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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council December 2023 County Council Meeting held on Monday 11 December 2023

### **PRESENT**

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| Carey, W. | McCrave, L. |
| Casserly, V. | McMahon, R. |
| Collins, Y. | McManus, D. |
| Costello, T. | Moynihan, S. |
| Donaghy. L | Mulhall, V. |
| Duff, M. | Murphy, E. |
| Dunne. L | 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.King. C. | Sinnott, J.Timmons, F. |
| Lawlor, B. | Tuffy, J. |
| Lynch, M. | Whelan, L.  |

### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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| Chief Executive | C. Ward. |
| Directors | L. Maxwell, J. Frehill, M. Mulhern, T. Walsh, E. Leech |
| Head of Finance | R. FitzGerald. |
| Head of IT | T. Kavanagh |
| County Architect | C. Harte |
| County Librarian | P. Fusco |
| Senior Executive OfficerAdministrative Officer | M. Murtagh.M. Reilly.  |
| A/Senior Staff Officer | K. McLoughlin |
| A/Climate Action Co-Ordinator | A. McNamara |
| 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 Councillors P. Kearns and K. Mahon.

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

Members attending remotely must check that they can access the “Chat Function” before commencing the meeting.

Members can indicate they wish to speak on an item through the chat function – using “Speak please.”

Members must be able to be seen, specifically for roll call, when speaking and voting.

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

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

 Prior to the commencement of the meeting a minute’s silence was observed as a mark of respect on the recent loss of Ms Danielle Quinlan, daughter of Ms Eilish Quinlan, Chair of the Audit Committee, the Mayor, Councillor A. Edge expressed sympathy and condolences to the Quinlan family.

**H1/1223 CONFIRMATION AND REAFFIRMATION OF MINUTES - FOR APPROVAL**

Minutes of the November Council Meeting held on 13th November 2023 which had been circulated were submitted and **APPROVED** as a true record and signed in the proposition of Councillor A. Edge and seconded by Councillor M. Duff

1. [November Council Minutes - 13th November 2023](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80888)
2. [Annual Budget Meeting Minutes â€' 16th November 2023](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80887)

**H2/1223 FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH S.19 OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR L. SINCLAIR**

### The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Ms. L. Maxwell, Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management, and was **CONSIDERED.**

[H2 (b) Letter of resignation from Councillor L. Sinclair](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80761)
[H2 (c) Green Party Nomination - V. Mulhall](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80758)
[H2 (d) Green Party Nomination - V. Mulhall's Acceptance](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80759)

As a result of the resignation of Liam Sinclair as a Councillor on 19th November 2023, a casual vacancy has occurred on South Dublin County Council (Tallaght Central).

[**Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2001**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2001/en/act/pub/0037/sec0019.html) provides that a casual vacancy shall be filled by the co-option by the Local Authority of a person to fill the vacancy and such co-option shall be made at the next meeting of the local authority after the expiration of 14 days from the occurrence of the vacancy or as soon after the expiration of the 14 days as circumstances permit.

Ms. Vanessa Mulhall has been duly nominated by the Green Party, being the registered political party who nominated Councillor Sinclair for election, and in accordance with Section 19 (5) Ms. Mulhall's written consent to her proposed co-option has been received.

Members are required to ratify the co-option of Ms. Mulhall at today’s meeting.

The report was **NOTED** and it was proposed by Councillor M. Lynch and seconded by Councillor L. Hagin Meade and **AGREED**:

“That Vanessa Mulhall be co-opted to fill the vacancy occurring as a result of the resignation of Councillor L. Sinclair on the 19th November 2023.”

Former Councillor L. Sinclair addressed the Members and wished newly appointed Councillor V. Mulhall best wishes.

### Councillor V. Mulhall addressed the Members accepting her position as a Councillor.

### Councillors A. Edge, M. Duff, M. Johannson, L. Hagin Meade, S. Moynihan, D. McManus, E. Ó Broin, L. Dunne, W. Carey, J. Tuffy, T. Gilligan, C. O’Connor, A. Hayes, F. Timmons, V. Casserly, D. Ó Brádaigh, and L. Whelan paid tribute to former Councillor L. Sinclair and welcomed Councillor V. Mulhall.

Mr. C. Ward, Chief Executive, thanked former Councillor L. Sinclair on behalf of management team and staff of South Dublin County Council and welcomed Councillor V. Mulhall.

**REPLY:**

A number of vacancies existed on the following committees/statutory bodies previously held by Councillor L. Sinclair who resigned as Councillor on 19th November 2023 and subsequently was disqualified from membership of these committees.

* **Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change SPC**
* **Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board**
* **Inter Local Authority Committee on Fire/Ambulance Services and Emergency Managemen**t

It was also agreed at the November OP&F that addressing the vacancy on **Tallaght Community Arts** be deferred until the December Council meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor M. Lynch, seconded by Councillor L. Hagin Meade, and **AGREED** that Councillor V. Mulhall be appointed to the **Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change SPC** to fill the vacancy previously held by Councillor L. Sinclair who resigned as Councillor on 19th November 2023.

It was proposed by Councillor M. Lynch, seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor, and **AGREED** that Councillor M. Duff be appointed to the **Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board** to fill the vacancy previously held by Councillor L. Sinclair who resigned as Councillor on 19th November 2023.

It was proposed by Councillor M. Lynch, seconded by Councillor L. Hagin Meade, and **AGREED** that Councillor V. Mulhall be appointed to the **Inter Local Authority Committee on Fire/Ambulance Services and Emergency Management** to fill the vacancy previously held by Councillor L. Sinclair who resigned as Councillor on 19th November 2023.

It was proposed by Councillor M. Lynch, seconded by Councillor L. Hagin Meade, and **AGREED** that Councillor V. Mulhall be appointed to fill the vacancy at **Tallaght Community Arts**.

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. 13 **(H13)** next and welcomed Ms. Ann Horan, Auditor, of the Audit Committee to the meeting

**H13/1223 AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT ON AUDITED AFS 2022 AND LG AUDITOR’S REPORT – FOR APPROVAL**

### The following report by the Audit Committee, which had been circulated, was presented by Ms. Ann Horan, Auditor and was **CONSIDERED.**

[H13 Audit Committee report to Council on audited AFS 2022](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/80910)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors D. McManus, R. McMahon, W. Carey, and P. Gogarty. Queries were raised regarding Housing rent collection, legal actions taken by the Council and the appointment of a Procurement Officer.

Mr. C. Ward, Chief Executive, and Ms. L. Maxwell, Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management, responded to the Members queries.

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

**H3/1223 REPORTS OF AREA COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

Proposed by Corporate Performance and Change Management Directorate

1. **Rathfarnham/Templeogue/Firhouse/Bohernabreena Area Committee**

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

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

1. **Clondalkin Area Committee**

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

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

1. **Tallaght Area Committee**

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

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

1. **Lucan/Palmerstown/North Clondalkin Area Committee**

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

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

**H4a/1223 STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE - FOR APPROVAL**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Ms. L. Maxwell, Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management, and were **CONSIDERED.**

**January 2024**

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| Wed. | 3rd Jan |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 4th Jan |  |  |  |
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| **DATE** | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 8th Jan | **CPG Meeting** | 3:00pm |  |
| Tue. | 9th Jan | **Rathfarnham – Templeogue – Firhouse - Bohernabreena Area Committee***Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 19/12/2023 |
| Wed. | 10th Jan |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 11th Jan |  |  |  |
| Fri. | 12th Jan |  |  |  |

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| Mon. | 15th Jan | **Council Meeting** | 3:30pm - 7:00pm | 22/12/2023 |
| Tue. | 16th Jan |  |  |  |
| Wed. |  17th Jan | **Clondalkin – Newcastle - Rathcoole - Saggart - Brittas Area Committee***Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning**Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 3/1/2024 |
| Thur. | 18th Jan |  |  |  |
| Fri. | 19th Jan |  |  |  |

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| **DATE** | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 22nd Jan | **Traffic Management Meeting****(Tallaght)****Tallaght Area Committee***Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 2:15pm – 3:00pm3.00pm - 6.00pm | 8/1/2024 |
| Tue. | 23rd Jan | **Traffic Management Meeting****(Lucan-Palmerstown-North Clondalkin)****Lucan-Palmerstown-North Clondalkin** *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 2:15pm – 3:00pm3.00pm - 6.00pm | 9/1/2024 |
| Wed. | 24th Jan | **Deputations** | 3.00pm - 6.00pm |  |
| Thur. | 25th Jan | **Traffic Management Meeting****(Clondalkin – Newcastle - Rathcoole - Saggart - Brittas)****Traffic Management Meeting****(Rathfarnham – Templeogue – Firhouse – Bohernabreena)****OP&F****Women’s Caucus** | 2:00pm – 2:45pm2:45pm – 3:30pm3:30pm – 6:00pm6:00pm | 11/1/2024 |
| Fri.  | 26th Jan |  |  |  |
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| **DATE** | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 29th Jan |  |  |  |
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**February 2024**

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| Thur. | 1st Feb |  |  |  |
| Fri. | 2nd Feb |  |  |  |
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| **Date** | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 5th Feb | **Bank Holiday** |  |  |
| Tue. | 6th Feb | **CPG Meeting****Environment, Water, Climate Change & Biodiversity SPC** | 3:00pm 5:30pm – 7:00pm |  |
| Wed. | 7th Feb | **Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries** | 5:30pm – 7:00pm |  |
| Thur. | 8th Feb | **Housing SPC** |  5:30pm-7:00pm |  |
| Fri | 9th Feb |  |  |  |

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| Mon. | 12th Feb | **Council Meeting** | 3:30pm - 7:00pm | 26/1/2024 |
| Tue. | 13th Feb | **Rathfarnham – Templeogue – Firhouse - Bohernabreena Area Committee** | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 29/1/2024 |
| Wed. | 14th Feb | **Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC** | 5:30pm – 7:00pm |  |
| Thur. | 15th Feb |  |  |  |
| Fri | 16th Feb |  |  |  |
| **Date** | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 19th Feb |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 20th Feb | **Social, Community & Community SPC** | 3:00pm – 4.30pm |  |
| Wed. | 21st Feb | **Clondalkin – Newcastle - Rathcoole - Saggart - Brittas Area Committee***Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning**Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 7/2/2024 |
| Thur. | 22nd Feb |  |  |  |
| Fri | 23rd Feb |  |  |  |

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| Mon. | 26th Feb | **Tallaght Area Committee***Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 12/2/2024 |
| Tues. | 27th Feb | **Lucan-Palmerstown-North Clondalkin** *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 13/2/2024 |
| Wed. | 28th Feb | **Deputations** | 3.00pm - 6.00pm |  |
| Thur. | 29th Feb | **Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC** | 5:30pm – 7:00pm |  |
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**March 2024**

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| Fri. | 1st Mar |  |  |  |
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| **Date** | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 4th Mar | **CPG Meeting** | 3:00pm |  |
| Tue. | 5th Mar |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 6th Mar |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 7th Mar |  |  |  |
| Fri | 8th Mar |  |  |  |

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| Mon. | 11th Mar | **Council Meeting** | 3:30pm - 7:00pm | 26/2/2024 |
| Tue. | 12th Mar | **Rathfarnham – Templeogue – Firhouse - Bohernabreena Area Committee***Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 27/2/2024 |
| Wed. | 13th Mar |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 14th Mar |  |  |  |
| Fri | 15th Mar |  |  |  |

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| Mon. | 18th Mar | **Bank Holiday** |  |  |
| Tue. | 19th Mar |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 20th Mar | **Clondalkin – Newcastle - Rathcoole - Saggart - Brittas Area Committee***Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning**Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 5/3/2024 |
| Thur. | 21st Mar | **Traffic Management Meeting (Rathfarnham – Templeogue – Firhouse – Bohernabreena)****Traffic Management Meeting****(** **Clondalkin – Newcastle - Rathcoole - Saggart - Brittas)****OP&F****Women’s Caucus** | 2:00pm – 2:45pm2:45pm – 3:30pm3:30pm – 6:00pm6:00pm | 6/3/2024 |
| Fri | 22nd Mar |  |  |  |

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| Mon. | 25th Mar | **Traffic Management Meeting****(Tallaght)****Tallaght Area Committee***Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 2:15pm – 3:00pm3.00pm - 6.00pm | 8/3/2024 |
| Tue. | 26th Mar | **Traffic Management Meeting****(Lucan-Palmerstown-North Clondalkin)****Lucan-Palmerstown-North Clondalkin** *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 2:15pm – 3:00pm3.00pm - 6.00pm | 11/3/2024 |
| Wed. | 27th Mar | **Deputations** | 3.00pm - 6.00pm |  |
| Thur. | 28th Mar |  |  |  |
| Fri | 29th Mar | **Bank Holiday** |  |  |

**April 2024**

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| **DATE** | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 1st April | **Bank Holiday** | 3:00pm |  |
| Tue. | 2nd April | **CPG Meeting** | 3:00pm |  |
| Wed. | 3rd April |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 4th April |  |  |  |
| Fri. | 5th April |  |  |  |
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| **Date** | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 8th April | **Council Meeting** | 3:30pm - 7:00pm | 21/3/2024 |
| Tue. | 9th April | **Rathfarnham – Templeogue – Firhouse - Bohernabreena Area Committee***Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3:00pm – 6:00pm | 22/3/2024 |
| Wed. | 10th April |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 11th April |  |  |  |
| Fri | 12th April |  |  |  |

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| Mon. | 15th April |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 16th April |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 17th April | **Clondalkin – Newcastle - Rathcoole - Saggart - Brittas Area Committee***Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning**Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 3/4/2024 |
| Thur. | 18th April |  |  |  |
| Fri | 19th April |  |  |  |

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| Mon. | 22nd April | **Tallaght Area Committee***Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 8/3/2024 |
| Tue. | 23rd April | **Lucan-Palmerstown-North Clondalkin** *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 9/3/2024 |
| Wed. | 24th April | **Deputations** | 3.00pm - 6.00pm |  |
| Thur. | 25th April |  |  |  |
| Fri | 26th April |  |  |  |

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**May 2024**

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| Wed. | 1st May | **Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries** | 5:30pm – 7:00pm |  |
| Thur. | 2nd May |  |  |  |
| Fri. | 3rd May |  |  |  |
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| **Date** | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 6th May | **Bank Holiday** |  |  |
| Tue. | 7th May | **CPG Meeting****Environment, Water, Climate Change & Biodiversity SPC** | 3:00pm 5:30pm – 7:00pm |  |
| Wed. | 8th May | **Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development SPC** | 5:30pm – 7:00pm |  |
| Thur. | 9th May | **Housing SPC** |  5:30pm-7:00pm |  |
| Fri | 10th May |  |  |  |

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| **Date** | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 13th May | **Council Meeting** | 3:30 - 7:00pm | 26/4/2024 |
| Tue. | 14th May | **Rathfarnham – Templeogue – Firhouse - Bohernabreena Area Committee***Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3:00pm – 6:00pm | 29/4/2024 |
| Wed. | 15th May | **Clondalkin – Newcastle - Rathcoole - Saggart - Brittas Area Committee***Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning**Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 3.00pm - 6.00pm | 30/4/2024 |
| Thur. | 16th May |  |  |  |
| Fri | 17th May |  |  |  |

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| **Date** | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 20th May |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 21st May | **Social, Community & Community SPC** | 3:00pm – 4.30pm |  |
| Wed. | 22nd May |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 23rd May | **Traffic Management Meeting****(** **Clondalkin – Newcastle - Rathcoole - Saggart - Brittas)****Traffic Management Meeting (Rathfarnham – Templeogue – Firhouse – Bohernabreena)****OP&F****Women’s Caucus** | 2:00pm – 2:45pm2:45pm – 3:30pm3:30pm – 6:00pm6:00pm | 9/5/2024 |
| Fri | 24th May |  |  |  |

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| **Date** | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 27th May | **Traffic Management Meeting****(Tallaght)****Tallaght Area Committee***Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 2:15pm – 3:00pm3.00pm - 6.00pm | 13/5/2024 |
| Tue. | 28th May | **Traffic Management Meeting****(Lucan-Palmerstown-North Clondalkin)****Lucan-Palmerstown-North Clondalkin** *Public realm, Environment, Water & Drainage, Community, Housing, Transportation, \*Planning Libraries & Arts, Economic Development, Corporate Support, Performance & change Management* | 2:15pm – 3:00pm3.00pm - 6.00pm | 14/5/2024 |
| Wed. | 29th May | **Deputations** | 3.00pm - 6.00pm |  |
| Thur. | 30th May | **Land Use, Planning & Transportation SPC** | 5:30pm – 7:00pm |  |
| Fri | 31st May |  |  |  |

**June 2024**

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| **DATE** | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 3rd June | **Bank Holiday** |  |  |
| Tue. | 4th June |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 5th June |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 6th June |  |  |  |
| Fri. | 7th June |  |  |  |
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| **Date** | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 10th June |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 11th June |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 12th June |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 13th June |  |  |  |
| Fri | 14th June |  |  |  |

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| **Date** | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 17th June |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 18th June |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 19th June |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 20th June |  |  |  |
| Fri | 21st June | **Inaugural Meeting (Unconfirmed)** | 3:30pm |  |

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| **Date** | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 24th June |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 25th June |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 26th June |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 27th June |  |  |  |
| Fri | 28th June |  |  |  |

**July 2024**

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| **DATE** | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 1st July | **CPG Meeting** | 3:00pm |  |
| Tue. | 2nd July |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 3rd July |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 4th July | **OP&F** | 3:30pm – 6:00pm | 20/6/2024 |
| Fri. | 5th July |  |  |  |
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| **Date** | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 8th July | **Council Meeting** | 3:30pm - 7:00pm | 24/6/2024 |
| Tue. | 9th July |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 10th July |  |  |  |
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| **Date** | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| Mon. | 15th July |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 16th July |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 17th July |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 18th July |  |  |  |
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| Mon. | 22nd July |  |  |  |
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| Wed. | 24th July |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 25th July |  |  |  |
| Fri | 26th July |  |  |  |

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The Reports were proposed by Councillor A. Edge, seconded by Councillor L. Hagin Meade, and **AGREED.**

**H4b/1223 STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE - FOR APPROVAL**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Ms. L. Maxwell, Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management, and were **CONSIDERED.**

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

[**Section 142 (5) of Local Government Act 2001**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/zza37y2001s142.html) provides for the authorization of Members’ attendance at conferences both home and abroad.

**Training Notified Since September 2023**

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| **Name** | **Organisation** | **Location** | **Date** |
| AILG Annual Seminar 2024 | AILG | Arklow Bay Hotel, Co. Wicklow | 14th - 15th February 2024 |
| AILG Module 6 | AILG | The Tower Hotel, Co. Waterford & The Clayton Hotel, Ballybrit, Co. Galway | 16th November & 18th November |
| LAMA Autumn Seminar | LAMA | Ard Rí Hotel, Tuam, Co. Galway | 25th - 26th October |
| AILG Module 5 | AILG | The Kilmore Hotel, Co. Cavan & The Rose Hotel, Co. Tralee | 19th October & 21st October 2023 |

**Training Confirmed Attended Since September 2023**

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| **Name** | **Organisation** | **Location** | **Date** | **Councillors in Attendance** |
| LAMA Autumn Seminar | LAMA | Ard Rí Hotel, Tuam, Co. Galway | 25th - 26th October | Cllr S. O'HaraCllr K. EganCllr B. LawlorCllr R. McMahonCllr B. Pereppadan  |
| AILG Autumn Seminar | AILG | Sligo Park Hotel, Co. Sligo | 13th - 14th September | Cllr K. EganCllr S. O'HaraCllr B. LawlorCllr D. McManusCllr G. O'ConnellCllr B. PereppadanCllr J. Tuffy |
| Irish Council of Social Housing | ICSH | Clayton Whites Hotel, Co. Wexford | 19th November 2023 | Cllr B. Lawlor, Cllr D. McManus |

Listed below are conferences which have been notified to South Dublin County Council and whose appropriateness has been vetted by the members’ working group in accordance with Circ. Letter 02/10.

**Conferences Notified September 2023**

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| **Name** | **Organisation** | **Location** | **Date** |
| Irish District Energy Association Annual Conference 2023 | Irish District Energy Association | Dublin | 26th October 2023  |
| Daniel O'Connell Summer School 2023 | Daniel O'Connell Summer School | Kerry | 27th October - 28th October 2023 |

**Conferences Confirmed Attended Since September 2023**

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| **Name** | **Organisation** | **Location** | **Date** | **Councillors in Attendance** |
| Irish District Energy Association Annual Conference 2023 | Irish District Energy Association | Dublin | 26th October 2023  | Cllr W. Carey Cllr D. Ó Brádaigh |
| MacGill Summer School 2023 | MacGill Summer School | Donegal | 16th August - 19th August | Cllr B. Lawlor Cllr K. Egan Cllr S. O'Hara Cllr B. Pereppadan |
| Daniel O'Connell Summer School 2023 | Daniel O'Connell Summer School | Kerry | 27th October - 28th October 2023 | Cllr R. McMahon, Cllr D. McManus |

**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."

**The is now before Council for Approval.**

The Reports were proposed by Councillor A. Edge, seconded by Councillor L. Hagin Meade, and **AGREED.**

**H4c/1223 STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE - FOR APPROVAL**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Ms. L. Maxwell, Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management, and were **CONSIDERED.**

**The following report went to the November OP&F meeting.**

At the October Council meeting of Fingal County Council, it was agreed that Fingal County Council would increase their Councillor representatives on the Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area Order (SAAO) Management Committee from 3 to 6 Members and that said Members would be comprised from the Castleknock Ward.

South Dublin County Council currently has 3 members on the Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area Order Management Committee; Councillors Ed O'Brien, Liona O'Toole & Alan Hayes.

This is now before the Council for consideration.

Councillor G. O’Connell suggested that all the members from Lucan Palmerstown North Clondalkin Area Committee be nominated.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors G. O’Connell, F. Timmons, C. King, J. Tuffy, E. Murphy, A. Edge, A. Hayes, L. O’Toole, L. Dunne, E. O’Brien, and P. Gogarty who spoke in favour of the suggestion.

Ms. L. Maxwell, Director for Corporate Performance and Change Management, addressed the members.

Councillor G. O’Connell’s proposal was **AGREED.**

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

The Reports were proposed by Councillor A. Edge, seconded by Councillor L. Hagin Meade, and **AGREED.**

**H4d/1223 STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE - FOR APPROVAL**

The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Ms. L. Maxwell, Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management, and were **CONSIDERED.**

**The following report went to the November OP&F meeting.**

Following the co-option of Councillor J. Sinnott at the November Council Meeting it was agreed to defer proposing nominations to the following committees to the next Council meeting:

* **Joint Policing Committee**
* **Commemorations Committee**
* **Tallaght Community Arts Centre**

These nominations are now before this Council for consideration.

**Joint Policing Committee:**

The nomination of Councillor J. Sinnott was **APPROVED** on the proposition of Councillor E. Ó Broin and seconded by Councillor C. O’Connor.

**Commemorations Committee:**

The nomination of Councillor J. Sinnott was **APPROVED** on the proposition of Councillor E. Ó Broin and seconded by Councillor A. Edge.

**Tallaght Community Arts:**

Councillor M. Lynch asked for this to be deferred to next months Meeting.

The Members **AGREED.**

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

The Reports were proposed by Councillor A. Edge, seconded by Councillor L. Hagin Meade, and **AGREED.**

**H5/1223 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**
 The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Ms. L. Maxwell, Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management, and was **CONSIDERED**

[H-5 (a) (i) Report on ACGHL SPC 6th Nov](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80879)
[H-5 (a) (ii) Minutes of Â ACGHL SPC 6th Sept](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80862)
[H-5 (b) (i) Report of Environment SPC 6th Nov](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80793)
[H-5 (b) (ii) Minutes of Environment SPC held on 5th Sept](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80788)
[H-5 (c) (i) Report of EETD SPC 8th Nov](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80700)
[H-5 (c) (ii) Minutes of EETD SPC held on 13th Sept](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80701)
[H-5 (d) (i) Report of the November 2023 Housing SPC](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80897)
[H-5 (d) (ii) Minutes of the Housing SPC September 2023](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80773)
[H-5 (e) (i) Report on the SCE SPC November 2023](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80774)
[H-5 (e) (ii) Minutes of the SCE SPC September 2023](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80775)
[H-5 (f) (i) Minutes of the LUPT SPC September 2023](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80900)

The reports were **NOTED.**

**H6/1223 REPORTS REQUESTED BY AREA COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

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

**H7/1223 REPORT FROM JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE - FOR NOTING**

The following reports, which had been circulated, were presented by Councillor S. Moynihan, Chair of Joint Policing Committee.

[H7(a) Report of the September Joint Policing Committee Meeting](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80754)
[H7(b) Report of the November Joint Policing Committee Meeting](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80890)

Councillor E. Ó Broin congratulated Councillor S. Moynihan on his work as Chair of the JPC.

The reports were **NOTED**.

**Questions:**

It was proposed by Councillor A. Edge, seconded by Councillor S. Moynihan and **RESOLVED**:

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 22, Questions numbered Q1 – Q31 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

### **Q1/1223 Councillor T. Costello**

To ask the manager for an update on projects that were awarded sports capital funding in the past 5 years.

**REPLY:**

The Sports Capital Programme update below outlines the total number of projects in progress, completed and not commenced in the County. The Public Realm team manage some of the projects under the Capital Programme, while the Community team support the community facilities that have a direct landownership link to the Council.

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| Sports Capital Programme | 2015 | 2017 | 2019 | 2020 |
| Total Number of Projects | 5 | 8 | 9 | 18 |
| Completed | 3 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| In Progress | 1 | 7 | 7 | 11 |
| Not Commenced | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

The Council is currently awaiting a decision from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, in relation to the 34 projects and over €2.7 m applied for under the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme (SCEP) 2023.

### **Q2/1223 Councillor T. Costello**

To ask the Chief Executive to confirm if there is a process of enforcement whereby owners must ensure the trees on their property are pruned or removed (if dangerous).

**REPLY:**

Property owners are required by law to maintain any trees on their property to ensure that they do not pose a hazard to members of the public or to adjoining property.  If tree branches are protruding beyond the property boundary then the owner of a neighbouring property is entitled to prune these back to the boundary line, as long as they are interfering with the property and causing nuisance.  Where a dispute arises between adjoining landowners the Council has no role in resolving such an issue, it is for the adjoining property owners to resolve and this can be done through the courts if necessary.

Section 70 (2) (a) of the Roads Act 1993 provides that the owner or occupier of land shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that a tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation on their land is not a hazard or potential hazard to persons using a public road and that it does not obstruct or interfere with the safe use of a public road or the maintenance of a public road. The Local Authority may notify the owner of a tree, shrub or hedge in writing if the tree is or is likely to be a hazard and can require the owner to take appropriate action.

### **Q3/1223 Councillor T. Costello**

To ask the manager, how many times in the past 12 months has the dog shelter had to refuse a dog being surrendered

**REPLY:**

Under the Control of Dogs Act, 1986, Section 12 (1) states that a local authority may accept from its owner, or from a person authorised by the owner, an unwanted dog and, subject to subsection (2) of this section, may dispose of such dog or arrange for its destruction in a humane manner.

As the Act states, the Council does not have an obligation to take surrenders. SDCC do not record the number of refusals as sometimes it’s a short-term refusal, other times longer. On occasions, the dog owner has found another home for the dog. A surrender may not be taken if the dog pound is near capacity. The local authority has an obligation to take stray dogs into the dog pound and therefore these are prioritised.

SDCC have taken 65 surrenders since January 2023.  SDCC do not charge a fee to members of the public who wish to surrender their dog. Dog owners wishing to surrender their dog to the Council's Dog Warden, must provide a dog licence as proof of ownership.

### **Q4/1223 Councillor M. Lynch**

To ask the chief executive for a report on the recent EPA findings that South Dublin County Council was not one of the 10 local authorities that achieved the required standard in enforcement of the environmental regulations in 2022. Report to highlight how the council will meet the 2023 targets.

**REPLY:**

Since 2006, Local Authorities have developed enforcement plans to improve the organisation and effectiveness of environmental inspections and enforcement.

These plans arise from the European Parliament and Council Recommendation 2001/331/EC, on the recommended minimum criteria for environmental inspections in member states, known as “RMCEI”.

Within these plans Local Authorities prepare yearly enforcement plans to improve the effectiveness of environmental inspections and these are submitted to the EPA by the end of February annually.

The RMCEI draws from various internal and external stakeholders, namely Litter Section, Environmental Awareness Section, Waste Enforcement & Licensing Section, the HSE’s Environmental Health Officers and Dublin Fire Brigade.

The EPA recently introduced a new ‘Local Authority Performance Framework’ (LAPF) to assess local authority performance against National Enforcement Priorities (NEP’s).

The LAPF assessment is conducted under four themes namely governance, water, waste, and air/noise. The assessment is primarily based on information supplied annually by the Local Authority including its RMCEI Plan, RMCEI Data Returns and NEP Progress Reports.

For each of the three thematic areas waste, water and air/noise, there are five National Enforcement Priorities with key activities identified for local authorities. Each priority has an agreed objective and a specified outcome to be achieved over a three-year cycle, with the first cycle of the revised framework running from 2022-2024.

From the EPA’s assessment of South Dublin’s performance across 20 thematic areas, SDCC met the required standard of Excellent or Strong in 60% of the National Enforcement Priorities in 2022.  This was above the national average.

Local Authorities are expected to meet the required standard by the end of the 2022-2024 three-year cycle and South Dublin County Council will meet this requirement.

### **Q5/1223 Councillor L. Guéret**

To ask the Chief Executive, if there are any plans for the building of any new libraries in South County Dublin.

**REPLY:**

South Dublin Libraries current branch network consists of 6 full-time branches of varying size and age and one small, part-time branch in Palmerstown. In addition, our mobile library service operates across the county, serving a catchment population of around 10,000 people through the public stop timetable. In addition, the mobile library service delivers housebound services and visits to schools, creches, nursing homes, and other facilities. There are also two satellite services, Think Big Space in Tallaght, and Stewart’s Library in Palmerstown.

The following projects are included in the County Development Plan or have been included in the current Capital Programme:

* Clondalkin Library – Access Improvement and Refurbishment Works (Part 8 process due to commence)
* Adamstown – New Development (Pre-planning)
* Citywest – New Development (Pre-planning)
* Rathcoole – New Development (Initiation)

### **Q6/1223 Councillor L. Guéret**

To ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans for the building of any new Community Centres in South County Dublin.

**REPLY:**

Over the coming years, the Council has plans to deliver a significant number of additional community centres to assist in meeting local community recreational needs as the County continues to expand and grow. The Chief Executive's Capital Projects Progress Report for December includes an update on the proposed construction/refurbishment of new and existing community facilities in the County.

### **Q7/1223 Councillor L. Guéret**

To ask the Chief Executive if there are any plans to erect a Living Wall at the County Hall Tallaght, or another Public Building in The County.

**REPLY:**

This is something that the Corporate and Facilities Management team is looking at to support the climate action agenda. The Council previously examined the provision of a Living Wall at County Hall however there is no suitable external wall and the main atrium concourse is not suitable due to very high maintenance required because of the glass roof, resulting in extreme heat and very strong sunlight. Living walls with live plants need constant care in pruning, watering and regular repotting to replace failing plants resulting in high monthly maintenance costs. There are a limited number of other suitable public buildings in the county that the council are considering to determine feasibility, potential benefits and costs in provided and maintaining.

### **Q8/1223 Councillor L. Guéret**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on current South Dublin County Council Housing Building Projects.

**REPLY:**

The Chief Executive's Capital Projects Progress Report for December includes an update on the Council's current and proposed social, affordable and cost rental housing construction projects in the County.

### **Q9/1223 Councillor L. Guéret**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Winter Weather Emergency Plans, particularly those affecting rural areas in our County.

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council has a number of plans in place to assist in the response to emergencies. In addition to the Winter Service Plan, which is focused primarily on works to keep our roads open during cold spells, a Flood Emergency Plan and a Severe Weather Plan outline additional mobilisation procedures and regional coordination protocols which can be implemented if required.

When a Status Orange (or above) weather warning is issued by Met Éireann, the Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT), comprised of senior operational personnel from across the organisation, meets to assess preparedness for a given weather event and to agree appropriate actions.

In the event of extremely adverse weather, the elected members, the public, and business community will be kept advised of the ongoing situation using the Council’s Website and social media accounts.

The 2023-2024 Winter Service Plan for roads, which includes the salt gritting of primary and secondary routes, to aid in safe travel during icy conditions, will be operating throughout the Winter & Christmas period.  [Be Winter Ready - SDCC](https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/environment/be-winter-ready/be-winter-ready.html)

A new salt bin strategy is being rolled out this year that will see a near 50% increase in the number of salt bins around the county. These salt bins are strategically placed to best serve the wider community. For up-to-date information on services, please refer to [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie/) and the council's social media sites.

The national winter ready website also has very useful information and can be found at [gov.ie - Be Winter Ready (www.gov.ie)](https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/aa78b9-be-winter-ready/?referrer=/en)

The Council has maintenance crews on standby to deal with emergencies over the Christmas and Winter period.  An emergency service is provided where members of the public seeking assistance in an emergency can contact the Council's out of hours emergency number at 01- 4574907.

You can also follow the below Twitter accounts to stay updated.

[**https://twitter.com/sdublincoco**](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftwitter.com%2Fsdublincoco&amp;data=02%7C01%7C%7C53e87b28c37b4706cc2208d771b5f7e2%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C637102898664754169&amp;sdata=HVkkEgn5r%2BqVQCjVIa7seY%2FUR26COpYG2bXb5pUCQfo%3D&amp;reserved=0)

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### **Q10/1223 Councillor L. Guéret**

To ask the Chief Executive if there any plans to display information regarding the services that are provided and events that occur in South County Dublin on visual display screens in South County Dublin Libraries in the form of a South Dublin County Council News Channel displaying the Services, Amenities, Environmental Awareness and all events concerning South County Dublin.

**REPLY:**

South Dublin Libraries events are displayed on screens in our libraries to keep people up to date with events happening in our libraries across the County, including Library opening hours.

We share other South Dublin County Council events and updates on these screens on request from other Council departments and will continue to do so going forward.

### **Q11/1223 Councillor M. Johansson**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a table containing the average time on list for social housing allocations in 2023 broken down by North/South of Naas Road and number of bedrooms?

**REPLY:**

The average time on list is not split by North/South of the Naas Road.

The table below details the average time on list for all of the Council’s administrative area broken down by bedroom requirement;

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Time on list for allocations** | **1 Bed** | **2 Bed** | **3 Bed** | **4 Bed +** | **Overall Average** |
| (ex transfers) | 8.8 years | 10.2 years | 9.8 years | 10.4 years | 9.8 years |

### **Q12/1223 Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh** To ask the manager to provide details / information regarding planned 'affordable housing' schemes, that will include eligibility for households under two people, location, and an indicative cost of a unit at market value and after the equity share bridging amount is applied?

**REPLY:**

To date, 45 new homes have been made available for purchase by eligible applicants in Kilcarbery Grange with a further 5 dwellings to be made available in this Development.

Twenty-five three-bedroom houses have been offered for sale at Parkleigh, Seven Mills, Clonburris in November 2023. An additional 34 dwellings will be made available in Adamstown in 2024.

Negotiations are ongoing with developers deemed to have 20% liability under Part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 to provide affordable and social homes. Confirmation of location and delivery of additional Affordable Housing Units will be made available once negotiations are complete.

Significant affordable housing delivery is also included in the Council's mixed tenure developments in Kilcarbery, Clonburris, Killinarden and proposed developments at Castlefield and Oldcastle Park.

The Scheme of Priority for Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangements outlines the eligibility criteria for the different types of affordable homes based on the number of bedrooms and household members. The dwellings will be sold at a price that is lower than market value (such price to be determined in accordance with the income of the purchaser) and that the Council will take a percentage equity share in the dwelling equal to the difference between market value of the dwelling and the price paid by the purchaser. This is expressed as a percentage of the market value of the dwelling.

### **Q13/1223 Councillor E. Ó Broin**

To ask the Chief Executive if SDCC continues to cut the grass on greens of estates that are taken in charge or is it up to the residents to self organise?

**REPLY:**

The Council's Public Realm Section cuts the grass on CLASS 1\* green open spaces which have been taken in charge. These areas are typically cut on a fortnightly cycle.  Grass margins which are either in front of or alongside houses are considered to be the responsibility of the homeowner or occupier to maintain and to cut.

CLASS 1 \* refers to large green open space

### **Q14/1223 Councillor E. Ó Broin**

To ask the Chief Executive if it is his view that the green areas of private housing estates that are taken in charge might in the future be used for infill social or affordable housing developments?

**REPLY:**

An objective of the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028 is to promote and facilitate the development of infill schemes throughout the County where it has been identified that such schemes will contribute towards the enhancement of communities within the County, working towards an even spread of such schemes across all local electoral areas, whilst ensuring that sufficient and appropriate public spaces and amenities are preserved in existing residential estates, subject to the protection of residential amenity. In addition to this, H3 Objective 4: To support community led housing developments for older persons and social and Council affordable housing in established areas on lands designated with Zoning Objective “OS” (To preserve and provide for open space and recreational amenities), only where the quality and quantum of remaining public open space is deemed to be adequate and the amenities of the area are preserved.

### **Q15/1223 Councillor E. Ó Broin**

To ask the Chief Executive how many social housing tenants of SDCC have applied for permission to carry out energy efficiency upgrades of their homes to a BER of B2 during the lifetime of this council by area committee and year?

**REPLY:**

The Council's planned maintenance team continue to progress and increase activity both under the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage funded Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme and the Council’s windows/doors upgrade programme. Progress to date by Electoral Area is set out below:

 **Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme:**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Electoral Area** | **Works Complete** | **Works Commenced** | **At Tender or Survey** | **Totals** |
| Clondalkin | 23 | 4 | 52 | **79** |
| Firhouse-Bohernabreena | 44 | 0 | 0 | **44** |
| Lucan | 8 | 4 | 4 | **16** |
| Palmerstown-Fonthill | 52 | 7 | 58 | **117** |
| Rathfarnham-Templeogue | 8 | 0 | 4 | **12** |
| Tallaght Central | 18 | 4 | 55 | **77** |
| Tallaght South | 67 | 0 | 10 | **67** |
| **Totals** | **210** | **19** | **174** | **412** |

**Windows & Doors Programme 2023:**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Electoral Area** | **Works Complete** | **Contractor Appointed** | **At Tender Stage** | **Totals** |
| Clondalkin | 28 | 34 | 19 | **81** |
| Lucan | 5 | 0 | 5 | **10** |
| Palmerstown-Fonthill | 56 | 19 | 5 | **80** |
| Rathfarnham-Templeogue | 7 | 2 | 35 | **44** |
| Tallaght Central | 21 | 31 | 33 | **85** |
| Tallaght South | 84 | 26 | 155 | **265** |
| Firhouse-Bohernabreena | 8 | 1 | 6 | **15** |
| **Totals** | **209** | **113** | **258** | **580** |

There is no record of applications from social housing tenants who have applied for permission to carry out energy efficiency upgrades of their homes to a BER of B2.

The locations for the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme are determined by the Council’s technical team based on existing Building Energy Rating & Building type with the project spread across the existing Housing Stock. It is envisaged that the location of future energy efficiency retrofit works will be determined based on the periodic property inspections which are to commence in 2024.

### **Q16/1223 Councillor E. Ó Broin**

To ask the chief executive why he commenced requesting developers to provide distinct street names for the buildings of an apartment complex, rather than having one name and Block A, Block B, Block C etc. to differentiate the various buildings of the complex, as is the practice around the World?

**REPLY:**

While the responsibility for proposing naming and numbering schemes for new developments rests with the developer, the Council advises developers of requirements and approves the eventual scheme. The use of the Irish language exclusively is encouraged in line with objectives of the County Development Plan.

It is Council policy that the name chosen for a development must reflect the local and/or historical context of the area in which it is located. This should be done in a manner that is not overly obscure or difficult to relate to. This can be achieved by reference to local history; the townland, parish or other long-established name, past industry or employment in the area, local topography, or a well-known association of a significant historical individual, event or custom from the local area.

All houses, offices, and other premises should be numbered and duplication of numbers avoided.

Given the need for clarity it may be necessary to differentiate various buildings within complexes by name in cases where the proposed numbering scheme seeks to follow a similar numbering pattern. See example below on which it would be totally inappropriate not to have agreed distinct names for both blocks in this development given the numbering scheme.

**Teach na Camóige, Lána an Uisce, Cluain Dolcáin, Baile Átha Cliath 22 / Camac House, Watery Lane, Clondalkin, Dublin 22**

Ground Floor 1 – 4 Retail Units
1st Floor Apt 1 – 10 Consecutive
2nd Floor Apt 11 – 20 Consecutive
3rd Floor Apt 21 – 30 Consecutive
4th Floor Apt 31 – 38 Consecutive

**Bealach na Camóige, Lána an Uisce, Cluain Dolcáin, Baile Átha Cliath 22 / Camac Way, Watery Lane, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 /**

Ground Floor Apt 1 – 8 Consecutive
1st Floor Apt 9 – 16 Consecutive
2nd Floor Apt 17 – 22 Consecutive

Similarly, naming and numbering schemes are designed to reflect their locations relative to the street onto which they orientate.  For example

**Rae Chluain na Páirce*,* Na Seacht Muileann, Cluain Buiríosa, Baile Átha Cliath 22 / Parkleigh Row, Seven Mills, Clonburris, Dublin 22**

**Bóthar Chluain na Páirce*,* Na Seacht Muileann, Cluain Buiríosa, Baile Átha Cliath 22  / Parkleigh Road, Seven Mills, Clonburris, Dublin 22**

**Siúlán Chluain na Páirce*,* Na Seacht Muileann, Cluain Buiríosa, Baile Átha Cliath 22  / Parkleigh Walk, Seven Mills, Clonburris, Dublin 22**

### **Q17/1223 Councillor E. Ó Broin**

To ask the Chief Executive what supports he can make available to members of the SDCC PPN until such a times as there are new development staff employed there?

**REPLY:**

The Director of Housing, Social and Community Department is liaising with the Department of Rural Community and Development to re-activate the South Dublin County PPN. In the interim, administrative support is currently being provided to the PPN through the Council's Community Services Department.

### **Q18/1223 Councillor C. O’Connor**

To ask the CEO what actions are being taken to promote the availability of Council services and assistance to the public and may we have a statement?

**REPLY:**

South Dublin County Council seek to inform and engage with citizens through numerous channels to reach the maximum number of people possible.

The primary Council website ([**www.sdcc.ie**](http://www.sdcc.ie/)) acts as the directory for all services and updates, however, a focus as always is given to growing the reach and engagement of the Council website and posts on social media. This includes through paid social media campaigns, to target information to residents of South Dublin County.

The Council also works with local and national media through the issuing of press releases, by responding to frequent press queries and through inviting members of the media to key events. The Council also places advertising through the press and other avenues, such as bus shelter posters, to allow for greater visibility of our services and initiatives.

Further to this, for some initiatives, the Council often send mailshots to residents and businesses in the County or to specific areas of it. Examples of this including the Saggart and Tallaght South Electoral Area’s €300k Have Your Say initiative, Clondalkin Local area plan and other.

Post Covid, the Council has been more active at taking up various physical locations to promote our services including at Technical University Dublin, The Square Tallaght, Community Events across the county with plans to do similar in Liffey Valley and other locations.

The Council also produces citizen newsletters twice a year, with the summer edition being posted to every household in the country and the winter featured in public buildings and available in digital format.

Whether through the libraries, the Community, Recreation and Sports department or other sections, the Council organises and hosts hundreds of events and public meetings for citizens that are inclusive, accessible and look to promote the services the Council provides to its citizens.

The Council is always looking at new methods of engagement with our citizens, however, and welcomes any potential input from elected members on ways of doing so.

### **Q19/1223 Councillor C. O’Connor**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report into the Pavillion programme. Report to include when the review of the Pavillion programme will be completed and what direction does the Chief Executive envisage to any new Pavillion programme taking?

**REPLY:**

The Sports Pavillions programme provides for changing rooms within parks to serve a number of sports pitches; the following list of pavillions county-wide was agreed by the Council:

* Dodder Valley Old Bawn
* Griffeen Valley Park
* Corkagh Park ORR
* Tymon Park South
* Dodder Valley Mt Carmel
* Griffeen Valley – Arthur Griffith Park
* Collinstown Park

The pavilions have been funded via SDCC's capital budget with additional required funding via the sports capital grant application process. To date, SDCC have been successful with applications for Sports Capital Grants for five of the above pavilions and SDCC will continue to seek funding for such projects going forward.

In relation to the programme progress in general: Old Bawn Pavilion has finished on site and is open and operational. Griffeen Park Pavilion and Corkagh Park have both achieved Part 8 Planning permission. However, several recent tender processes to progress the construction of the programme have been unsuccessful and SDCC are now reviewing the pavilion build proposals to achieve better value for money and ensure progression of pavilion delivery. During the review, additional locations will also be considered, as it is several years since the programme was developed. The review is currently underway and will be presented to the council once complete, expected date for completion of the review/presentation to council being December 2023/January 2024.

### **Q20/1223 Councillor C. O’Connor**

To ask the CEO what plans are in place to deal with emergencies throughout the Christmas period; will he give details and assurances and make a statement?

**REPLY:**

In advance of the offices closing on Friday 22nd December 2023 and re-opening on Tuesday 2nd January 2024, notices will be placed on the Council website, all South Dublin County Council social media accounts and telephony systems advising members of the public that the offices are closed during this period. Information will be provided regarding the Council’s Emergency/ Out of hour’s service number:  01- 4574907.

An on call rota will be operated by the Service Departments to address emergency requests for assistance.

In the event of severe weather events, South Dublin County Council has plans in place to assist in the response to emergencies. Where a Status Orange (or above) weather warning is issued by Met Éireann, the Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT), comprised of senior operational personnel from across the organisation, will meet to assess preparedness for a given weather event and to agree appropriate actions. Coordination between neighbouring LA’s and other agencies, including HSE, An Garda Síochána, Fire Brigade, Civil Defence, will also be undertaken.

South Dublin County Council, under the Major Emergency Management Framework, operates the following plans:

* Major Emergency Plan
* Flood Emergency Plan,
* Severe Weather Plan, and
* Rest Centre Plan.

The 2023-2024 Winter Service Plan for roads, which includes the salt gritting of primary and secondary routes, to aid in safe travel during icy conditions, will be operating throughout the Christmas Period. [Be Winter Ready - SDCC](https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/environment/be-winter-ready/be-winter-ready.html)

For up-to-date information on services during the Christmas Period, please refer to [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie) and council social media.

The national winter ready website also has very useful information and can be found at [gov.ie - Be Winter Ready (www.gov.ie)](https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/aa78b9-be-winter-ready/?referrer=/en)

The Council has maintenance crews on standby to deal with emergencies over the Christmas and Winter period.  An emergency service is provided where members of the public seeking assistance in an emergency can contact the Council's out of hours emergency number at 01- 4574907.

You can also follow the below Twitter accounts to stay updated.

[**https://twitter.com/sdublincoco**](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftwitter.com%2Fsdublincoco&amp;data=02%7C01%7C%7C53e87b28c37b4706cc2208d771b5f7e2%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C637102898664754169&amp;sdata=HVkkEgn5r%2BqVQCjVIa7seY%2FUR26COpYG2bXb5pUCQfo%3D&amp;reserved=0)

[**https://www.facebook.com/SouthDublinCountyCouncil**](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2FSouthDublinCountyCouncil&amp;data=02%7C01%7C%7C53e87b28c37b4706cc2208d771b5f7e2%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C637102898664754169&amp;sdata=jtl%2B%2B%2F7N09EoedNTvAMTI4lMh7z1QfllNBtykGec%2FjY%3D&amp;reserved=0)

[**@emergencyIE**](https://twitter.com/emergencyIE) [**@DubFirBrigade**](https://twitter.com/DubFireBrigade) [**@ESBNetworks**](https://twitter.com/ESBNetworks) [**@MetEireann**](https://twitter.com/MetEireann) [**@gardainfo**](https://twitter.com/Gardainfo) [**@GardaTraffic**](https://twitter.com/GardaTraffic) [**@IrishWater**](https://twitter.com/IrishWater) [**@IWCare**](https://twitter.com/IWCare) [**@opwireland**](https://twitter.com/opwireland)

### **Q21/1223 Councillor C. O’Connor**

To ask the CEO to confirm actions he is taking in respect of the Climate Change crisis and will he detail how he is getting his message across to the public and make a statement?

**REPLY:**

In 2023 SDCC continued progressing the implementation of the Climate Change Action Plan 2019 -2024 and the delivery of the 154 actions identified under the six Action Areas of: Energy and Buildings, Transport, Flood Resilience, Nature-based Solutions, Resource Management and Citizen Engagement.

Significant achievements have been made over the life of the CCAP. These include:

* 41.3% improvement in energy efficiency when compared to the baseline years (2006-2008)
* Completion of Phase One of Tallaght District Heating Scheme
* Commencement of the Whitechurch Stream and Poddle Rivers Flood Alleviation Schemes
* Three Integrated Constructed Wetlands have been constructed to successfully demonstrate the impact and benefits of these sites for the natural habitat and water quality
* Successful ongoing delivery of Cycle South Dublin and Active Travel Programme
* Programme of Social Housing retrofits
* Public Lighting replacement programme

 A full update on each of these actions is included in the CCAP Annual Report 2023. [Climate Change Plan Annual Report 2023.pdf](http://intranet/Cmas/documents/County%20Council/2023/December/December2023CountyCouncilMeeting/834975e2-36a3-4f85-8e58-46ed02321f0f.pdf)

 In February 2023 work commenced on a new Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 as it is a statutory requirement for local authorities under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amended) Act 2021. The plan is ambitious in its targets and in considering actions where the local authority can influence, co-ordinate/facilitate and advocate for climate action in wider society. The draft CAP was published on 29th September and the consultation process ran until 3rd November 2023. Several in-person information events were held in Tallaght, Clondalkin, Lucan and the Mansion House to provide members of the public with the opportunity to talk with SDCC staff about the Plan. In addition to this the Climate Action Team attended a series of pop-up information stands in libraries across the county.

The Climate Action Team keeps members of the public up-to-date on our work through [**www.southdublinclimate.ie**](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.southdublinclimate.ie%2F&amp;data=05%7C01%7Ctwalsh%40SDUBLINCOCO.ie%7Cea6b882126eb4490a00508dbf58c9058%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C638373756282886513%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C7000%7C%7C%7C&amp;sdata=yIPvx%2FST3Z69CsyZLmW0EImVb%2F9aPv0qEZAxTdbfZmY%3D&amp;reserved=0), our dedicated climate action website. The site showcases the climate action that the Council are undertaking in the county, with updates on our climate actions, spotlights on our key responses to the climate crisis, and a latest news section on local, regional and national climate change responses. We also want to inspire climate action. As such, the website is also a place for citizens to find out what they can do.

Climate Newsletter: Citizen engagement via the website is complemented by a quarterly citizens climate newsletter, which details current Council climate action on a specific, rotating thematic area. The Climate Team works with the Communications Unit to promote our website news articles and newsletters via our social channels.

By the end of 2023 various teams across the Council will have delivered approximately 140 climate/environmental engagement events to citizens of all ages across South Dublin.

Through the Community Climate Action Fund, SDCC will work with local, not-for-profit community groups/organisations in South Dublin to deliver local  Climate Action Projects. Over €1 million is being made available to deliver these projects in South Dublin.

### **Q22/1223 Councillor C. O’Connor**

To ask the CEO to detail his efforts in this calendar year to tackle the Housing/Homeless challenge; will he prepare a full report and make a statement? Charlie O'Connor

**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.

To 31st October 2023, there have been 138 allocations to homeless households in South Dublin. Of the 138 total allocations 15 were allocated in October, 3 of these were singles and 12 were to families/couples (comprising a total of 24 adults & 40 children). We currently have a further 82 properties assigned to homeless households in the coming months, of which 30 have been formally offered accommodation so far. It should be noted that 22 offers of accommodation made to families in emergency accommodation have been refused to date this year.

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 and we will continue to actively explore further options for the provision of emergency accommodation across the County in collaboration with the DHRE.

Within South Dublin County, the following emergency accommodation is currently provided:

**Family Hubs:**

* High Street Family Hub (Abberley): a privately managed facility with 58 rooms (including 9 large family rooms) which is currently fully occupied with 54 households, some of whom require more than one room due to family size.
* Firhouse Family Hub: managed by Respond Housing with 20 rooms and currently fully occupied by 20 households.
* Springfield Family Hub: also managed by Respond Housing and fully occupied accommodating 12 households in 12 family rooms.
* Cappaghmore Family Hub: managed by Peter McVerry Trust, comprising of 8 rooms for smaller families.

 **Accommodation for Singles:**

* Finnstown: privately managed facility comprising 45 rooms (with capacity for sharing) for single females
* Killininey: managed by Peter McVerry Trust with capacity for 21 for single males
* Kiltipper: managed by Peter McVerry Trust with capacity for 15 single males
* Riversdale House, managed by Dublin Simon, with 25 rooms for single, older persons

Refuge facilities, managed by Saoirse and supported by the Council are operational in Tallaght and Rathcoole to support victims of domestic violence. Additional supported/step down/transitional accommodation is also provided by approved housing bodies and other voluntary organisations including at Neilstown, Springfield, Kiltalown and Glencarrig.

The Council, in conjunction with the Dublin Region Homeless Executive 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.

The Council has allocated €4,475,400 in the Revenue Budget for 2024 for Homeless Services including additional staff and supports, directly and through the DRHE.

### **Q23/1223 Councillor C. O’Connor**

To ask the CEO if he has prepared a report on the Council's actions to deal with the challenge of the recent Halloween season including confirmation of costs to deal with the whole situation and will he make a statement?

**REPLY:**

The collection of bonfire materials commenced in September and as in other years the majority of material stockpiles which were intercepted were removed by Public Realm staff in the two week period prior to Halloween itself.  There were 213 bonfires recorded this year which is up slightly from the 184 bonfires recorded in 2022, the number is still largely in keeping with the reduction in the numbers which occurred from previous years where 280 were recorded in 2020 and over 300 were recorded in some recent years.

While the number of bonfires is up the tonnage of materials recorded to date as collected is down on 2022.  The tonnage of material collected by the Council in the 2 weeks prior to Halloween was 198 tonnes (283 tonnes were collected in 2022) and the tonnage collected afterwards is currently at 290 tonnes however not all bonfire sites have been cleaned as yet due to the extremely wet periods of weather in both October and November.  The tonnage of material collected after Halloween 2022 was 296 tonnes. Total tonnage collected to date stands at 488 tonnes with not all sites cleared as yet, the total in 2022 was 579 tonnes.

It is not possible to provide information on costs at this time as all costs have not yet been accounted for due to the fact that some sites have not yet been cleaned.  The costs are determined for the most part by the tonnage of material collected, this is likely to be similar to 2022 and therefore total costs are likely to be similar also.  It should also be noted that reinstatement of bonfire sites where this is needed will not take place until spring 2024 as ground conditions are currently extremely wet and not able to take traffic.

### **Q24/1223 Councillor J. Sinnott**

To ask the chief executive to provide in tabular form the number of live planning permissions in South Dublin County Council for 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.

**REPLY:**

**The table below shows the number of live planning permissions from 2020 - 2023.**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Year | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023\*\* |
| **Number of Live Planning Permissions\*** | 4254 | 4491 | 4622 | 4770 |

\*For the purposes of this query a live planning permission has been taken to be any  application that has been granted by SDCC or an Bord Pleanála before the end of the calendar year in question and whose expiry date (calculated as the Final Grant Date / Bord Decision Date or in the case of SDZ and EP permissions Decision Date plus 5 years and 44 days) falls after the 1st day of the calendar year in question.

\*\*2023 figures run to November 30th

### **Q25/1223 Councillor J. Sinnott**

To ask the chief executive to provide details on the total amount of outstanding development levies in the South Dublin County Council Area.

**REPLY:**

The  DEVELOPMENT LEVY account has closing balance of €43,708278.89 @ 1/12/2023.   This figure relates to 521 planning permissions.

A significant number of these accounts are in PHASED PAYMENT PLANS  (38,291,129.17), others are the subject of legal proceedings for recovery of debt, while a smaller number of accounts relate to developers in receivership.

Some of these accounts may also be subject to exemption credit adjustments in respect of Part V units when such units are delivered to the Council in accordance with an agreement made under Part V of the Act (as amended under the Planning & Development Act, as amended)

### **Q26/1223 Councillor J. Sinnott**

To ask the chief executive how much was spent by South Dublin County Council on legal fees in 2022 and 2023

**REPLY:**

The Council has incurred costs of legal fees for 2022 of €1m and for 2023 €700k to date.

### **Q27/1223 Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive to comment on The Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill and how this will effect JPCs and the Councillors?

**REPLY:**

The Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill is currently before Seanad at third stage. If the Bill is passed, it proposes that community safety is a whole government responsibility which will include:

* Providing a new framework at national and local level to improve community safety including the replacement of Joint Policing Committees with the  establishment of Local Community Safety Partnerships and
* Placing the obligation on Departments of State and other public service bodies to cooperate with each other in relation to community safety.

It was agreed at the November meeting of the South Dublin Joint Policing Committee, that a submission would be made on behalf of the members in relation to the proposed new Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill.

### **Q28/1223 Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report on the new guidelines issued by the Department of Transport, that the council shall no longer do public consultations

**REPLY:**

The Department of Transport recently published Guidelines on Traffic Works, they are available online at the DoT website here; [Guidelines on Traffic Works Procedures - 752924fd-da41-4c49-a8d1-dd669275d309.pdf (www.gov.ie)](https://www.gov.ie/pdf/?file=https://assets.gov.ie/273747/752924fd-da41-4c49-a8d1-dd669275d309.pdf#page=null)

The Guidelines only clarify existing legislation that applies to all Local Authorities (Road Authorities) in relation to works undertaken in accordance with Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994.
In particular the Guidelines set out types of works that can be undertaken, processes that apply for permanent works and procedures for temporary or ‘trial’ works. Such processes and procedures allow for consultation and related Traffic Works Orders (Chief Executive Orders).

The Council will continue to consult on projects to be delivered under Section 38 and Part 8 as we currently do, as the guidelines don’t remove our ability to do so.

### **Q29/1223 Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline any proactive shelter overcrowding contingency plan for dog animal welfare?

**REPLY:**

Midland Animal Care Limited has provided Dog Shelter and related services for South Dublin County Council (SDCC) since they were appointed on the 1st of October 2021. Dog Warden Services for South Dublin continue to be provided by the Council's full time Dog Wardens.

As part of SDCCs and Midland Animal Care Limited contingency plan, the company proactively works with rehoming organisations across Ireland to rehome dogs. To date in 2023, 393 stray dogs have entered the shelter from the South Dublin administrative area. A further 65 dogs were surrendered by their owners. A total of 91 stray dogs have been reclaimed by their owners to date. 341 dogs have been rehomed in 2023, 203 of these to rescue organisations and a further 138 to the public.

Frequent, unannounced inspections are carried out by the Council's Veterinary Inspectors. As a result of these inspections, where necessary, corrective action reports are sent to Midland Animal Care for attention. Any such reports are followed up by the Council's Veterinary Inspector.

SDCC meet regularly with the management of Midland Animal Care Limited to review contract delivery.

### **Q30/1223 Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline how many unannounced inspections have occurred for 2 years since Oct 1, 2021 in relation to dog welfare/shelter ?

**REPLY:**

SDCC's veterinary inspector carries out an unannounced inspection of the dog shelter each month since Oct 1, 2021. There have been a number of other planned visits by SDCC staff and the veterinary inspector during that time period also.

### **Q31/1223 Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive Can anyone over the age of 18 apply for social housing and if not why?

**REPLY:**

You must be 18 years of age or older to apply for social housing and meet criteria for eligibility, which is included in the Council’s [Allocation Scheme](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.sdcc.ie%2Fen%2Fservices%2Fhousing%2Ffinding-a-home%2Fallocations-scheme.pdf&amp;data=05%7C01%7Cfhendley%40SDUBLINCOCO.ie%7Cf52e8881e0ff47e66cdb08dbf2515489%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C638370203337477641%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&amp;sdata=RXIcYUeBcoVbffS66N%2B90v%2FZtKBey3XbCGuYIWWfeWM%3D&amp;reserved=0).

Eligibility criteria include the following;

* Need – you must be in genuine need of housing and be unable to provide accommodation from your own resources
* Right to live in Ireland – You must have a legal right to remain in the State on a long term basis
* Age – You must be 18 years of age or older
* Local Area Connection – You must reside in the functional area or have a local area connection to the functional area of South Dublin County Council.
* Income – Your household net income must be equal to or less that the thresholds provided

 **H8/1223 DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE MADE PUBLIC ROADS – FOR**

 **APPROVAL**

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

**H9/1223 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES/SITES - FOR APPROVAL**

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

**GC 237    Proposed Disposal of c. 85.36 acres of land at Grange Castle West, Grange Castle Business Park, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 to Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited**

**Proposed Option on a further c. 24.05 acres of adjacent land at Grange Castle West, Grange Castle Business Park, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 to Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited**

The Council at its meeting on 12th June 2023, agreed to dispose of 85.01 acres or thereabouts with an option on a further 21.3 acres to Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited at Grange Castle West for the development of a manufacturing facility.  During the design process which followed on from this approval, it was established that Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited required the approved boundaries of the site to be amended.

Following on from recent discussions and correspondence in relation to the above matter, the Council is prepared to recommend the disposal of lands totalling 85.36 acres or thereabouts at Grange Castle West Business Park to Novo Nordisk Limited, and the granting of an option on a further 24.05 acres or thereabouts of adjacent land, in accordance with Section 211 and 212 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 by way of a 999-year Lease and subject to the following terms and conditions which have been accepted by the Applicant: -

1. (a) That the lands being disposed of in the first instance (the main site) comprise approximately 85.36 acres or thereabouts. The precise boundaries have yet to be established. A formal Land Registry compliant map shall be prepared by the Council for inclusion with the legal documents and furnished to Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, for approval in early course but in the interim a draft plan for identification purposes drawing no. CSE-DR-C-1095 is annexed showing the main site outlined in red.

(b) The Council will retain a 5 or 10 metre wayleave along the boundaries of the site as follows, 10 metres along the Northern and Southern boundaries and 5 metres along the Western and Eastern boundary. These wayleave areas are shown shaded yellow on Drawing CSE-DR-C-1095. These wayleaves will be required within the perimeter of the lands being disposed of to facilitate the existing and future servicing by the Council of this site, the Business Park and any other lands.

1. That the consideration due to the Council shall be calculated on the basis of the sum **of €600,000.00 per acre** (the “Purchase Price”), payable, as to the amounts described at (a), (b) and (c) below: -
	* 10% of the Purchase Price on signing and exchange of a Contract for Sale / an Agreement for Lease in respect of the site. Such amount to be refunded in the event that the development proposed for the site does not receive full planning permission, and / or in the event of any of the terms and conditions of the disposal not having been satisfied.
	* 80% of the Purchase Price within 15 business days of date of Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited entry onto the site for the purpose of commencing construction works on foot of the final grant of planning permission (provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, shall be entitled to carry out due diligence and engineering analysis activities (including, but not limited to geotechnical analysis and studies, soils testing, water analysis, site borings, environmental assessments, etc.) prior to the payment of this sum in accordance with any building licence to that effect as described in term 13.
	* The remaining 10% of the Purchase Price on the grant of the Master Lease which shall occur at the time and in the manner set out at term 13 below.

The Council shall be entitled to charge interest at a rate of eight per cent (8%) per annum on any outstanding sums in the event of failure by Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, to pay the foregoing sums on the above dates.  This interest rate penalty shall be calculated on a daily basis for any period of time deposits are outstanding without cause.

1. (a) The Council shall, in consideration of the payment of an Annual Option Fee payable yearly in advance, commencing on the date of signing of the contract for sale for the disposal of the c. 85.36 acres (the main site), be prepared to grant **a two-year Option** to Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, to purchase the Option Site, measuring c. 24.05 acres shown on Drawing No. CSE-DR-C-1096. The Option Fee will be payable on the anniversary of the signing of the contract referred to above.

(b) Should the Option be exercised in accordance with term no. 3 (a) above the consideration payable to the Council shall be calculated on the basis of the **sum of €600,000 per acre** linked to the Irish CPI (Consumer Price Index) for the duration of the option period with effect from the signing of the contract for sale for the main site.  The consideration will be payable in the same manner as outlined in term no.

1. (a) The option fee structure is as follows: -

1. Year 1 – 1% of the purchase price of €600,000 per acre or approximately €144,300
2. Year 2 – 2% of the purchase price of €600,000 per acre escalated by the CPI in 3b above.

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|   | **Option Site** |
| **Area** | 24.05 acres |
| **Consideration** | €600,000 |
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| **Payable Year 1 – 1% of the Purchase Price** | €144,300 |
| **Payable Year 2 – 2% of the Purchase Price** | To be determined |

* Any extension of the Option Agreement and the terms and conditions of any such extensions shall be at the sole and absolute discretion of the Council.

* The Option Agreement shall be strictly non-transferable, save where it is transferred as part of a permitted transfer under the terms of the Agreement as referenced in term 14 below, and shall be prepared by the Council’s Law Agent and shall include terms and conditions normally contained in agreement of this type. In particular, the option site may be used only for the expansion of Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, facilities on the main site or by a subsidiary company of Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, involved in a related activity.

* Any payments made in respect of the option fee will be deducted from the purchase price in the event the option is exercised.

1. That Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited will be informed of and accept any burdens identified on the folios which apply to the lands being disposed of.

An indicative map depicting any known services available from record drawings held by the Council will be provided.

1. Both parties commit to working in good faith to promptly execute and complete a formal Contract for Sale for the transaction. This process shall be completed within 3 months of the approval by the members of the Council, or other such timeframe as may be approved solely at the discretion of the Council, acting reasonably.
2. Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited are required to apply for full planning permission for Phase 1 of their development of the main site (and if requested provide an Environmental Impact Statement). Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited shall forward to the Council within six months of the date of final grant of planning permission, and in any event, no later than one month prior to Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited commencing works on foot of final grant of planning permission, a copy of the outline building programme for such works describing the key construction milestones.
3. That: (i) if the works (meaning site preparation and shell and core construction) have not commenced within six months of the date of final grant of planning permission for the development, or such later date as may be agreed in writing with South Dublin County Council; or (ii) if shell and core works are not substantially completed in accordance with the final grant of planning permission within thirty (30) months from the date of commencement of such works; or (iii) such later date as may be agreed in writing with South Dublin County Council; then either party may by written notification on the other rescind the agreement for lease / contract for sale. And further that, in the event that the final grant of planning permission is issued containing conditions which Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, considers to be onerous, Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, may by written notification on the Council rescind the agreement for lease / contract for sale. In event of rescission on any of the foregoing grounds, any monies paid to the date thereof under term 2 above shall be repaid to Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, without payment of interest.  It is acknowledged that construction of the Pharmaceutical Plant may occur on a staged basis and provided Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, has commenced and completed the first phase thereof to be defined as the point at which the first pharmaceutical processing facility (which is part of the property and not the whole), external works including roads, carparks, attenuation ponds, landscaping, berming and any associated utilities works  is completed and ready for customer use (“Phase I”) within the time frames set out in this paragraph it will be deemed to have complied with its obligations herein.
4. That the Council shall enter into an agreement for lease or contract for sale in respect of the sale of the site to Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, (by way of grant of the Master Lease), based on and to give effect to these heads of terms, and which agreement / contract shall contain a licence authorising Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, to enter onto the site from the date thereof prior to the grant of the Master Lease, to carry out due diligence and site analysis (including, but not limited to geotechnical analysis and studies, soils testing, water analysis, site borings, environmental assessments, etc.) prior to the grant of final planning permission, and after the issue of such permission, to construct the Pharmaceutical Plant. The agreement / contract shall contain further reasonable obligations upon Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, with respect to that construction to ensure the satisfactory completion of the approved development on the site.
5. Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, will be responsible for all planning levies and contributions payable in accordance with the Council’s current Development Contribution Scheme made under the Planning and Development Act 2000. The Contributions under the Scheme are payable prior to entry on to the site or as otherwise agreed by the Council. Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, must satisfy themselves as to the capacity of all services to service the proposed development.

[A special Arts contribution fixed at 50 cent per square foot of gross building areas shall also apply payable no earlier than the grant of the Master Lease.]

1. That all site investigations (including archaeological investigations) [Excepting the area of Archaeological interest undertaken to be resolved by South Dublin County Council] , groundworks, overhead cable diversions, demolitions/site clearance/septic site removal (such works are subject to regulations and to obtaining the relevant statutory licences), services connections, development and associated costs incurred in the delivery of the entire completed development shall be borne by Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited. Subject to any requirements arising from the Councils own investigations being their responsibility to discharge at their expense.
2. That utility services infrastructure providing for energy, water, wastewater and fibre installation are provided to the boundary of the site. Connection to and supply from the utility providers is a matter for Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited,
3. That Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, shall undertake not to use the site for any purposes other than that of due diligence and site analysis prior to the final grant of planning permission and thereafter for the purpose of carrying out the proposed development which will consist of a Pharmaceutical Plant providing fill/finish capacity for injectable products for diabetes, obesity and rare diseases and other ancillary related uses. All buildings shall be occupied by Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, or their tenants, agents, employees, invitees and/or assigns in accordance with the terms of the Master Lease.
4. That Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, shall build nothing (except with the prior written approval of the Council) on the site except the buildings shown on the approved drawings and for which Planning Permission has been granted, as outlined in term no. Full ‘as constructed’ drawings shall be appended to the Master Lease. A maintenance Plan for the external areas and buildings shall be submitted to the Council.
5. That as soon as works have reached eaves level in Phase I (in other words the “topping-out” phase, meaning that all foundations are in place, the structural system is erected and inspected, and the building is weather-tight with roof complete) in accordance with relevant planning permission(s) in the development on the site, and if the works have been carried out to the satisfaction of the Councils Consultant Engineers acting reasonably, the Council will grant Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, a lease of that site. The lease shall be for a term of 999 years (commencing from a date to be agreed upon, but no earlier than the date of Practical Completion of the buildings thereon) subject to a rent of €500 per annum (exclusive of rates, taxes, and outgoings in respect of the site) which will be reviewed at the end of every 5 years of the term in line with any changes in the Irish Consumer Price Index. The Council’s Solicitors shall draft the lease for approval by Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited Solicitors. The lease granted shall be known as the Master Lease (“Master Lease”).  The Master Lease shall provide that the lessee shall become a member of the management company for the Business Park and shall pay the annual service charge described in accordance with the provisions of the Master Lease and appendices thereto.
6. That the Agreement to Lease or Contract for Sale is not to operate as a lease and it shall not be transferable save in the case of a financial institution of good standing which has entered into a mortgage with Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited and/ or Novo Nordisk own assignment/ transfer to their Group companies, specifically for the purposes of financing Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited and/or their Group companies, to undertake the development of the site.
7. That South Dublin County Council reserves the right, only to be exercised by the Council acting reasonably, to re-enter on the site and resume possession thereof should Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, fail to commence and complete the buildings within the period specified in Term 6 above or in the event of the dissolution, bankruptcy or insolvency of Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, save in the case where a Financial Institution which has entered into a mortgage with Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, for the purposes of financing the development of the site and enforces its security against the site. South Dublin County Council shall provide written notice of any intent to exercise this right and offer a 30-day cure period for rectification of any default on Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, part, including use of mediation/arbitration, or similar third-party intercession.
8. That during the building period and pending the grant of the Master Lease, Novo Nordisk A/S, will maintain insurance cover as may be necessary to cover Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited against any claim arising under the indemnity next mentioned and will on reasonable request provide evidence of same. Insurance to include but not be limited to all risks construction insurance, public liability and employer’s liability to levels required in order to cover Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited against any claim arising under the indemnity next mentioned. Insurance cover will be maintained by Novo Nordisk A/S, for the construction period. It is acknowledged that following completion of the construction of the Pharmaceutical Plant, the building and all insurable risks associated therewith will be included in Novo Nordisk A/S global property insurance programme. Novo Nordisk A/S may choose to self-insure all or part of the risk during the construction period and/or thereafter.

Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, shall also indemnify South Dublin County Council against any claim for compensation which may be made by any party arising out of the negligence, breach of duty or breach of contract by the by the Tenant, its servants or agents in respect of the  building works being carried out on the site for or on behalf of Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, or any working areas or on any access points thereto (unless caused due to any act or neglect of South Dublin County Council and its servants or agents or any person for whom they are responsible).

1. That the Council is and shall be carrying out extensive construction projects in the Business Park. Both parties shall use their reasonable endeavours to ensure that any interaction between respective contractors employed to carry out any works including, but not limited to building or road works, is carried out in an open and transparent manner with engineers and liaison officers such as to ensure that no additional contract costs accrue to either party.
2. That no uncovered outdoor storage shall be permitted on the subject lands. All processing, packing, waste disposal or recycling and such like operations shall be carried out within suitable structures or equipment such as compactors located on the premises in accordance with any statutory regulations or requirements in that regard.
3. That all car and commercial vehicle parking areas, loading areas and service areas must be suitably landscaped and screened from public view. In this regard Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, shall carry out at Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited costs such boundary and landscape treatment works as the Council may reasonably require, bearing in mind the nature of the Park and provided that such works are not substantially more than required of any other occupiers of the Park during construction. Such works may, only where reasonable, be in addition to similar works required under a planning permission for development of the subject lands. Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, shall submit a copy of its landscaping and security plan to the Council’s Development Department prior to the grant of the Master Lease for approval.
4. That each party shall be responsible for their own professional (i.e., legal, engineering, architects, and other required consultants’) fees in this case.
5. That Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, shall pay any V.A.T., stamp duty or taxes arising at any stage in this transaction (except where any lawful exemption or relief therefrom applies), including on the creation of a Building Licence (if any), an Agreement to Lease or contract for sale, and a Master Lease.
6. That the Council’s Solicitors shall draft the agreements, contracts and leases substantially in the forms previously provided to Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, for review and may include further reasonable terms and conditions as deemed appropriate to give effect to the heads of terms set out herein, including provision for use of an expert or arbitrator process to settle any disputes arising, as appropriate, in order to achieve a reasonable balance in the protection of the parties’ respective interests in the matter. In the case of disputes concerning final measurement and valuation of the site for the purposes of calculating the Purchase Price, an arbitration clause shall refer to the appointment of a Chartered Valuation Surveyor to act as arbitrator. This person to be appointed by agreement of the parties or in default of agreement to be appointed by the President of the Society of Chartered Surveyors in the Republic of Ireland.  The costs of any arbitration to be borne equally by the parties.
7. That Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, shall satisfy South Dublin County Council (acting reasonably) prior to exchange of the agreement for lease / contract for sale, that sufficient funds are available for the payment of the sums set out in paragraph 3 above, and prior to commencement of construction on foot of the final grant of planning permission or each phase thereof, to cover the capital costs of such construction or the relevant phase thereof as appropriate.
8. That the above proposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents being obtained in order to allow full construction activities.
9. Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, is asked to furnish a letter from their solicitors setting out the proper name of the intending purchaser. In the event of any name change to applicant prior to formal completion of the legal transfer, Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited, must provide documentary evidence to the Council proving that the new named party is one and the same as the named applicant heretofore to enable the transfer to complete.
10. No agreement enforceable at law is created or is intended to be created until an exchange of contracts has taken place.

The lands being disposed of comprise lands acquired in 2015 from P. Healy, Maplewood Developments/M. Coyle & M. Madden, and Peamount Healthcare, and also in 2016 from M. McNulty, for extension to Grange Castle Business Park.

 **Colm Ward**

**Chief Executive**

A discussion followed with a contribution from Councillor R. McMahon who raised a query in relation to the planning permission process.

Mr. J. Frehill, Director for Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development responded to the query.

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

That the Proposed Disposal of c. 85.36 acres of land at Grange Castle West, Grange Castle Business Park, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 to Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limited be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**

That the Proposed Option on a further c. 24.05 acres of adjacent land at Grange Castle West, Grange Castle Business Park, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 to Novo Nordisk Production Ireland Limitedbe **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**

### **H10/1223 MANAGERS REPORT** - **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 10 a) Chief Executive's Report December 2023](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80764)[HI 10 b) Statistics Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80880)[HI 10 c) Finance Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80797)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors P. Gogarty, M Johannson, D. Ó Bradaigh, J. Tuffy, S. Moynihan, B. Lawlor, L. O’Toole, D. McManus, C. O’Connor, E. Ó Broin, R. McMahon, A. Edge, F. Timmons, G. O’Connell, and L. Hagin Meade. Queries were raised in relation to Active Travel, Lucan Swimming Pool, Lucan Schoolhouse, staffing, Community Climate Action Fund, street lighting, Dublin Mountain Visitor Centre, Rent a Room scheme in Council tenancies, rent arrears, cleaning of roads near development sites and the removal of graffiti.

Mr. C. Ward, Chief Executive, responded to the Members queries.

The reports were **NOTED**.

**H11/1223 CARRIGMORE PARK PART 8  – FOR APPROVAL**

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

[HI11 (a) Carrigmore Park Part 8 CE Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/80913)
[HI11 (b) Carrigmore Park Part 8 Presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/Meetings/ViewDocument/80914)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors C. O’Connor, L. Dunne, P. Holohan, E. Ó Broin, and A. Edge who welcomed the report and raised queries in relation to kissing gates, teens space, covered bicycle parking, and areas for bees.

Ms. T. Walsh, Director for Environment, Water and Climate Change responded to the Members.

The report was proposed by Councillor A. Edge and seconded P. Holohan and **AGREED.**

**H12/1223 TOURISM STRATEGY – FOR APPROVAL**

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

[Public Consultation Report FINAL draft](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80736)
[Screening for AA Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80855)
[Screening for SEA Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80856)
[Tourism Strategy Final Draft](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80735)
[Tourism Strategy Public Consultation Report Presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80859)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors M. Duff, P. Holohan, L. Hagin Meade, T. Costello, C. O’Connor, S. Moynihan, W. Carey, R. McMahon, E. Ó Broin, A. Hayes, L. McCrave, and A. Edge who welcomed the report. Queries were raised in relation to hotel accommodation in the county, public transport, Tallaght Village, a Clondalkin arts and crafts centre, the Round Tower, Rathfarnham Castle, and periodical review of the strategy.

Mr. J. Frehill, Director for Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development, responded to the Members’ queries.

It was proposed by Councillor A. Edge and seconded by Councillor S. Moynihan and **AGREED**.

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

“That the Tourism Strategy be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

**H14/1223 3-YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024-26 – FOR NOTING**

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

### [H14 (c) Progress Report on Capital Programme](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80852)

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

[H14 (a) Three-Year Capital Programme 2024-2026](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80847)
[H14 (b) Three-Year Capital Programme 2024-2026 Overview Presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80791)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors P. Gogarty, V. Casserly, L. O’Toole, M. Johannson, L. Dunne, E. Ó Broin, S. Moynihan, R. McMahon, and A. Edge. Queries were raised in relation to Lucan House, Lucan School house, Lucan Swimming Pool, grants for historical structures, District Enhancement Scheme, LPT and Grand Canal Greenway - Hazel Hatch extension and the pavilions programme.

Mr. C. Ward, Chief Executive, and Mr. R. FitzGerald, Head of Finance, responded to the Members queries.

The reports were **NOTED**.

**H15/1223 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ANNUAL REPORT, INCLUDING PROGRESS REPORT ON THE STATUTORY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE – FOR NOTING**

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

[HI 15(a) Climate Action Plan 2023 Annual Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80816)
[HI 15(b) Climate Action Plan 2023 Progress Report Presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80817)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors D. Ó Brádaigh, P. Holohan, M. Lynch, P. Gogarty, J. Tuffy, W. Carey, and L. O’Toole, with queries raised regarding EV charging, carbon offsetting, Climate Action performance dashboard, sustainable energy communities, agricultural emissions and meat consumption, information for occupiers of modern airtight homes and the Community Climate Fund.

Ms. T Walsh, Director of Environment, Climate Change and Water responded to some of the Members queries and committed to responding to all other queries by email.

The report was **NOTED**.

The Mayor, Councillor A. Edge, proposed and the Members **AGREED** to suspend Standing Order No. 5 to extend the meeting to complete Headed Items on the Agenda.

The Members **AGREED**.

### **H16/1223 CITYWEST LIBRARY & CITYWEST COMMUNITY CENTRE -UPDATE – FOR NOTING**

### The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Mr. P. Fusco, County Librarian and was **CONSIDERED.**

[H16 (a) Citywest Library Dec 23](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80878)

### The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, was presented by Ms. E. Leech, Director for Housing & Community and was **CONSIDERED.**[H16 (b) Creche Community Centre Update](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80895)

The reports were **NOTED**.

### **H17/1223 COMMUNITY & SPORT DEVELOPMENT GRANTS – FOR NOTING**

### The following reports by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated, were presented by Ms. E. Leech, Director for Housing & Community and were **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 **35** grants totalling **€65,130.54** were approved for **33** local groups summarised as follows:

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| **Category** | **No:** | **Amount** |
| Community Development Grants | 17 | €18,188.54 |
| Community Events Funding | 8 | €16,992.00 |
| Sports Development Grants | 10 | €29,950.00 |
| **Total** | **35** | **€65,130.54** |

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** |
| Ballyroan Community and Youth Centre | Community Development Grant | Minor Equipment | €1473.54 |
| Bawnogue Active Retired Men’s Club | Community Development Grant | Start Up Costs | €500.00 |
| Bawnogue Active Retired Men’s Club | Community Development Grant | Minor Equipment | €1200.00 |
| Castle Park Residents Association Clondalkin | Community Development Grant | Running Costs | €300.00 |
| Castle Park Residents Association Clondalkin | Community Development Grant | Environmental Improvement | €500.00 |
| Citywest Community Council | Community Development Grant | Start Up Costs | €380.00 |
| Clondalkin Camera Club | Community Development Grant | Running Costs | €740.00 |
| Dominics Active Ladies Club | Community Development Grant | Running Costs | €500.00 |
| Four Districts Day Care Company Ltd. | Community Development Grant | Major Equipment | €5000.00 |
| Irish Bongs | Community Development Grant | Running Costs | €500.00 |
| Kingswood Community and Leisure Centre | Community Development Grant | Minor Equipment | €2000.00 |
| North Clondalkin Community Choir | Community Development Grant | Running Costs | €800.00 |
| Retired Active Men's Social (RAMs) | Community Development Grant | Minor Equipment | €745.00 |
| Rowlagh Majorettes | Community Development Grant | Running Costs | €1000.00 |
| St Judes Men's Shed Club | Community Development Grant | Running Costs | €800.00 |
| St Martin’s Residents Association | Community Development Grant | Running Costs | €852.00 |
| Starlette Twirlers | Community Development Grant | Running Costs | €1000.00 |
| Clondalkin St Patricks Day Parade | Community Events Funding | St. Patrick’s Day Celebration | €8000.00 |
| Gaelphobal Thamhlacta | Community Events Funding | Christmas Community Celebration | €1700.00 |
| Irish Red Cross Lucan | Community Events Funding | Christmas Community Celebration | €750.00 |
| Killinarden Community Council | Community Events Funding | Christmas Community Celebration | €240.00 |
| ReNewcastle Community Group | Community Events Funding | Christmas Community Celebration | €2000.00 |
| Rowlagh Parish Community Centre | Community Events Funding | Christmas Community Celebration | €2200.00 |
| Saggart Village Residents Association | Community Events Funding | Christmas Community Celebration | €1500.00 |
| Women's Shed @ The Park | Community Events Funding | Community Celebration | €500.00 |
| Arthur Griffith Park Football Club (AGP FC) | Sports Development Grant | Minor Equipment | €2000.00 |
| Fortunestown Swimming Club | Sports Development Grant | Minor Equipment | €400.00 |
| Kilnamanagh AFC | Sports Development Grant | Minor Equipment | €1900.00 |
| Kingswood Football Club | Sports Development Grant | Minor Equipment | €2000.00 |
| Marks Celtic FC | Sports Development Grant | Mobile Floodlight & Goalposts Grant | €5000.00 |
| Parkvale Football Club | Sports Development Grant | Minor Equipment | €1650.00 |
| Sacred Heart FC | Sports Development Grant | Major Equipment | €5000.00 |
| St Kevins KIllians GAA Club | Sports Development Grant | Mobile Floodlight & Goalposts Grant | €5000.00 |
| Tallaght Rugby Club | Sports Development Grant | Minor Equipment | €2000.00 |
| Wanderers GAA Club | Sports Development Grant | Major Equipment | €5000.00 |

[H17 (b) Community Centre Support Fund 2023- Update](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=80765)

The reports were **NOTED.**

### **REPLIES, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**MOTIONS NOT REACHED:**

### **(M1) 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.

### **(M2) “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.

### **(M3) NTA**

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.

### **(M4) 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).

### **(M5) 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.

### **(M6) 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.

### **(M7) Footpath 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.

### **(M8) Protected/Derelict Structures**

Councillor Joanna Tuffy

This Council calls on the Chief Executive to identify and acquire protected, possibly derelict, structures in the County that were formally houses or hotels with the view of refurbishing for housing or hotel purposes.

### **(M9) Israeli Ambassador**

Councillor L. Dunne

This Council calls on the Taoiseach to expel the Israeli Ambassador to Ireland.

### **(M10) Consultation Portal**

Councillor Y. Collins

That this Council considers adding follow up documentation to the consultation portal after a public consultation closes, detailing how the feedback from the submissions and observations raised by the public has been considered and implemented by the Council, as appropriate.

***The meeting ended at 19:09.***

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

Mayor

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