who are not computer literate?

**REPLY:**

As part of our ongoing Customer Services and Digital Transformation Strategy, the new Housing Customer Centre was officially opened on Wednesday, 12th July. Some 99% of the queries at the customer service counters related to Housing Services, and this new Housing Customer Centre greatly improves the quality and standard of service provision to our customers. In-person meetings are arranged through an appointments system to remove the queueing requirement for our customers and to ensure that discussions are fully private. We are happy to assist customers using our online facilities, customers can contact us at 01-4149000 to arrange appointments for guidance on using these facilities.

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### **Q29/1023 Councillor F. Timmons**To ask the Chief Executive For an Report on all insurance claims towards SDCC since 2019?

**REPLY:**

Irish Public Bodies (IPB) manage all claims on the Council’s behalf. The table below details the number and nature of claims filed against the Council from 1st January 2019 to the end of June 2023.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** |
| **Public Liability** | 207 | 212 | 181 | 147 | 85 |
| **Motor** | 47 | 28 | 33 | 42 | 17 |
| **Property** | 19 | 15 | 17 | 15 | 7 |
| **Other** | 5 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 2 |
| **Total** | **278** | **262** | **239** | **209** | **111** |

 **H7/1023 DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE MADE PUBLIC – FOR APPROVAL**

### *It was* ***NOTED*** *that there were* ***NO*** *reports under this heading*.

**H8/1023 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES/SITES - FOR APPROVAL**

### *It was* ***NOTED*** *that there were* ***NO*** *reports under this heading.*

At this point, the Mayor, Councillor A. Edge proposed, and the Members **AGREED** to vary the sequence of items on the Agenda in order to move Headed Item no. 9 (H9) to the last Headed Items.

**H10/1023 DECLARATION OF PUBLIC ROADS, TALKING IN CHARGE OF A HOUSING ESTATE UNDER SECTION 180 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 - WILKINS COURT, DUBLIN 12 – FOR APPROVAL**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. M. Mulhern, Director of Land Use, Planning and Transport and was **CONSIDERED**

**DECLARATION OF PUBLIC ROADS, TALKING IN CHARGE OF A HOUSING ESTATE UNDER SECTION 180 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 - WILKINS COURT, DUBLIN 12 – FOR APPROVAL**

The following report was considered at the Rathfarnham/Templeogue/Firhouse/Bohernabreena Area Committee Meeting of September 12th 2023.

**“Declaration of Public Roads, Talking in Charge of a Housing Estate under Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000**

**Wilkins Court, Greenhills, Dublin 12**

The following advertisement was published in newspapers and on the Council Consultation Portal:

"In accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993, South Dublin County Council hereby gives notice of its intention to consider the making of a declaration that the road listed hereunder be a public road.

**Wilkins Court, Greenhills, Dublin 12.**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended, the Council considers the Taking in Charge of the open spaces, sewers, watermains, storm drains and public lighting within the attendant ground of the development.

This matter will be considered by South Dublin County Council at its Council Meeting on **9th October 2023**.

Maps showing the roads and the areas to be taken in charge are available for viewing at the Council’s public consultation portal at [**http://consult.sdublincoco.ie**](http://consult.sdublincoco.ie/) from **8th July 2023** until **8th August 2023**.

Objections or representations regarding the above proposal may be made via the portal or in writing to the Senior Executive Officer, Land Use, Planning and Transportation, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24, D24 A3XC.

The latest date for receipt of postal objections or representations via the portal is **22nd August 2023.**

Objections or representations should be made in one Medium only and will only be accepted in either format outlined above.

**Web:**[**www.sdcc.ie**](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.sdcc.ie%2F&amp;data=05%7C01%7Ccshanahan%40SDUBLINCOCO.ie%7Ce459c51f347d4404d6f008db79565f90%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C638237184114169439%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&amp;sdata=71dLNTiuW%2FW8nc%2Bu5Oz0su1cZ%2FucvgAXI3TDxM7fbcE%3D&amp;reserved=0)"

There was 1 submission received on this proposal which was fully supportive of the scheme and raised three minor issues for clarification as follows:

1. That the developer top up the bark in the play area.
2. That the developer change the street signs in the Estate to the correct  translation of Wilkins in Irish Uilcín.
3. That SDCC consider appropriate street markings to ensure access for emergency services through all route around the estate.

**SDCC response on the items raised:**

1.SDCC will, as a matter of course, replace or top up the Bark mulch in the play area. This bark mulch is a safety feature of the play space.

1. The Irish translation of the Street signs has been corrected since this submission was received
2. SDCC will ensure that emergency vehicle access is maintained within the estate. SDCC will keep this item under review and implement any appropriate actions necessary.

This Council is satisfied that this estate is constructed to a high standard of specification and quality and recommends that the Wilkins Court estate be taken in charge by the Council.

The recommendation of the Area Committee is required as follows:

That the proposal to declare the roads to be public roads, and to Take in Charge the  open spaces, sewers, watermains, storm drains and public lighting within the attendant ground of the Wilkins Court development shall be considered by the Full Council at the October  2023 meeting.**” END OF REPORT TO ACM.**

The Rathfarnham/Templeogue/Firhouse/Bohernabreena Area Committee recommended that the proposal  be brought before the October 2023 County Council Meeting.

It is now a matter for this Council to agree the following resolution:

**That this Council resolve to declare the roads to be public roads, and to Take in Charge the open spaces, sewers, watermains, storm drains and public lighting within the attendant ground of the Wilkins Court development.**

[TIC Wilkins Court Schedule](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79930)
[TIC Wilkins Court Map](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79929)

It was proposed by Councillor A. Edge, seconded by Councillor R. McMahon, and **AGREED** that the Taking in Charge of Wilkins Court, Dublin 12, be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**.

**H11/1023 DECLARATION OF PUBLIC ROADS, TALKING IN CHARGE OF A HOUSING ESTATE UNDER SECTION 180 OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 - PALMVILLE CLOSE, ESKER LANE, LUCAN – FOR APPROVAL**

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

**REPORT:**

The following report was considered at the Lucan Palmerstown North Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting of September 26th 2023.

**“Declaration of Public Roads, Taking in Charge of a Housing Estate under Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000**

**Palmville Close, Lucan, Co. Dublin**

The following advertisement was published in newspapers and on the Council Consultation Portal:

"In accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993, South Dublin County Council hereby gives notice of its intention to consider the making of a declaration that the road listed hereunder be a public road.

**Palmville Close, Lucan, Co. Dublin.**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 as amended, the Council considers the Taking in Charge of the open spaces, sewers, watermains, storm drains and public lighting within the attendant ground of the development.

This matter will be considered by South Dublin County Council at its Council Meeting on **9th October 2023**.

Maps showing the roads and the areas to be taken in charge are available for viewing at the Council’s public consultation portal at [**http://consult.sdublincoco.ie**](http://consult.sdublincoco.ie/) from **8th July 2023** until **8th August 2023**.

Objections or representations regarding the above proposal may be made via the portal or in writing to the Senior Executive Officer, Land Use, Planning and Transportation, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24, D24 A3XC.

The latest date for receipt of postal objections or representations via the portal is **22nd August 2023.**

Objections or representations should be made in one Medium only and will only be accepted in either format outlined above.

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There were no submissions received in relation to the Taking in Charge of this development.

This Council is satisfied that this estate is constructed to a high standard of specification and quality and recommends that the Palmville Close estate be taken in charge by the Council.

The recommendation of the Area Committee is required as follows:

That the proposal to declare the roads to be public roads, and to Take in Charge the open spaces, sewers, watermains, storm drains and public lighting within the attendant ground of the Palmville Close development shall be considered by the Full Council at the October 2023 meeting”**.   END OF REPORT TO ACM.**

The Lucan Palmerstown North Clondalkin Area Committee recommended that the proposal be brought before the October 2023 County Council Meeting.

It is now a matter for this Council to agree the following resolution:

**That this Council resolves to declare the roads to be public roads, and to Take in Charge the open spaces, sewers, watermains, storm drains and public lighting within the attendant ground of the Palmville Close development.**

[TIC Palmville Close Map](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79926)
[TIC Palmville Close Schedule](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79927)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors P. Gogarty, J. Tuffy, D. Ó Brádaigh, A. Hayes and R. McMahon.

Councillor P. Gogarty proposed and Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh seconded that this item be deferred until the November Council Meeting.

Mr. M. Mulhern, Director for Land Use, Planning and Transport responded to the Members.

It was **AGREED** that this item be deferred until the next Council Meeting.

**H12/1023 LPT VARIATION REPORT – FOR APPROVAL**

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

[H12 (a) LPT Local Adjustment Factor Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80005)
[H12 (b) LPT Variation Report 2024 Budget](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80030)
[H12 (c) South Dublin Fin 07 2023 Provisional 2024 LPT allocations](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80031)

Mr. C. Ward, Chief Executive, addressed the Members.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, J. Tuffy, M. Johansson, R. McMahon, P. Kearns, L. O’Toole, C. Bailey, S. Moynihan, M. Duff, M. Lynch, P. Gogarty, W. Carey, D. McManus, Y. Collins, L. Sinclair, E. Ó Broin, K. Mahon, V. Casserly, T. Costello, G. O’Connell, R. McMahon, and A. Edge.

Councillor F. Timmons proposed and Councillor P. Gogarty seconded to keep the current 15% reduction.

Mr. R. FitzGerald responded to the members.

The Mayor, Councillor A. Edge proposed, and the Members **AGREED** to a **ROLL CALL** vote that the LPT be reduced by 15% for a 1 year period.

**FOR: 26 (TWENTY SIX)**

Councillors W. Carey, Y. Collins, T. Costello, M. Duff, K. Egan, P. Gogarty, L. Guéret, L. Hagin Meade, A. Hayes, P. Holohan, M. Johansson, B. Lawlor, K. Mahon, L. McCrave, R. McMahon, D. McManus, S. Moynihan, E. Murphy, D. Ó Brádaigh, G. O’Connell, C. O’Connor, S. O’Hara, L. O’Toole, B. Pereppadan, D. Richardson, F. Timmons. **AGAINST: 7 (SEVEN)**

Councillors C. Bailey, L. Donaghy, A. Edge, P. Kearns, M. Lynch, E. Ó Broin, J. Tuffy. **ABSTAIN: 1 (ONE)**

Councillor 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 2023 to 31st October 2024 in respect of relevant residential properties situated in the local authority’s administrative area” was **APPROVED.**

**H13/1023 2024 OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENT – FOR APPROVAL**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. Ronan FitzGerald, Head of Finance and was **CONSIDERED.**

**REPLY:**

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 been utilized twice during 2023.  It is considered prudent to renew the overdraft accommodation of €25M for the period 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024.    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 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024.

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

“That the Overdraft Accommodation Requirement 2024 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

**H14/1023 TALLAGHT HERITAGE CENTRE PART 8 – FOR APPROVAL**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. J. Frehill, Head of Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development and was **CONSIDERED.**

**Chief Executive’s Report on Public Consultation in relation to Proposed Development of a new Heritage Centre for Tallaght on SDCC land at Old Blessington Road, Tallaght, Dublin 24, situated to the east of the Civic Theatre.**

1. **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 a new Heritage Centre for Tallaght on SDCC land at Old Blessington Road, Tallaght, Dublin 24, situated to the east of the Civic Theatre.

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.

1. **Site Description**

The subject site is located on existing SDCC lands, adjacent to the existing Civic Theatre. The site is currently part of an existing SDCC car park, used by council and Civic Theatre staff, and customers.

The site is approximately 0.24 hectares and is bounded by an office development “Killakee House” to the east, Old Blessington Road to the south the existing SDCC car parking area to the north and the Civic Theatre to the east. In addition to containing parking the subject site contains some elements of soft landscaping, existing trees, and a variety of street furniture including lighting, bottle banks, bike lockers and boundary fencing. Some of these elements will be removed or modified to facilitate the proposed development as described on the Part 8 drawings.

The site is strategically located adjacent to Tallaght Shopping Centre and car-park to the south and the Red Luas line. Tallaght (The Square) Luas stop is located 200m to the east of the subject site.

1. **Scheme Description**

The proposed Tallaght Heritage Centre development consists of an 870m2, two storey structure which will sit alongside other facilities forming a cultural quarter including the Civic Theatre, Rua Red, County Hall, and the County Library. The Heritage Centre is divided over two floors however the overall form will be commensurate with a building of 3-4 storeys in height giving the building sufficient civic scale to sit comfortably in its context.

The proposed Heritage Centre is designed and organised to provide a series of flexible spaces which can be used in a variety of ways to accommodate a series of exhibition and gallery type spaces. The intention is to provide a mix of permanent exhibition elements and spaces to accommodate changing temporary exhibitions, events and activities.

The Heritage Centre will serve as a vital community resource, fostering engagement with the history and legacy of Tallaght and the wider County while also helping to make tangible the future vision for the town and wider county area. This will be done through interactive and interpretive exhibitions tailored to the space by EPIC Consultants. The internal spatial arrangement will help create continuity between exhibition spaces and their respective programmes, while also allowing for flexibility for how the space is used in the future.

The proposal has a strong “saw-tooth” roof-form bringing north-easterly light to the exhibition spaces and providing the building with a distinctive and memorable architectural image within its civic context The architectural form also connects the building in scale with the adjacent Civic Theatre and echoes the mono-pitched roof form of the Civic Offices, visually connecting the new civic corridor that will be defined by the public realm project connecting the Town Centre to the Innovation Centre to the North.

The rational layout of the spaces and the circulation and other services spaces allow for maximum flexibility in uses. Carefully placed voids, lighting from above, views and garden spaces (including a terrace space at first floor level) will further help to orientate the visitor, provide dynamic visual connections to the town and enhance the enjoyment of the building’s users.

The proposed development will also include public realm works including hard and soft landscaping elements, sustainable urban drainage features and lighting to integrate the proposed development into its context and to create a positive contribution to the streetscape and the existing cultural quarter.

An Architectural Design Statement prepared by McCullough Mulvin Architects and a Planning Statement prepared by McCutcheon Halley Planning Consultants contain a comprehensive description of the proposed development and these were included as part of the public display and consultation information. Links to these documents are provided below.

A schedule of the Plans and reports for proposed development are included below and they are all available for access at the following Link:

[Tallaght Heritage Centre | South Dublin County Council's Online Consultation Portal (sdublincoco.ie)](https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/tallaght-heritage-centre)

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| [Cover letter](https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/tallaght-heritage-centre)[Site Notice](https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/tallaght-heritage-centre)[Scanned Newspaper Notice](https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/tallaght-heritage-centre) [Architectural Design Statement](https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/tallaght-heritage-centre)[Site Location Plan](https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/tallaght-heritage-centre)Proposed Site Plan Town ContextProposed Site PlanExisting Site Plan - Site WorksProposed Site Elevations 1Proposed Site Elevations 2Rendered Front ElevationProposed Ground Floor PlanProposed First Floor PlanProposed Roof PlanSouth Elevation ProposeWest Elevation ProposedNorth Elevation ProposeEast Elevation ProposedSection AA ProposedSection BB ProposedArea ScheduleEnvironmental Analysis ReportElectrical Services Installation Site PlanSite Lighting ReportEngineering Services ReportProposed Foul Drainage LayoutProposed Storm Drainage LayoutProposed Watermain LayoutPlanning StatementAA ScreeningEIA ScreeningArchaeological StudyCounty Architects ReportAA Screening Determination Tallaght Heritage CentreEIA Screening Determination Tallaght Heritage Centre |

1. **Public Consultation**

Plans and particulars of the Tallaght Heritage Centre have been on public display for over six weeks from 8thAugust to 21st September 2023 (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 Tallaght Heritage Centre development included the following statutory and non-statutory elements:

* + Newspaper Notice in The Tallaght Echo
	+ Site Notices (3no. 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 Tallaght Heritage Centre development could be made online and in writing for a period of six (6) weeks from 8thAugust to 21st September 2023 (inclusive).

1. **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.

1. **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 Tallaght Heritage Centre for Tallaght on SDCC land at Old Blessington Road, Tallaght, Dublin 24, situated to the east of the Civic Theatre

under Part 8 of the Regulations.

1. **Outcome of Public Consultation Programme**

A total of 5 formal submissions/observation were received.

A list of all the persons, organisations and bodies that made submissions is provided in the table below together with a link to 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 Submissions5 no. individual submissions made. | [Consultation Portal Submissions](https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/tallaght-heritage-centre) | 5 |
| Prescribed Bodies |  | 0 |

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

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| **Summary of Submission No. 1 – Mr. Stephen Fitzgerald**Submission suggests that the design of the building and landscape use as much stone as possible and take inspiration from historic structures in Tallaght rather than a modern design approach. |

**Response:**

* The proposed development is intended to accommodate activities that celebrate the past, present and future of Tallaght and the wider county – it is considered that the contemporary design approach and use of high quality materials is appropriate to the function of the building and its development context.

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| **Summary of Submission No. 2 – Mr. Gary Tyrrell**Submission welcomes the consideration of renewable energy technology including Solar Photovoltaic (PV) in the proposal and asks that PV panels be included at design stage on the proposed roofs.  |

**Response:**

* The use of solar Photo Voltaic technology is intended to form part of the overall sustainability strategy for the development and will be considered as part of the overall detailed design process post-planning stage. If considered to be an effective element in the overall servicing strategy, PV panels can be incorporated onto roof or other surfaces of the building as appropriate.

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| **Summary of Submission No. 3 – Mr. Christopher Maher**The Submission welcomes the proposed development as a welcome addition to Tallaght with positive contributions to social and cultural life and benefits for active travel. The submission and asks that as much street furniture and open green space is included as possible.  |

**Response:**

* The support for the proposal is welcome. It is the intention to integrate the proposed development into the site context through the use of high quality public realm works to include hard and soft landscape element, lighting and street furniture to enhance the overall public realm and connect the development to the wider town centre area.

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| **Submission No. 4 – Tallaght Community Council**The Submission welcomes the proposed development, the focus on Tallaght specifically. The submission commends South Dublin County Council and look forward to the timely delivery of the project. The submission welcomes the recommendation included in the Archaeological Desk Study that *“..periodic archaeological monitoring should take place as part of the initial construction on the site.”* - the submission asks that the community will be kept informed of any finds of note, if any, during the development phase. |

**Response:** The support for the proposal is welcome. In the detailed design, site investigation and construction stages it is intended to retain the services of an archaeological consultant to monitor the works and to assess and report on any findings. It is the intention to integrate the proposed development into the site context through the use of high quality public realm works to include hard and soft landscape element, lighting and street furniture to enhance the overall public realm and connect the development to the wider town centre area.

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| **Submission No. 5 –** South Dublin Conservation SocietyThe Submission makes a number of points relating to the development which are summarised as follows:**A Detail Design Issues:**

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| Storage is limited. Staff facilities to include office are kitchenette indicated on the plans. **B Sustainability**PV installation should be included from the beginning.**C Exhibition Concept:** The submission states that public consultation should have taken place before the tender for the exhibition management was put out, so that the public viewpoint would inform this process. The submission outlines the following areas could be considered for inclusion in the exhibition content:* Artifacts and objects including archaeological finds.
* Archaeological history, ancient history and legends,
* Writers, artists and other notable figures associated with the Tallaght area.
* Industrial and aeronautical history.
* Irish language
* Ecclesiastical history,
* Traditional and folk music
* The concept of ‘100 objects’ as a basis for presenting the history of the area.
* History of housing and critical reflection on suburban expansion in the 20th century.
* Recent development of the area.

**D Focus of Centre**Clarification is sought on whether the proposed centre is Tallaght specific or is intended to cover the history of the county area.  |
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**Response Item A – Detail Design Issues:**

* The observation is welcomed and will be brought to the attention of the design team for consideration in the detailed design process to be carried out post-part 8 stage. This process will include a detailed and ongoing assessment of the project brief and schedule of accommodation including an assessment of need for staff facilities.

**Response to Item B – Sustainability:**

* See response to submission 2 above.

Response Item C – **Exhibition Concept:**

* The detailed submission outlining potential exhibition themes and concepts is welcomed. Many of the themes and topics mentioned will be included in or referred to in the permanent and exhibition and the submission will be brought to the attention of the design team. One of the objectives of the centre is to facilitate a program of temporary exhibitions which will allow a focus on very specific themes such as those outlined in the submission.

**Response to Item D -Focus of Centre**:

* The overall intention of the Centre is to focus primarily on the people and places of Tallaght and this will complement other heritage, cultural and civic facilities in the wider county area including the Round Tower Heritage Centre in Clondalkin, the Hellfire Club / Montpelier Hill, Rathfarnham Castle and Pearse Museum. The story of Tallaght is however deeply connected with the wider county, regional and national context and it is considered appropriate that the centre should facilitate the widest and most inclusive interpretation of what constitutes the history and heritage of the area and its people.
1. **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 the proposed Tallaght Heritage Centre for Tallaght on SDCC land at Old Blessington Road, Tallaght, Dublin 24, situated to the east of the Civic Theatre.”*

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors M. Duff, W. Carey, C. King, R. McMahon, S. Moynihan, E. Murphy, B. Lawlor, and T. Costello.

Mr. J. Frehill, Director of Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development responded to the Members.

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor T. Costello and seconded by Councillor B. Lawlor and **RESOLVED:**

“That Tallaght Heritage Centre Part 8 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

**H15/1023 MEMBERSHIP OF THE LCDC – LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - FOR APPROVAL**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Ms. Elaine Leech, Director of Housing and Community Development, and was **CONSIDERED.**

**REPLY:**

The Local Government Reform Act 2014 provides in Section 36 for the establishment of Local Community Development Committees by each Local Authority.

At the South Dublin County LCDC meeting on the 20th September 2023, Tricia Nolan, South Dublin County Volunteer Centre was nominated as Chair, Valerie Hogg, Adult Education Officer, Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board  (DDLETB) was nominated Vice-Chair.  There are currently four PPN vacancies on the LCDC, it was recommended that the Community Arts representative would be replaced with a representative from Integration Services. These vacancies will be filled as soon as possible. The following is a list of the current membership of the South Dublin County LCDC:

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| Maria Nugent | Chief Officer, LCDC |
| Elaine Leech | Director of Services, SDCC |
| Thomas Rooney | Local Enterprise Office, SDCC |
| Tricia Nolan | Chair, LCDC -South Dublin County Volunteer Centre |
| Valerie Hogg | Vice Chair -  Adult Education Officer, Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board  (DDLETB) |
| Cllr. Kieran Mahon | Elected Representative |
| Cllr.  David McManus | Elected Representative |
| Cllr. Alan Hayes | Elected Representative |
| Larry O’Neill | South Dublin County Partnership |
| Margaret McQuillan | Health Service Executive |
| Andy Leeson | Foroige - Youth Sector |
| Eugene Donnelly | Department of Social Protection |
| Dr. Noel McCarthy | Community Representative, TCD |
| Dr. Phil Mulvaney  | Community Representative, TUD |
| 4 Vacancies | Public Participation Network- Environment (1) Integration (1), Community (2) Pillars |
| Enda Creegan | Public Participation Network Social Inclusion Pillar |
| Noreen Byrne | Public Participation Network- Social Inclusion Pillar |

The approval of the Council is sought to the list of nominees. The nominees shall be appointed to the Committee, without omission or addition, by resolution of the local authority.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors J. Tuffy, E. Murphy and P. Kearns.

Ms E. Leech, Director for Housing and Community Development, responded to the Members.

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor A. Edge and seconded by Councillor M. Duff and **RESOLVED:**

“That the Ratification of the Membership of the LCDC – Local Community Development Committee be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

**H16/1023 COMMUNITY & SPORT DEVELOPMENT GRANTS – FOR NOTING**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Ms. E. Leech, Director for Housing & Community Development and was **CONSIDERED.**

**REPLY:**

The online rolling application process provides community and voluntary groups who are responding to locally identified needs within their communities with the opportunity to apply for assistance from the Council under the following categories:

* Community Development Grants
* Community Events Funding
* Sports Development Grants

Applications are assessed 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 and value for money projects with clear/accurate costings.
* Existing funds available to the group/alternative funding sources.

Following the assessment process and having regard to the available budget **12** grants totalling **€18,133.61** were approved for **11** local groups summarised as follows:

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| **Category** | **No:** | **Amount** |
| Community Development Grants | 8 | €13,687.27 |
| Community Events Funding | 3 | €2,662.50 |
| Sports Development Grants | 1 | €1,783.84 |
| **Total** | **12** | **€18,133.61** |

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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Name of Group** | **Funding Category Applied For** | **Sub-Category of Grant** | **Amount** |
| 142nd Dublin Esker Scout Group | Community Development Grant | Major Equipment | €5,000.00 |
| Castlefield Manor Residents Association | Community Development Grant | Community Activity | €851.69 |
| Dominic's Active Men's Social | Community Development Grant | Running Costs | €1,000.00 |
| Dominic's Ladies Crochet Group | Community Development Grant | Running Costs | €1,000.00 |
| Knocklyon Men's Shed | Community Development Grant | Running Costs | €1,000.00 |
| Serve the City Ireland CLG | Community Development Grant | Running Costs | €500.00 |
| Serve the City Ireland CLG | Community Development Grant | Running Costs | €835.58 |
| St. Mark's Youth Club | Community Development Grant | IT Infrastructure | €3,500.00 |
| Cypress Residents' Association | Community Events Funding | Other | €850.00 |
| Dublin Community Games | Community Events Funding | Other | €1,450.00 |
| Golden Circle | Community Events Funding | Other | €362.50 |
| DCT United | Sports Development Grant | Minor Equipment | €1,783.84 |

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors C. O’Connor, S. Moynihan, A. Hayes, and L. McCrave.

Ms. E. Leech, Director for Housing & Community Development responded to the Members.

The report was **NOTED.**

### **C1/1023 REPLIES, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE**

**Replies**

 **Acknowledgements**

 **Correspondence**

[(a) Correspondence from Cork County Council re. Policies to Reduce Road Deaths](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79957)
[(b) Correspondence from Sligo County Council re. Free School Transport](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79958)

 The correspondence was **NOTED**.

**H9/1023 MANAGERS REPORT & CAPITAL PROJECTS PROGRESS**  - **FOR NOTING**

The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Mr. C. Ward, Chief Executive and were **CONSIDERED**

[HI 9 a) Chief Executive's Monthly Report October 2023](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79996)
[HI 9 b) Capital Projects Progress Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80027)
[HI 9 c) Statistics Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80033)
[HI 9 d) Finance Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=79917)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors S. Moynihan, P. Gogarty, M. Lynch, E. Ó Broin, D. Ó Brádaigh, T. Costello, E. Murphy, F. Timmons, C. O’Connor, Y. Collins, L. O’Toole, E. O’Brien, W. Carey, P. Kearns, and A. Hayes.

At this point, the Members’ **AGREED** to amend standing orders to allow the Chief Executive to respond to the Members queries.

The reports were **NOTED.**

***Meeting finished at 19:02***

**Motions not reached:**

### **(M1) Domestic Violence**

Councillor T. Costello

To ask SDCC that when a victim of domestic violence moves from one local authority to another that they are allowed carry over their time on the housing list rather than starting from the beginning

### **(M2) Regional Policy Objectives**

Councillor E. Ó Broin

This council agrees that in line with Regional Policy Objectives and 2022-2028 SDCC County Development Plan, opportunities for widening of footpaths in urban cores presented by planning permission applications for lands bordering existing narrow footpaths in same urban cores will not be lost.

### **(M3) “3 Day Wait”**

Councillor R. McMahon

To ask the Minister for Health and the Government to ensure that the "3 Day Wait" period be retained in the Termination of Pregnancy Act and that promises made by the Government, during the 2018 Referendum to Repeal the Eighth Amendment, not to be reneged on now.

### **(M4) Scramblers and Quads**

Councillor M. Duff

That this Council calls on the Chief Executive to initiate a Campaign, highlighting the "Scramblers and Quads, Know The Info" and the "Do It Right" campaign, and to work with all schools, Community Centres and Community & Voluntary Projects in our County to raise awareness.

### **(M5) Greenhouse Gas Targets**

Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh

This Council agrees to call on the Taoiseach and Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications, as a matter of urgency to increase the pace of implementing imperative actions and critically examines any inactions which are contributing to missing legally binding greenhouse gas targets for 2030 and beyond.

### **(M6) Housing Maintenance Portal**

Councillor L. Dunne

As members of the public have raised issues with the limitations of the Housing Maintenance Portal this Council calls on the Chief Executive to reinstate the Customer Care Desk in the Council for the public to attend for advice & emergencies, to allow for walk-ins for maintenance requests and to allow maintenance requests over the phone to support tenants who are not IT literate/or for those who do not have access to the internet or for those who have a disability

### **(M7) NTA Standing Offer**

Councillor K. Mahon

That the manager responds positively to the NTA's standing offer (to the previous CEO and previous Mayor) to address the full Council regarding Bus Connects and associated works, and that such a briefing be scheduled as soon as practical with sufficient time allowed for questions and discussion on what is an important infrastructural issue across communities.

### **(M8) Compulsory Purchase Orders**

Councillor M. Johansson

That the Chief Executive immediately initiate Compulsory Purchase Orders on all properties on the Derelict Sites Register (as published 14/07/2023).

### **(M9) Four Day Work Week**

Councillor L. Sinclair

That this council calls for the introduction of a four day work week, with no loss of pay, in the civil and public service. On passing a letter is issued to the minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform.

### **(M10) SDCC Outreach**

Councillor F. Timmons

That this Council requests that SDCC Organise information outreach sessions so that ordinary people can understand and appreciate the SDCC's systems and also what the SDCC can do, cannot do, and why. (This could help to improve the public's understanding of SDCC's powers and obligations, and also SDCC's limitations)

### **(M11) UMAAP**

Councillor E. O'Brien

That this Council calls on the Minister with responsibility for mental health services and the HSE to permanently fund the UMAAP (understanding and managing adult ADHD programme) and to give increased provision to services provided to assist both Adults and Children with ADHD.

### **(M12) Single Use Plastics**

Councillor M. Lynch

That from the 1st January 2024, this Council bans the purchase, sale and distribution of single use plastic bottles and single use coffee cups in all the Council owned premises, including businesses and franchisees operating on Council property.

### **(M13) Pavement Audit**

Councillor P. Gogarty

That the Chief Executive carries out an audit and/or compiles from existing information a list trip hazards from cracked or jutting pavements in the county.

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

Mayor

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