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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council February 2024 County Council Meeting held on Monday 12 February 2024

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

### **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 |
| Administrative Officer | M. Reilly |
| A/Senior Staff Officer | K. McLoughlin |
| A/ Climate Action Coordinator | A. MacNamara |
| [Climate Change and Environmental Awareness Officer](http://intranet/Phonebook/?g=253) | F. Ryan |
| Climate Action Officer | G. Tyrrell |
| Communications Manager | D. Healy |
| Assistant Staff Officer | D. Murphy, L. Farrell |
| Sord | A. O’Brien |

The Mayor, Councillor A. Edge, presided

Apologies were received from Councillor L. Dunne

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

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.

**H1/0224 CONFIRMATION AND REAFFIRMATION OF MINUTES - FOR APPROVAL**

Minutes of the January Council Meeting held on 15th January 2024 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 F. Timmons

[(a) January Council Minutes - 15th January 2024](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81541)

**H2/0224 REPORTS OF AREA COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

**a) Rathfarnham/Templeogue/Firhouse/Bohernabreena Area Committee**

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

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

**b) 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.*

**c) 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.*

**d)** **Lucan/Palmerstown/North Clondalkin Area Committee**

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

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

**H3a/0224 STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE - FOR APPROVAL**

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 were **CONSIDERED.**

Notes:

January Council Meeting date – a week later than previous years.

February & April CPG meetings taking place on Tuesday due to Bank Holidays

ACMS will not take place in May and June due to Local Elections – to resume in September

In-House training sessions have been scheduled in June following the Inaugural Meeting, with further training to take place in August/September – dates to be confirmed

**January 2024**

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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 |  |  |  |
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| 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 – 3:00pm  3.00pm - 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 – 3:00pm  3.00pm - 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 – 2:45pm  2:45pm – 3:30pm  3:30pm – 6:00pm  6:00pm | 11/1/2024 |
| Fri. | 26th Jan |  | |  |  |
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| Mon. | 29th Jan |  | |  |  |
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| Wed. | 31st Jan |  | |  |  |
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**February 2024**

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| Thur. | 1st 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 | **LTACC Meeting**  **Housing SPC** | 3:00pm – 4:30pm  5:30pm-7:00pm |  |
| Fri | 9th Feb |  |  |  |

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| **Date** | | **MEETING / FUNCTION** | **TIME** | **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF BUSINESS** |
| 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 | **Audit Committee**  **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* | 8:00am – 9:30am  3.00pm - 6.00pm | 7/2/2024 |
| Thur. | 22nd Feb |  |  |  |
| Fri | 23rd Feb | **JPC Meeting** | **10:00am** |  |

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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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| **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** | 2:00pm – 2:45pm  2:45pm – 3:30pm  3:30pm – 6:00pm | 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 – 3:00pm  3.00pm - 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 – 3:00pm  3.00pm - 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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| Mon. | 1st April | **Bank Holiday** | 3:00pm |  |
| Tue. | 2nd April | **CPG Meeting** | 3:00pm |  |
| Wed. | 3rd April |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 4th April | **LTACC Meeting** | 3:00pm – 4:30pm |  |
| 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 |  |  |  |
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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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| Mon. |  |  |  |  |
| Tue. |  |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 1st May | **Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage & Libraries SPC** | 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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| Mon. | 13th May | **Council Meeting** | 3:30 - 7:00pm | 26/4/2024 |
| Tue. | 14th May |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 15th May |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 16th May |  |  |  |
| Fri | 17th May |  |  |  |

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| 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)** | 2:00pm – 2:45pm  2:45pm – 3:30pm |  |
| Fri | 24th May | **JPC Meeting** | **10:00am** |  |

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| Mon. | 27th May | **Traffic Management Meeting**  **(Tallaght)** | 2:15pm – 3:00pm |  |
| Tue. | 28th May | **Traffic Management Meeting**  **(Lucan-Palmerstown-North Clondalkin)** | 2:15pm – 3:00pm |  |
| 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 | **LTACC Meeting** | 3:00pm – 4:30pm |  |
| Thur. | 6th June |  |  |  |
| Fri. | 7th June | **Polling Day (Provisional)** |  |  |
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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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| 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 | **Induction for New Council** | 3.30pm – 5.30pm |  |
| Tue. | 25th June |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 26th June |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 27th June | **Induction for New Council** | 3.30pm – 5.30pm |  |
| 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 |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 11th July |  |  |  |
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| Mon. | 15th July |  |  |  |
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| Wed. | 17th July |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 18th July |  |  |  |
| Fri | 19th July |  |  |  |

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| Mon. | 22nd July |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 23rd July |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 24th July |  |  |  |
| Thur. | 25th July |  |  |  |
| Fri | 26th July |  |  |  |

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| Mon. | 29th July |  |  |  |
| Tue. | 30th July |  |  |  |
| Wed. | 31st July |  |  |  |
| Thur. |  |  |  |  |
| Fri |  |  |  |  |

#### The Report was proposed by Councillor A. Edge, seconded by Councillor F.

#### Timmons and **AGREED**.

**H3b/0224 STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE - FOR APPROVAL**

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 were **CONSIDERED**

### [**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 November 2023**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Name** | **Organisation** | **Location** | **Date** |
| LAMA Autumn Seminar | LAMA | Abbey Hotel, Co. Donegal | 19th - 20th January |
| AIR Regions | Association of Irish Regions | The Woodlands House Hotel, Adare, Co, Limerick | 7th - 8th February |
| AILG Module 1 | AILG | The Fairways Hotel, Co. Louth | 25th January |

**Training Confirmed Attended Since November 2023**

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

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 November 2023**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Name** | **Organisation** | **Location** | **Date** |
| None |  |  |  |

**Conferences Confirmed Attended Since November 2023**

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

**Requirements on members in relation to attendance at conferences**  
(1) Having been authorised to attend an event under section 142, a councillor is required in all circumstances to –

1. a) attend that event and participate in the proceedings to the greatest extent possible, and
2. b) submit a written report within 15 days to the Cathaoirleach, who shall submit the report to the next ordinary meeting of the council. The report must indicate the nature of the meeting and contain a summary of the proceedings. This report shall be made available free of charge on request to any member of the public; for this purpose it may be put on the local authority’s website. The requirements in relation to reports by attendees and making the report available to the public are in large part new requirements under section 142(5)(f) (as amended) and section 142(5)(fa).

As authorisation under this section is a reserved function Members are required to pass the following resolution:

“In accordance with Section 142 (5) of the Local Government Act, 2001 attendance by Members at the Conferences / Seminars outlined in the report is hereby authorized."

#### The Report was proposed by Councillor A. Edge, seconded by Councillor F.

#### Timmons and **AGREED**.

**H3c/0224 STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE - FOR APPROVAL**

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 were **CONSIDERED.**

A request was submitted by Councillor Timmons to amend the Flag Policy to fly the National flag on 1st May each year for International Workers' Day.

In accordance with the Council's Flag Policy the request was referred to CPG for consideration and it was decided to bring this request to amend the Flag Policy to OP&F.  Should this be agreed, Section 2.0 Occasions on which the National Flag is to be flown in the attached Flag Policy will be amended to include the flying of the National Flag on 1st May each year for International Workers' Day.

This is now before the members for approval.

[c) (ii) Flag Policy](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81525)

#### The Report was proposed by Councillor A. Edge, seconded by Councillor F.

#### Timmons and **AGREED**.

**H3d/0224 STANDING COMMITTEES ORGANISATION, PROCEDURE & FINANCE - FOR APPROVAL**

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 were **CONSIDERED.**

#### Joe Williams Bridge – Recommendation

#### At the meeting of the Naming of Infrastructure Committee held on 16th January 2024, and in line with the policy and procedures of the Infrastructure Naming Committee, and subject to agreement of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), it was agreed to make the following recommendation:

#### "That in memory of the late local historian Joe Williams, that the pedestrian and cycle bridge, known locally as the blue bridge over the N7, be named the Joe Williams Bridge, and a suitable plaque be provided".

Subject to Council and TII approval, a design and location will be prepared for this plaque.

1. WWI Memorial Stone - Recommendation

At the meeting of the Naming of Infrastructure Committee held on 16th January 2024, and in line with the policy and procedures of the Infrastructure Naming Committee, and subject to agreement and conditions imposed by EWCC Dept, it was agreed to make the following recommendation:

"To include a WW1 Memorial Stone within the existing WW1 Memorial Garden located in Clondalkin Park".

#### The Reports were proposed by Councillor A. Edge, seconded by Councillor F.

#### Timmons and **AGREED**.

**H4/0224 STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

Proposed by Corporate Performance and Change Management Directorate

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

### **H5/0224 REPORTS REQUESTED BY AREA COMMITTEES - FOR NOTING**

Proposed by Corporate Performance and Change Management Directorate

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

**QUESTIONS**

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

“That pursuant to Standing Order No. 22, Questions numbered Q1 – Q38 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.”**

**Q1/0224 Councillor T. Costello**

If a family are applying for Cost Rental Scheme or Social Housing Support and have children with additional needs, they may exceed the qualifying threshold due to relief related to the children. Can the Chief Executive confirm if there are plans to amend this so that the tax relief received does not prevent them from accessing housing support.

**REPLY:**

The Cost Rental Tenant In-Situ (CRTiS) Scheme is a scheme that is available where a tenant household faces the termination of their tenancy due to the landlord’s intention to sell the property. The scheme is available if the tenant household:

* is not able to purchase the property from the landlord
* is at risk of homelessness
* is not eligible for, or currently in receipt of social housing supports (that is in receipt of HAP or in the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

An applicant tenant household must have net annual income of below €66,000 per annum for Dublin and €59,000 for everywhere else in the country. Net income means that income tax, Universal Social Charge, PRSI and superannuation contributions are deducted from the relevant assessable gross income.

If a tenant has a query about Cost Rental Tenant In-Situ they can contact the Housing Agency by phone at 1800 000 024 or via email at [tenantinsitu@housingagency.ie](mailto:tenantinsitu@housingagency.ie).

All applicants for social housing supports are assessed in accordance with the Social Housing Support Household Means Policy 2021 which is issued under Regulation 17 of the Social Housing Assessment Regulations 2011.

Section 4 outlines the income that is not assessable in assessing household income for the purpose of the household means policy. In assessing household income for the purposes of the household means policy, a local authority may decide to disregard income that is once-off, temporary or short-term in nature and which is outside the regular pattern of a person’s annual income.

Income from the following sources shall, in all cases, be disregarded for the purposes of assessing income:

Payments by the Department of Social Protection under the Social Welfare Acts in respect of— Child Benefit, Guardian’s Payments (Contributory),Guardian’s Payments (Non Contributory),Carer's Allowance, full or half rate, Carer's Benefit, Domiciliary Care Allowance, Constant Attendance Allowance, Prescribed Relatives Allowance, Electricity or Gas Allowance, Fuel Allowance, Telephone Allowance, Increase for Living on a Specified Island, Living Alone Allowance, Dietary Supplement, Payments under Medical Care Scheme, Back to Work Family Dividend, Disablement Benefit/Pension.

Once off payments or irregular payments, including e.g.  Carer's Support Grant (formerly called Respite Care Grant), Training Support Grant, Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance, Exceptional Needs Payment, Urgent Needs Payment, Humanitarian Assistance Scheme, Funeral  grant.

Community employment schemes such as Community Employment Programme, Community Services Programme, Gateway, the Youth Employment Support Scheme, the Rural Social Scheme (RSS), Tús; the amount of income in excess of the Supplementary Welfare rate.

Payments from the Department of Social Protection or the Department of Education / Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science  or any Government Department or state agency in respect of an education or training course: the amount of income in excess of the Supplementary Welfare rate.

Payments by the Health Service Executive in respect of— Fostering Allowance, Blind Welfare Allowance , Mobility allowance.

Payments by the Department of Education, or under schemes funded by that Department, in respect of— Student grants schemes, Home Tuition Scheme, Youthreach training allowance. Payments received as a training allowance while undergoing a course of rehabilitation training by an organisation approved by the Minister for Health.

The following miscellaneous payments:

Payments by charitable organisations, being bodies the activities of which are carried on otherwise than for profit (but excluding any local authority or other public authority) and one of the functions of which is to assist persons in need by making grants of money to them;

Payments made by another EU Member State and / or the United Kingdom (Common Travel Area) that correspond to Child Benefit;

Scholarships in respect of attending approved courses provided by approved institutions, within the meaning of sections 7 and 8 of the Student Support Act 2011 (No. 4 of 2011), respectively; Income earned by children.

**Q2/0224 Councillor T. Costello**

To ask the Chief Executive how many voids are there currently in the county broken down by bedroom size and time vacant?

**REPLY:**

The following is the current status of the vacant properties within the County’s housing stock:

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Electoral Area | Survey Stage | In Progress | Ready | TOTAL |
| Lucan | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| Clondalkin | 2 | 3 | 1 | 6 |
| Palmerstown-Fonthill | 4 | 7 | 10 | 21 |
| Tallaght South | 3 | 21 | 10 | 34 |
| Tallaght Central | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Firhouse-Bohernabreena | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Rathfarnham-Templeogue | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 14 | 37 | 25 | 76 |

 The breakdown of the properties is as follows:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Dwelling Size | Number of properties |
| 1 Bed | 13 |
| 2 Bed | 26 |
| 3 Bed | 34 |
| 4 Bed | 3 |

The average vacancy turnaround time in 2023 was 26 weeks. The Council continues to identify and implement measures to reduce turnaround times to a maximum target of 16- 20 weeks.

**Q3/0224 Councillor T. Costello**

To ask the Chief Executive how many applications are there currently for landlords wishing to sell their property to SDCC

**REPLY:**

As of the end of January 2024, 532 expressions of interest have been received for potential acquisitions.  The current status of our responses to the expressions of interest received is as follows:

* 166 properties have been purchased or are sale agreed/at conveyancing.
* 108 properties have completed due diligence checks and are at valuation/negotiation stage with a view to purchasing.
* 102 properties at various stages of due diligence and pre-purchase checks.
* 156 properties are not proceeding to acquisition where offers of alternative accommodation have been made, properties not being suitable, tenants no being longer in-situ or miscellaneous other reasons.

**Q4/0224 Councillor T. Costello**

To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the shortage of parts for public lighting and how many lights are currently out of order

**REPLY:**

**- Update on shortage of parts for public lighting:**

These repairs are all the older type orange low pressure sodium (SOX) fittings. The replacement lamps for these fittings are no longer available

If the lamps were available, the turn around time between reporting of the outage to our maintenance contractor and the repair of the fitting is contractually 14 working days or less. As stated above, there are no lamps available on the open market.

Under the current conditions referred to above, we are carrying out maintenance works

By using old lamps harvested from estates in the county that are being upgraded to LED. For regulatory reasons, these estates must be programmed for upgrade in liaison with ESB Networks.  Due to resource issues within ESB Networks, the rollout of this upgrade programme has been seriously impeded. This has resulted in very few harvested lamps being made available for reuse in order to repair outages.

And by replacing the old fitting with a new LED fitting in order to repair the outage. Due to the serious back log of outages and the shortage of harvested lamps, this is the only realistic option currently available to us. We are trying to work through the list of outages by prioritising the repair of the oldest reported outages first. We are also prioritising streets with more than one outage reported. We are currently upgrading approximately eight of these old light fittings per day, which is the limit of our current resources. We are discussing the possibility of increasing these resources with our maintenance contractor.

Note that if we had replacement lamps available, we would be repairing 20 of these older lights per day.

  - **Number of public lights still in need of repair is** 851.

**Q5/0224 Councillor T. Costello**

To ask the Chief Executive for the figures of how many people are homeless in the county by year for 2020 /2021/2022/ 2023 and YTD

**REPLY:**

The table below details the number of households that were on the Council’s homeless register at the 1st January for each of the years requested:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Year | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
| No. | 589 | 508 | 474 | 495 | 607\* |

\* Please note the DRHE carried out a review of the PASS system bookings in late November/December 2023 which identified a number of additional SDCC clients who were placed by the DRHE and which has resulted in an increase in the number of clients on our Homeless Register.

### **Q6/0224 Councillor L. Guéret**

To ask the Chief Executive, if there are plans for further investment in and expansion of the beneficial Neurodiverse South Project which has been launched by Dublin South Libraries.

**REPLY:**

The recently launched Neurodiverse South Toy Collection is a specialised collection of resources available for free borrowing at any branch of South Dublin Libraries. Aiming to provide support for children and adults with neurodiverse needs, learning difficulties, disabilities, or complex needs, the collection includes resources in the categories of core developmental aids, fine motor skills, gross motor skills, language communication and social skills, play and life skills, and sensory and tactile aids. This collection will be updated on an ongoing basis.

The Neurodiverse South project also includes an annual series of free lectures and workshops. These events offer guidance, support and networking opportunities for parents, teachers, and healthcare professionals. Events specifically designed for Neurodiverse children take place regularly in our libraries, and will be a part of all major programmes and festivals going forward, including the Library Lab STEAM programmes, Cruinniú na nÓg, Summer Stars programming, etc. These events allow children with additional needs to access the library in a sensory friendly setting and participate in events they may not normally feel comfortable to attend.

The project adds to a range of measures in our libraries to make them welcoming spaces for all, including regular sensory times, and the provision of Cubbie sensory regulation spaces.

This year, we also plan to introduce regular events with a qualified play practitioner across our branch network. These will be regular classes for neurodivergent children and their families. Classes would include a range of themes including chat and play, Lego Play, Active Play and Art and Sensory Play. These events would promote gross motor, fine motor, play, social and communication skills while simultaneously offering an opportunity for parents and carers to informally meet, make connections and support one another.

### **Q7/0224 Councillor L. Guéret**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline any current SMART projects in the County.

**REPLY:**

As part of its commitment to sustainable development and innovation, the Council's Innovation Strategy 2022 to 2024 sets the ambition to harness the power of innovation to deliver world-class public services, while also working as one of the four local authorities that make up Smart Dublin in which, together technology providers, academia and citizens we are working to transform public services and enhance quality of life. Some of the initiatives include:

**Tallaght District Heating Scheme**

One of the key initiatives that South Dublin County Council is involved with as a smart city is the Tallaght District Heating Scheme, which we have developed in partnership with Codema. This is the first large-scale district heating network of its kind in Ireland and uses waste heat from a local data centre to provide low-carbon heating and hot water to public buildings and residential developments in Tallaght. The scheme is Ireland’s first not-for-profit utility and will reduce carbon emissions by almost 1,500 tonnes per year, making Tallaght a leader in climate innovation.

**Climate Action & Smart Cities**

Facilitate Smart Dublin thematic workshops to explore the data opportunities and challenges related to climate action and smart cities.

The first workshop will be focussed on Active Travel and will be held on Feb 27th. It intends to bring together data experts, policy makers, researchers and practitioners to discuss how data can support the promotion and implementation of active travel modes such as walking, cycling and public transport.

Engaged with defining requirements for more robust CAP (Climate Action Plan) reporting, based on the feedback and inputs from the DLAs and other stakeholders. It is intended that these requirements will inform a ‘build or buy’ decision for an appropriate reporting solution that can track and monitor the progress and impact of the CAP actions.

**Open Data**

Extensive efforts continue to be delivered in the Open Data space through the Dublin region open data portal Dublinked. Together with Smart Dublin the Council participates in a programme of activities to unlock more datasets, improve the quality of existing and new datasets, provide insight/storytelling on key datasets, and use of open data to help reduce Freedom of Information requests through providing data at source to requestors.

Improving the metadata and documentation of existing datasets, and implementing data quality checks and validation processes.

With Smart Dublin we provide insight and storytelling on key datasets, such as the Dublin Dashboard, the Dublin Housing Monitor, the Dublin Economic Monitor and the Dublin Wellbeing Index, using data visualisation and analysis tools.

Using open data to assist with FOI burden embracing the open by default possibilities, proactively publishing data that is frequently requested by the public and media.

**Communications and Events**

With Smart Dublin the Council has held and will continue to hold a series of local events/roadshows to showcase project innovation from across all four DLAs.

The events featured presentations, demos and Q&A sessions with the project teams and partners, and attracted a diverse audience of local residents, businesses, community groups, academics and media.

The events highlighted the achievements and impacts of the project, such as the development of new data-driven solutions, the creation of new data skills and jobs, the enhancement of public services and the improvement of quality of life.

The events also provided an opportunity to gather feedback and suggestions from the participants, and to foster collaboration and networking among the data ecosystem.

**Smart Dublin**

SDCC is a core member and work together with SmartDublin to deliver on a programme of work which in summary includes:

**Business Development**

Manage Partnerships (e.g. EIT Urban Mobility), Filter Funding Opps, Filter Collaboration Opps

Project example: South Dublin worked with private sector companies to develop Smart Ring Buoys which have since been installed and are operational across the County - The Smart Ring Buoy technology works through low-cost sensors paired with a mobile, map-based platform with real time monitoring. It will alert Water Safety officers when ring buoys are tampered with or go missing and ensure their timely replacement. This is an essential and lifesaving action as a stolen ring buoy could mean a stolen life.

**Facilitation (People)**

Smart City Coordinators, Smart District Programme Mgrs, All-Ireland Smart City Forum

**Facilitation (Themes)**

Active Travel & Data (Dublin local authorities workshop), Next Climate Action Theme & Data (e.g. Energy & Buildings)

Communication & Content

Engage with a communications programme for 2024, Quarterly Newsletter, Events/Roadshows, Social Media

**Open Data**

Dublin Local Authorities Monthly meetings, Quantity & Quality Issues, Insight & Storytelling, Harmonisation of datasets, Governance & Culture, CAP Reporting, Tourism Hackathon

Local Advisory Services

The Council’s smart city involvement leverages data and technology to enhance environmental, social and economic performance and improve the efficiency and quality of public services, such as transport, energy, waste management, health and education, while also fostering innovation, participation and inclusion.

For more information on Smart Dublin please visit [Ecosystem - Smart Dublin](https://smartdublin.ie/ecosystem/)

### **Q8/0224 Councillor P. Gogarty**

To ask the Chief Executive to outline the timeline for delivery of full size GAA/Rugby pitches, soccer pitches, hockey pitches and cricket grounds, including all weather pitches within the Clonburris SDZ (that covers three LEAs). The report should include current three-year plans and likely future plans in terms of numbers of pitches of various kinds to be delivered between now and 2035; and if a statement can be made on the matter.

**REPLY:**

Clonburris SDZ contains 3 significant areas of open space including a Canal Park, Griffeen Valley Park extension and Na Cluainte Park. A Parks and Landscaping Strategy (PLS) has been agreed as per the requirements of the Clonburris Phasing Programme and this report provides high level information on the future plans for these parks and the wider open space network. This plan is available at the following link [Parks-and-Landscape-Strategy.pdf (clonburris.ie)](https://clonburris.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Parks-and-Landscape-Strategy.pdf)

A Design Team is currently being appointment to develop a detailed planning application and delivery strategy for these Parks. It is expected that a planning application (or applications) will be submitted for approval in early 2025. This work will advance the detail included in the agreed Parks and Landscape Strategy and will set the exact quantum and location for future pitches and community spaces. URDF funding has been earmarked to deliver these parks and pitches but this funding is subject to a final planning application approval and business case.

In terms of pitches; the Parks and Landscape Strategy, as submitted by the Developers of the Clonburris SDZ, includes for the provision of 5 No. soccer sized pitches (natural grass) and 1 No. GAA sized / multi sport Artificial Grass Pitch and 1 No. soccer sized / multi-sport Artificial Grass Pitch within the SDZ area.

### **Q9/0224 Councillor L. Hagin Meade** To ask the manager for the number of social homes in SDCC where home adaptions for autism sensory issues have been approved, with supporting figures in a tabular format.

**REPLY:**

There is no provision under the Disabled Persons Grant for adaptations to social homes for autism/ sensory issues. Examples of works/adaptations carried out under the Disabled Persons Grants are;

* Ramps
* Stairlifts
* Level access shower installation
* Downstairs toilet
* Small works

However, where a household has been granted medical approval based on a person in the household being diagnosed with Autism and having sensory requirements that household is granted additional bedroom space, for example approval from a 2 bedroom requirement to a 3 bedroom requirement is granted. All allocations remain in accordance with the Allocation Scheme which is based on time on list.

### **Q10/0224 Councillor L. Hagin Meade**

To ask the manager, in tabular form, the average waiting times for maintenance repairs to be completed for social housing tenants in SDCC during 2023?

**REPLY:**

The Council categorises all requests for repairs depending on the nature of the problem. These categories are emergency, urgent, routine or cyclical.

Every effort is made to respond to requests for repairs according to the guidelines below:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| CATEGORY | TIMESCALE | EXAMPLE |
| Emergency | 1 – 5 working days | Smoking Fuse Board, Burst water tank |
| Urgent | 10 working days | Leak under sink unit, Leaking roof |
| Routine | 12 weeks + | Replace toilet cistern, Faulty radiator |
| Cyclical | 1 – 7 years | Leaking gutters, replacement hall door etc. |

11,640 work orders were completed in 2023 as detailed in the table below:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Category | No. of Work Orders Complete | Average No. of Days to complete |
| Electrical | 900 | 9.59 |
| Mechanical | 4299 | 3.99 |
| Plumbing | 4961 | 35.23 |
| Miscellaneous | 1480 | 36.26 |

The Council has recently increased the number of contractors engaged to carry out response maintenance works from 2 to 5, this should reduce our average response maintenance times.

### **Q11/0224 Councillor M. Johansson** To ask the Chief Executive how many households and individuals have registered as homeless following a Notice to Quit since the lifting of the eviction ban at the end of March 2023?

**REPLY:**

The table below outlines the number of new presentations following the receipt of a valid Notice to Quit by month in 2023.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Month** | **Jan** | **Feb** | **Mar** | **Apr** | **May** | **Jun** | **Jul** | **Aug** | **Sep** | **Oct** | **Nov** | **Dec** | **Total** |
| **No. of NTQ** | 6 | 34 | 22 | 37 | 17 | 21 | 6 | 16 | 3 | 26 | 18 | 6 | **212** |

### **Q12/0224 Councillor M. Johansson**

To ask the Chief Executive when updates will be made to the Choice Based Lettings system to allow applicants to see their position or the time on list of highest applicant, as was previously agreed by councillors and management?

**REPLY:**

Under General Data Protection Regulations all applicants for social housing are protected by the local authority in relation to how personal or personally identifiable information is presented. Releasing information in relation to the time on list of the highest applicant relating to a specific address could potentially provide access to another person's personal data and situation they were in at a particular time. Taking this into consideration, a report (which is attached to this reply) can be produced providing the following details:

* Date property advertised
* Location (not specific address)
* Area
* Property type
* Property size
* Number of Expression of Interests (EOIs)
* Year on list (max of year on list from the applications on EOIs)

Some further work and data cleansing with our external consultants is required to refine the reports. However, we envisage that they should be available on our website in the coming months.

There will be two versions of the report available, the first showing the information as listed above and the second will provide an overview in the format of an infographic.

[Q12 (b) CBL Draft Report Infographic](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81500)

### **Q13/0224 Councillor M. Johansson**

To ask the Chief Executive how much has been collected from the Derelict Sites Levy in the county since 2020 and how much is currently outstanding?

**REPLY:**

Nil collected in 2023. Arrears from previous years being actively pursued. The total amount of these levies is €182,050.  
During 2023, the Derelict Sites unit have been carrying out a review of all cases currently under investigation including those entered on the Register of Derelict Sites. This review has not been completed as yet and will result in comprehensive updates to the existing Register to include removal and addition of sites as appropriate, review and determination of up-to-date market valuations as necessary. Upon completion of the review, derelict sites levies will be charged where appropriate in accordance with the requirements of the Derelict Sites Act.  
The Register of Derelict Sites is maintained by the Council pursuant to Section 8 (1) of the Derelict Sites Act 1990. Sites/properties that constitute derelict sites within the definition contained in Section 3 of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 are entered on the Register of Derelict Sites. Sites that are under investigation are not routinely entered on the register until such time as investigations are completed and a determination made that the site is derelict.  
In accordance with Section 3 of the Derelict Sites Act, l990 a derelict site is defined as:  
Any land which detracts, or is likely to detract, to a material degree from the amenity, character or appearance of land in the neighbourhood of the land in question because of –  
(a) the existence on the land in question of structures which are in a ruinous, derelict or dangerous condition, or  
(b) the neglected, unsightly or objectionable condition of the land or any structures on the land in question or,  
(c) the presence, deposit or collection on the land in question of any litter, rubbish, debris or waste, except where the presence, deposit or collection of such litter, rubbish, debris or waste results from the exercise of a right conferred by statute or by common law.  
Section 23(1) of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 states:  
There shall be charged, levied and paid for each local financial year beginning with such year as may be prescribed, in respect of all urban land in relation to which a market value has been determined and stands entered on the register on the first day of January of that local financial year, a levy to be called the derelict sites levy.  
"Urban land" is defined in Section 2 of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 and means:  
a derelict site in an urban area which has been entered on the register but does not include any occupied dwelling or land owned by a State authority or by the local authority in whose functional area the land is situate or land in relation to which:  
(a) a compulsory purchase order (other than a vesting order under the Derelict Sites Act) has become operative, or  
(b) a development objective exists for the purpose of reserving the land for roads or parking places or for any of the purposes of reserving or preserving land indicated in Part IV of the Third Schedule to the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963  
In addition, section 23(1A) provides that:  
The derelict sites levy shall not be payable in respect of any land in respect of which vacant site levy is payable in accordance with the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act, 2015

### **Q14/0224 Councillor M. Lynch**

To ask the manager for an update on the current status of street light upgrades including the number of fittings replaced with LED's to date and the number of old fittings remaining, broken down by LEA.

**REPLY:**

There is a table attached showing the information required above. In addition

 - **Update on shortage of parts for public lighting:**

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If the lamps were available, the turn around time between reporting of the outage to our maintenance contractor and the repair of the fitting is contractually 14 working days or less. As stated above, there are no lamps available on the open market.

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By using old lamps harvested from estates in the county that are being upgraded to LED. For regulatory reasons, these estates must be programmed for upgrade in liaison with ESB Networks.  Due to resource issues within ESB Networks, the rollout of this upgrade programme has been seriously impeded. This has resulted in very few harvested lamps being made available for reuse in order to repair outages.

And by replacing the old fitting with a new LED fitting in order to repair the outage. Due to the serious back log of outages and the shortage of harvested lamps, this is the only realistic option currently available to us. We are trying to work through the list of outages by prioritising the repair of the oldest reported outages first. We are also prioritising streets with more than one outage reported. We are currently upgrading approximately eight of these old light fittings per day, which is the limit of our current resources. We are discussing the possibility of increasing these resources with our maintenance contractor.

Note that if we had replacement lamps available, we would be repairing 20 of these older lights per day.

  - **Number of public lights still in need of repair** is 851.

[Q14 (b) LED Upgrades and Remaining Fittings](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81427)

### **Q15/0224 Councillor K. Mahon**

To ask the Chief Executive to produce annual homeless figures for SDCC, in table form, for the period from 2019 to present?

**REPLY:**

The table below details the number of households that were on the Council’s homeless register at the 1st January for each year requested;

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
| 628 | 589 | 508 | 474 | 495 | 607\* |

 \* Please note the DRHE carried out a review of the PASS system bookings in late November/December 2023 which identified a number of additional SDCC clients who were placed by the DRHE and which has resulted in an increase in the number of clients on our Homeless Register.

### **Q16/0224 Councillor K. Mahon**

To ask the Chief Executive how many new housing units have been built in SDCC since 2019?

**REPLY:**

Since the start of 2019 to the end of 2023 a total of618 Council built social housing units have been completed and 8,405 other housing units have been completed.

### **Q17/0224 Councillor D. McManus**

To ask the Chief Executive if the Dublin Region Homeless Executive can provide recent data on the numbers currently availing of homeless services in Dublin, if a breakdown is available for those of Irish, EU, UK and non-EU citizenship, how more accommodation is being provided, and if a statement is available?

**REPLY:**

Please see reply below from the DRHE detailing the citizenship breakdown of the 6,754 adults accessing emergency accommodation across the Dublin Region in December 2023 and how accommodation is provided.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Citizenship | Figures | % |
| Irish | 3,307 | 49% |
| EEA | 1,702 | 25% |
| UK | 43 | 1% |
| Non - EEA | 1,702 | 25% |
| Total | 6,754 | 100% |

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) sources emergency accommodation via an open tender procurement process that seeks emergency accommodation across the Dublin Region. We work with providers that are identified during this process, where accommodation is available and is most suitable. We support other Dublin Local Authorities to develop emergency accommodation in their areas.

### **Q18/0224 Councillor S. Moynihan**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update as to what signage is in place and will be put in place in the County's parks pertaining to keeping dogs under control to keep all park users safe.

**REPLY:**

Dog owners who visit parks should adhere to the requirements of the Council's Park Bye Laws as they relate to both the general use of the park as well as those elements of the bye laws which set down requirements regarding dogs and other animals.  The Control of Dogs Act also sets down requirements with regard to the controls required in relation to prescribed dog breeds.  Park signage should set both of these matters out for park users.  The current position is that many parks within the county provide the necessary signage, a survey of parks within the county will be carried out to establish and replace/add this type of signage as necessary.

SDCC is promoting the responsible dog ownership campaign and information can be found at the following link - <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/environment/animal-welfare/dogs/responsible-dog-ownership-drcd-dafm.pdf>

### **Q19/0224 Councillor S. Moynihan**

To ask the Chief Executive as the number of public lights still in need of repair, the expected waiting time for repair, factors leading to this and when it is expected for normal service to resume.

**REPLY:**

**-  Number of public lights still in need of repair** is 851.

These are all the older type orange low pressure sodium (SOX) fittings. The replacement lamps for these fittings are no longer available.

**- Expected waiting time for repair:**

If the lamps were available, the turn around time between reporting of the outage to our maintenance contractor and the repair of the fitting is contractually 14 working days or less. As stated above, there are no lamps available on the open market.

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Note that if we had replacement lamps available, we would be repairing 20 of these older lights per day.

**- Factors leading to this repair time:** see above.

**-  When is normal service expected to resume**? This can only happen when we have a steady and significant supply of harvested lamps available to us. As stated above, this matter is entirely dependent on ESB Network resources, over which we have no control. However, we currently have scheduled monthly meetings with them to exert as much pressure as possible to remedy this situation.

### **Q20/0224 Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh**

To ask the manager how many of the 205 'Rightsizing' applications made in 2023 have been progressed, and to what extent, and if the manager can include a statement on the query?

**REPLY:**

Of the 205 applications received, 112 applications were from existing tenants seeking to transfer on rightsizing grounds. To date 29 of these transfers have been completed and tenants have moved into their new age friendly homes.

93 expression of interest (EOI's) have been received for the Private Financial Contribution scheme to date. 2 applications are currently with our Law Department for completion with a further 12 applicants referred to our Housing Procurement Section for valuation and  property inspections. The remaining EOI's have remained on the list however, no further documentation to progress the applications have been received from the applicants to date.

The Council will shortly launch a new dedicated webpage on [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie) providing information on Right Sizing options for tenants and private homeowners in the County with details of how to apply, images and locations of upcoming age friendly housing opportunities in the County.

### **Q21/0224 Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh**

To ask the Chief Executive to provide a list of all vacant homes in the county since recent survey work was undertaken, detailing how many have been brought back into use using department funding, how many are anticipated to be from this list including a timeline, and the cost of doing so?

**REPLY:**

There are currently 59 homes included on the Vacant Homes Register. Due to obligations under Data Protection legislation and security concerns the Council does not publish the individual addresses of the properties. The ownership of the properties identified is being investigated with a view to engaging with owners to bring the properties back into productive use including with the assistance of the Croí Cónaithe Vacant Homes Grant, SEAI energy efficiency grants or the repair and Leasing Scheme.  Phase 1 of a county-wide survey of potential vacant properties in conjunction with the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage was carried out during 2023. 632 properties were surveyed, these properties were a mix of residential and commercial buildings. The outcome of the Phase 1 survey was as follows:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Status | Number of Properties |
| Vacant | 258 |
| Derelict | 12 |
| Occupied | 357 |
| Unknown | 5 |

Of the 258 properties that were found to be vacant as a result of this survey, further investigation is necessary to determine whether additional properties can be added to the Vacant Homes Register. Phase 2 of the survey has now been replaced by the CPO Activation Programme which provides for a planned, systematic and proactive approach by local authorities to bringing vacant and derelict properties into use.

The Council has received an initial allocation of €1.2 million to fund acquisitions under the Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF) Round 3 funding to activate long term vacant and derelict buildings. Following the Phase 1 survey carried out in 2023, a proposed list of seven properties have been identified and targeted for acquisition/refurbishment under this funding stream and have been submitted to the DHLGH for approval.

### **Q22/0224 Councillor D. Ó Brádaigh**

To ask the Chief Executive for a report into how many staff are currently assigned to the Housing Section and how this compares for each of the previous 3 years, and to confirm how many are tasked with responsibility for handling and progressing the Tenant-in-Situ Scheme?

**REPLY:**

As of the 1st January 2024, 218 posts are assigned to the Housing Department. The corresponding figure in 2023 and 2022 respectively, was 210 and 201.

Tenant-in-Situ applications are managed and assessed by the Housing Procurement team, which consists of 8 staff members. In addition there is further support provided by our Law Department, Dublin City Valuers Office and technical advice from the Clerk of Works in our Housing Maintenance and Refurbishment team.

### **Q23/0224 Councillor E. Ó Broin**

Are there grants for Community groups to organise outdoor murals on walls in stand out locations?

**REPLY:**

There are a number of grants available to support outdoor mural art projects in the County. Community groups will be be invited to apply for the Community Mural Award in June 2024. Applicants may submit a proposal for up to €10,000 to commission and deliver a mural. The award is competition based and one award for €10,000 or two smaller awards may be made.

Community Groups may also apply for an Arts Project Award of €1000 (open for applications in February) or a small Arts Grants of €650 towards a mural projects, at any time during the year.

### **Q24/0224 Councillor E. Ó Broin**

Are there grants for autism friendly play features in Community Centres, Community Spaces, or other Community facilities?

**REPLY:**

The community grants scheme does not provide specific grants for provision of autism friendly equipment however, community centre boards of management  can apply to use the funds we provide to deliver and purchase equipment for autism friendly play features. Our libraries currently provide a range of neurodivergent services and equipment for use by members of the public and the community development team are also piloting the provision of sensory play boxes for use in community centres.

### **Q25/0224 Councillor E. Ó Broin**

How is the work of private contractors that undertake street tree maintenance on behalf of this council evaluated?

**REPLY:**

The Council's Public Realm Section has a number of framework agreements in place for various aspects of tree maintenance and for tree planting with multiple contractors on each framework.  Maintenance work required on a tree is identified through detailed survey and is recorded on the Council's tree management system Arbortrack.  Work orders are generated by this system and issued to the contractor, Council staff will follow up and inspect the completed works and can refer to the work order issued to satisfy themselves that the work required has been carried out and to a satisfactory standard.  If a problem arises the matter is raised with the relevant contractor who is requested to address the matter immediately.  The Council has the option to withhold payment for sub-standard work if this were to arise.

### **Q26/0224 Councillor E. Ó Broin**

What is the scope to extend by one hour public park opening times over the summer months?

**REPLY:**

In general pedestrian entrances to parks remain open at all times whereas vehicle entrances which provide access to car parks are closed overnight, the current closing time for the months of June to August being 9pm.  Some park entrances are controlled by way of automated gates and these are in place at Tymon Park, Griffeen Valley Park and a number of other locations such as the Dodder Valley Pavilion car park and Kiltipper Park.   Where an entrance gate is controlled in this way it is a matter of adjusting the time of closure and this requested change could be examined on a trial basis over the coming summer. Below are details of the status of automation of entrance gates to the main parks within the county.

* The Corkagh Park masterplan project includes the automation of the entrance gates at St John’s Wood and at Camac Valley and these will be completed this year.  The Outer Ring Road car park currently has no gate or barrier and is therefore open at all times.
* At Tymon Park all entrance gates into car parks are already automated and closing time can therefore be changed as required.
* At Griffeen Valley the entrance gates to the Newcastle Road/running track car park and to the Haydens Lane car park are both automated and closing time can be changed as required.  The entrance gate at the swimming pool car park is expected to be automated as part of the swimming pool development project.
* At both car parks at Tandy’s Lane and Airlie Park both entrance gates are automated.
* At Dodder Valley Park the entrance gate at the pavilion car park is automated, other car parks at Firhouse Road and at Cherryfield are open at all times.
* At Kiltipper Park the entrance gate is automated.

### **Q27/0224 Councillor E. Ó Broin**

How many homes have been reported to, assessed and subsequently added to the Vacant Homes register?

**REPLY:**

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### **Q28/0224 Councillor C. O’Connor**

To ask the CE to confirm his plans for a new Pavilion programme; will he give details and make a statement?

**REPLY:**

The Sports Pavilions programme provides for changing rooms within parks to serve a number of sports pitches; and are 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 pavilions and SDCC will continue to seek funding for such projects going forward.

In relation to the programme progress: 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. This review is currently underway and additional locations ware also under consideration, as it is several years since the initial programme was developed. Once completed, the review will be presented to the council with recommendations. The expected date for completion of the review /presentation to council is March 2024.

### **Q29/0224 Councillor C. O’Connor**

To ask the CE how many Planning Retention applications were received in 2023 and how many were successful?

**REPLY:**

140 Applications for planning retention were received in 2023.

There were 116 decisions to grant permission for retention issued in 2023.

### **Q30/0224 Councillor C. O’Connor**

To ask the CEO to confirm the number of voters on the Voting Registers for each Electoral Area. Charlie O'Connor

**REPLY:**

Numbers of Voters on the Register of Electors for each electoral area are as follow:-

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Local Electoral Area | Electors |
| Clondalkin | 29,984 |
| Firhouse/Bohernabreena | 26,170 |
| Lucan | 22,835 |
| Palmerstown/Fonthill | 25,102 |
| Rathfarnham/Templeogue | 39,938 |
| Tallaght Central | 29,064 |
| Tallaght South | 22,946 |
| Total | 196,039 |

### **Q31/0224 Councillor C. O’Connor**

To ask the CE what is his policy to ensure that all roundabouts across the County are properly named?

**REPLY:**

Roundabouts are named in relation to their geographical location to provide directional information for road users (subject to the guidelines and criteria associated with any roundabout sponsorship scheme in operation) and are not named after individuals or events.

Roundabouts are not necessarily a permanent road feature as road junctions and intersections can be subject to alteration to meet traffic management requirements, and roundabouts may be removed or changed to signalised junctions. For this reason the above guidance is applied.

Any proposals to name infrastructure should be considered in line with the Council's agreed Naming of Infrastructure policy and should be considered by the Naming of Infrastructure Committee if appropriate.

### **Q32/0224 Councillor C. O’Connor**

To ask the CE to detail the number of Estates in our County which are still not taken in charge and will he make a statement?

**REPLY:**

There are 112 number live TIC applications in the Taking in Charge database. As many as 60% of these are not being actively progressed by the developers.  Where active engagement is present with the developers, SDCC are progressing these schemes efficiently to TIC completion.  The average time for completion of TIC from receipt of an application to being fully TIC is 33 months.

### **Q33/0224 Councillor C. O’Connor**

To ask the CE what actions he is taking to ensure that all housing maintenance calls are dealt with effectively to the satisfaction of tenants and will he make a statement?

**REPLY:**

As part of the Council's ongoing digital transformation to provide enhanced and optimal customer service, the Housing Online (HOL) portal provides an online, fully mobile responsive self-service area that allows housing customers to self-serve 24/7 on any device for various housing services. In this context, the online housing maintenance service facilitates the submission of maintenance requests straight into the system which will allow a more timely and responsive service.

A series of explanatory videos showing customers how to register and log a maintenance request online is available at: [**Housing Online - SDCC**](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.sdcc.ie%2Fen%2Fservices%2Fhousing%2Fhousing-online%2F&amp;data=05%7C01%7Camills%40SDUBLINCOCO.ie%7C97b91a0c91d044a8425c08dba93ba50b%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C638289845859410211%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&amp;sdata=7bSzoR03QjTxyO1bLZZDydynx9cRQv0GxXFw2tlD7Wk%3D&amp;reserved=0); [**Maintenance and Repairs - SDCC**](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.sdcc.ie%2Fen%2Fservices%2Fhousing%2Fmaintenance-and-repairs%2F&amp;data=05%7C01%7Camills%40SDUBLINCOCO.ie%7C97b91a0c91d044a8425c08dba93ba50b%7C6a3c00c019d0492da8de95fad8fda1d4%7C0%7C0%7C638289845859410211%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&amp;sdata=svHLI42j4Bm3z9YFRQcbEkYpr4Us3JYYoK%2FrgNXLNpU%3D&amp;reserved=0).  Internet access is widely available through the network of libraries and elsewhere in the County. Any tenants experiencing challenges with using HOL can e-mail [**hol@sdublincoco.ie**](mailto:hol@sdublincoco.ie)for assistance.

Maintenance requests in the first instance should be submitted by the tenant directly through Housing Online where they are able to do so as this will facilitate the swiftest categorisation and assignment of work to either our direct labour staff or an appropriate contractor. This will allow more efficient responses to address maintenance issues in tenants’ homes.

Already, almost half of tenants have registered on the new system, which is straightforward to use, tenants can submit maintenance requests from any device at any time once registered. Many people are digitally literate to a reasonable degree but where barriers to use of the system exist, a dedicated Council phone service is available for calls during office hours to report maintenance issues from tenants who are older, have additional needs or who have digital literacy/access issues. Our maintenance staff also provide assistance with user guides and step-by-step assistance on how to use the system.

Dedicated frontline housing staff have been nominated to act as digital champions and are available to show customers how to operate on-line self-service processes which include a range of options including the ability to report maintenance and repair issues, apply for housing, access information on rent account and housing grants.

### **Q34/0224 Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive Has SDCC any plans for additional family hubs?

**REPLY:**

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE) operated by Dublin City Council is the lead statutory authority on the response to homelessness and adopts a shared service approach across the Dublin region on behalf of South Dublin County Council, Fingal County Council and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

The DRHE manages the tendering process for the provision of properties for the use of Emergency accommodation for both Private Emergency Accommodation (under lease or contract) and Emergency Accommodation managed by NGO’s.

This Council, in conjunction with the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE), will continue to actively explore potential options for additional family hubs and other supported accommodation in South Dublin.

If elected members are aware of any premises in their area, which they feel could be adapted for use as family hub, they should contact management within the Housing Department who can assess its suitability.

### **Q35/0224 Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive For a report into occupancy for Family Hubs in SDCC and average stay?

**REPLY:**

Within South Dublin County, the following emergency family 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: facility managed by Peter McVerry Trust, comprising of 8 rooms for smaller families

All the Family Hubs operate at full capacity all the time. It is not possible to provide an average stay time as this is dependent on the households areas of preference and family composition.

### **Q36/0224 Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive For a report into how many council homes have been built since 2019 and projection to end of current council term?

**REPLY:**

The table below illustrates the number of social housing units constructed by the Council under our own build programme and projected from 2019-2024.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Year | Units |  |
| 2019 | 146 |  |
| 2020 | 109 |  |
| 2021 | 2 |  |
| 2022 | 171 |  |
| 2023 | 190 |  |
| 2024 | 320\* | Projected delivery\* |
| Total | 938 |  |

### **Q37/0224 Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive Who is responsible for enforcing a planning condition in a case decided on appeal by An Bord Pleanála?

**REPLY:**

Local authorities are responsible for enforcement related to breaches of planning legislation, and are required to take action in respect of unauthorised development.

Unauthorised development is any development that requires planning permission and does not have that permission or a development which is in breach of the conditions of its planning permission, granted either by the Planning Authority or An Bord Pleanala.

### **Q38/0224 Councillor F. Timmons**

To ask the Chief Executive can the local authority refuse to enforce a condition set by An Bord Pleanála and if so is there a mechanism to appeal this decision?

**REPLY:**

Unauthorised development is any development that requires planning permission and does not have that permission, OR,  a development which is in breach of the conditions of its planning permission, granted either by the Planning Authority or An Bord Pleanala.

In general, when a planning authority receives a planning enforcement complaint regarding unauthorised development, it will carry out an initial analysis to consider the matter. Following this assessment the Council will consider if it is appropriate and necessary to take further action. This process will always involve an assessment by the planning enforcement team as to whether a difference from the approved application (or a condition) constitutes a material or unacceptable difference from the permitted application. Depending on the circumstances, the planning authority can decide that minor or non material differences may not require planning enforcement action to be taken.

There is no opportunity to appeal such an enforcement decision to An Bord Pleanala, however, the option to progress a Judicial Review of any such decision could be open.

**H6/0224 DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE MADE PUBLIC ROADS - FOR APPROVAL**

Proposed by Corporate Performance and Change Management Directorate

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

**H7a/0224 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES/SITES - FOR APPROVAL**

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

**LD 1593 Proposed disposal of substation site to ESB at Canal Bank Avenue, Clonburris, Dublin 22 to facilitate power supply to housing development within Clonburris Strategic Development Zone (SDZ)**

Part VIII Public Consultation Process for the 116 social and affordable housing units within Clonburris SDZ was approved at Council meeting on 11 June 2022 – Certified Minute No. H11/0622 refers.

In order to facilitate power supply to this housing development, the ESB have made an application to acquire the freehold interest in a plot of land for a substation at the above address. The subject plot is outlined in red on attached Drawing No. LR-ASD-2023-21006-01 – Council Folio DN1120F refers.

Accordingly, I recommend that the Council disposes of its freehold interest in the plot of land outlined in red on Drawing No. LR-ASD-2023-21006-01, to the ESB in accordance with Section 211 & 212 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 subject to the following terms and conditions: -

1. That the Council disposes of its freehold interest in the plot of land outlined in red comprising 5.72 square metres or thereabouts, on Drawing No. LR-ASD-2023-21006-01.
2. That the total consideration shall be the sum of €1 (one euro)plus VAT (if applicable). The consideration figure is exclusive of accommodation works, fees and reinstatement costs.
3. That there should be no building within three metres of Irish Water/Water Services infrastructure.
4. That the ESB shall have access to inspect, repair, and maintain the underground cables. They shall provide satisfactory advance written notice to the Council of any intended works to the cables and shall complete reinstatement works to the satisfaction of Council.
5. That the works are carried out in an efficient and reasonable timeframe once entry is made on site. All works to be carried out with minimum disruption to the Council and members of the public. All works and work procedures shall comply with Health and Safety regulations.
6. That the ESB shall pay a contribution in respect of the Council’s legal fees in the amount of €750.
7. That in the event of any name change to Applicant prior to formal completion of the legal transfer, the Applicant 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.
8. That each party shall use their best endeavours to complete the transaction within a reasonable timeframe following adoption of the disposal resolution.
9. That the Law Agent shall draft the necessary documents and include any further terms deemed appropriate in Agreements of this nature.
10. That no contract enforceable at law is created or intended to be created until such time as contracts have been exchanged.
11. That the disposal is subject to the necessary approvals and consents being obtained.

The lands being disposed of comprise lands acquired in 1974 from Daniel and Johanna Moynihan for housing purposes.

**Colm Ward**

**Chief Executive**

### [**H7 a)ii) Map**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81468)

### Councillor T. Costello raised a query in relation to public lighting.

Mr. C. Ward, Chief Executive, responded to the Member’s query.

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

That the proposed disposal of substation site to ESB at Canal Bank Avenue, Clonburris, Dublin 22 to facilitate power supply to housing development within Clonburris Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**

**H7b/0224 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES/SITES - FOR APPROVAL**

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

The following have applied, in accordance with the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rent) (No 2) Act, to acquire the fee simple in the property

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ADDRESS | LESSEE(S) | PURCHASE PRICE |
| 64 Castle Lawns, Tallaght, Dublin 24 | Pauline Ray | €42.62 |

It is proposed, in accordance with the provisions of the landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No 2) Act, 1978 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, to dispose of the fee simple in the site listed above.

**Colm Ward**

**Chief Executive**

### [**H7 b)ii) Map**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81465)

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

That the disposal of fee simple in 64 Castle Park, Tallaght, Dublin 24 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**

**H7c/0224 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES/SITES - FOR APPROVAL**

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

The following have applied, in accordance with the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rent) (No 2) Act, to acquire the fee simple in the property

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| ADDRESS | LESSEE(S) | PURCHASE PRICE |
| 40 Willbrook Park, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14 | Anne Cantwell and Mark Byrne | €42.62 |

It is proposed, in accordance with the provisions of the landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (No 2) Act, 1978 and subject to the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, to dispose of the fee simple in the site listed above.

**Colm Ward**

**Chief Executive**

### [**H7 c)ii) Map**](http://intranet/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81467)

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

(c) Disposal of fee simple in 40 Willbrook Park, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**

**H8/0224 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 8 a) Chief Executive's Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81487)  
[HI 8 b) Statistics Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81577)  
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A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors D. Ó Brádaigh, P. Gogarty, D. McManus, J. Tuffy, L. O’Toole, W. Carey, V. Casserly, J. Sinnott, L. Guéret, E. Murphy, L. McCrave and A. Edge. Queries were raised in relation to Community Grants, Lucan House, Lucan Pool, Old Schoolmasters house, Tenants Purchase Scheme, Uisce Eireann and the Finance Report. Members also commended Public Realm and LEO staff and those involved in the National Diversity and Inclusion and LAMA awards.

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

The report was **NOTED.**

**H9/0224 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN 2024 – 2029 – FOR APPROVAL**

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

[H9(i) SDCC Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81415)  
[H9(ii) Chief Executive's Report on Submissions Received to Draft CAP](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81416)  
[H9(iii) SEA Environmental Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81417)  
[H9(iv) AA Natura Impact Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81418)  
[H9(v) SEA Screening Report on Chief Executive’s Recommendations on the Draft CAP](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81420)  
[H9(vi) AA Screening Report on Chief Executive’s Recommendations on the Draft CAP](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81421)  
[H9(vii) AA Final Determination on Draft CAP](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81422)  
[H9(viii) Draft CAP 2024 - 2029 Presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81508)

Councillor M. Lynch proposed and Councillor D. McManus seconded, amendments to the Climate Action Plant as follows:

**Proposed Amendments**

1. **Amendment**

**Energy & Buildings**

1. E6 amend (addition in italics) “Develop, or procure, a tool to be used for high level assessments of embodied carbon in SDCC projects at design stage *and to design a policy proposal that all new council funded buildings are built to an emissions neutral standard*”
2. **E20 amend** (addition in italics) “Identify sites or opportunities for trialling renewable energy projects *including but not limited to solar, wind, hydro and pumped storage”*
3. **GOV2 amend** (addition in italics) “Ensure Green Public Procurement (GPP) implementation in all SDCC tenders as part of the scored quality assessment, in order to source goods, services and works with a reduced climate and environmental impact, *with a priority placed on goods, services and works with a neutral climate and environmental impact.* Provide relevant GPP training for staff**.**
4. New GOV5 “To develop a method, process or tool to allow the embodied carbon within proposed new buildings to be taken into consideration, to inform development across the county”
5. New GOV6 “Develop, or procure, a tool to be used to calculate scope 3 emissions across all SDCC activities”

**Transport**

1. Under promotion of Active Travel heading a New T10 (renumbering subsequent actions points): “In addition to the statutory and non-statutory consultations, upon the launch of a proposed new active travel scheme, where appropriate and as needed**,** public meetings will be held and information leaflets will be distributed in the areas informing all residents of the details and benefits of such schemes”
2. T11 amend (addition in italics) “Implement the Safe Routes To School Programme and implement the School Streets Initiative *and to ensure that individual communications plans are prepared and executed for each Safe Routes to School project. These plans, in consultation with An Taisce and* where appropriate and as needed, could*include communications to local residents and to the school community before delivery, during delivery and following completion.”*
3. **GOV2 amend** (addition in italics) “Ensure Green Public Procurement (GPP) implementation in all SDCC tenders as part of the scored quality assessment, in order to source goods, services and works with a reduced climate and environmental impact, *with a priority placed on goods, services and works with a neutral climate and environmental impact*. Provide relevant GPP training for staff.

**Circular Economy**

1. Insert new Action between N12 and N13 and re-number to reflect “Develop a strategy for the phase out of harmful products such as glyphosate and acrylic paint.”
2. **GOV2 amend** (addition in italics) “Ensure Green Public Procurement (GPP) implementation in all SDCC tenders as part of the scored quality assessment, in order to source goods, services and works with a reduced climate and environmental impact, *with a priority placed on goods, services and works with a neutral climate and environmental impact.* Provide relevant GPP training for staff.

Councillor M. Johannson proposed and Councillor P. Kearns seconded, an amendment to the Climate Action Plant as follows:

1. **Amendment:**
2. To insert the following sentence on page 90 (Action Area Nature Based Solutions: Addressing Biodiversity Loss): “SDCC will work towards ending the use of harmful glyphosate-based herbicides by 2029.”

And to add a new action in the table on page 94 to read: “Action: Work toward ending the use of glyphosate-based herbicides by 2029., Tracking measure: Amount of glyphosate used., Timeframe: Planned commencement: 2024 Duration: 2029., Adaptation/Mitigation: Mitigation., SDCC role: Full accountability., Lead departments: EWCC -Public Realm., Partner(s) identified: Contractors providing weed control services.”

New Action in NBS section in between N12 and N13.

‘Develop a strategy for the phase out of harmful products such as glyphosate and acrylic paint.”

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors A. Edge, M. Lynch, M Johansson, D. Ó Brádaigh, P. Kearns, T. Costello, P. Holohan, E. Ó Broin, and K. Mahon, who commended Ms. T. Walsh and her team on the Plan. Queries were raised in relation to public consultation, Safe Routes to School program, Active Travel, EV Vehicles and construction materials.

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

The amendments to the Climate Action Plan were **AGREED**.

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

“That the Climate Action Plan 2024 - 2029, as amended, be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED.**”

**H10/0224 BAWNOGUE DISTRICT CENTRE PART 8 – FOR APPROVAL**

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

[H10 (a) Part VIII Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81509)  
[H10 (b) Part VIII Presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81510)  
[H10 (c) EIA Screening Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81483)  
[H10 (d) AA Screening Report](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81482)  
[H10 (e) Proposed Layout](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81479)  
[H10 (f) Site Extents](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81480)  
[H10 (g) Visualisation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81484)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, S. Moynihan, E. Ó Broin, W. Carey and M. Johannson with queries raised in relation to future maintenance, the tendering process, the car park, and liaison with the NTA and timeframe for the Part 8.

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

The Bawnogue District Centre Part 8 was proposed by Councillor A. Edge and seconded by Councillor F. Timmons and **AGREED.**

### **H11/0224 ANNUAL SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN 2024 – FOR APPROVAL**

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

[H11 Annual Service Delivery Plan 2024](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81474)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors F. Timmons, M. Johannson, D. Ó Bradaigh, Y. Collins, P. Kearns, W. Carey, and T. Costello. Queries were raised in relation to customer care, Housing Department, Lucan House, 12th Lock, Kishogue train station, public lighting, Clondalkin civic offices and the electoral register.

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

The Annual Service Delivery Plan was **APPROVED** on the proposition of Councillor proposition of Councillor A. Edge, seconded by Councillor F. Timmons.

**H12/0224 PUBLIC REALM AND WATER SERVICES MINOR WORK PROGRAMMES 2024 – FOR NOTING**  
The following report by the Chief Executive, which had been circulated was presented by Ms. T. Walsh, Director for Environment, Water and Climate Change, and was **CONSIDERED**.

**Public Realm Improvement Works Programme 2024**

**Tallaght  ACM**

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| **No** | **Location** | **Description of Works** | **Cost estimate** |
| 1 | Seskin View Road | Install footpath through the open space running adjacent to Seskin View Road & The Wood, Millbrook Lawns | €40,000 |
| 2 | Lios na Sidhe and Old Bawn Avenue | Construct footpath on greenspace between Lios na Sidhe and Old Bawn Avenue | €30,000 |
| 3 | Suncroft Park | Construct loop footpath around open space, including tree planting | €45,000 |
| 4 | Aylesbury | Install accessible footpath between Pineview to Kiltipper crossing Dalepark road. | €10,000 |
| 5 | Sean Walsh Park | Realign footpath in Sean Walsh park phase 2 adjacent to Cill cais with associated drainage and landscape works. | €20,000 |
| 6 | Belgard Park | Install public lighting along path across open space at Belgard Park | €25,000 |
| 7 | Cill Cais | Install public lighting along Cill Cais pedestrian footpath through open space. | €20,000 |
| 8 | Open space at Scoil Santain | Landscape improvements at open space in front of Scoil Santain. | €30,000 |
| 9 | Sheehy Skeffington | Install kissing gates at the entrance that leads from the Cheeverstown Luas Stop into Sheehy Skeffington Meadows | €10,000 |
| 10 | Sean Walsh Park | Install a dog run in Sean Walsh park | €50,000 |
| 11 | Belgard heights | Pollinator-friendly bulb planting. | €10,000 |
| 12 | Castle Park to Bancroft Grove | Overlay footpath between Castle Park and Bancroft Grove. | €30,000 |
| 13 | Ashfield Park | Surface footpath. | €5,000 |
| 14 | Ballymount Park | Upgrade footpaths by stream, playground and pitch 93 to address water ponding issues. | €30,000 |
| 15 | Ballymount Park | Widen footpaths in two locations. | €25,000 |
| 16 | Kilnamanagh | Construct footpath loop around open space at Treepark Road adjacent to the M50 | €50,000 |
| 17 | Avonbeg/Homelawns/St Dominics open space | Install boundary railing | €50,000 |
|  |  | Total | €480,000 |

**Rathfarnham / Templeogue / Firhouse / Bohernabreena ACM**

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| **Number** | **Location** | **Description of Works** | **Cost estimate** |
| 1 | Delaford Estate | Install walking loop around park | €40,000 |
| 2 | Riverside Cottages | Install footpath along the river. | €40,000 |
| 3 | Carrigwood, Firhouse | Complete the loop & connect the green space to the school | €40,000 |
| 4 | Tymon park | Footpath upgrades in various locations | €25,000 |
| 5 | Greenhills Park | Provide public lighting along the main pathway through Greenhills Park | €45,000 |
| 6 | Orwell Estate | Provide public lighting along footpath across open space. | €25,000 |
| 7 | Dodder Valley park | Upgrade entrances into Dodder Valley Park | €40,000 |
| 8 | Templeroan Roundabout, Knocklyon | Landscape planting upgrade | €20,000 |
| 9 | Tymon Park | Install Boules Court near Templeogue Utd | €25,000 |
| 10 | Tymon Park entrance | remove existing Kissing gate and install adjustable kissing gate at Limekiln Road entrance | €10,000 |
| 11 | Ely Arch | Boundary improvements along Dodder Road Lower | €50,000 |
| 12 | Dangan Park | Provide drainage and overly footpath through park. | €30,000 |
| 13 | Woodlawn Park Grove | Footpath linking Woodlawn Park Grove & Ballycullen Road | €10,000 |
| 14 | Dodder Valley Park | Overlay footpath at the rear of Scoil Carmel. | €40,000 |
| 15 | Firhouse/ Scoil Treasa | Provide link to footpath across open space from Scoil Treasa entrance. | €5,000 |
| 16 | Rathfarnham Castle Park | Install sensory walk/garden. | €30,000 |
|  |  |  | €475,000 |

**Clondalkin/Newcastle/Rathcoole/Saggart/Brittas ACM**

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| **No** | **Location** | **Description of Works** | **Cost estimate** |
| 1 | Corkagh Park | Upgrade dog run - new fence, gates, accessible entrance & seats | 40000 |
| 2 | Corkagh Park | Landscape island bed outside entrance to St Johns Road car park | 15000 |
| 3 | Corkagh Park | Upgrade rose garden | 25000 |
| 4 | Corkagh Park | Surface section back lane | 45000 |
| 5 | Corkagh Park | Phase 2 of 3 surface lake path | 45000 |
| 6 | Corkagh Park | Phase 3 of 3 surface lake path | 45000 |
| 7 | Corkagh Park | Mini woodland | 30000 |
| 8 | Knockmitten Park at Woodford Park | Surface section of path | 5000 |
| 9 | Clondalkin Park | Widen and surface path east of Camac beside soccer pitch | 35000 |
| 10 | Clondalkin Park | Fence around culvert - 35 metres x 1.4m high buff top | 10000 |
| 11 | Rathcoole Park | Upgrade rose garden with perennials and roses. | 50000 |
| 12 | Rathcoole Park | Path upgrade works | 30000 |
| 13 | Monastery Gate Villas | Public Lighting from Monastery Gate Villas to Monastery Road | 20000 |
| 14 | Castle Park open space | Boundary treatment and tree planting | 60000 |
| 15 | Michael Collins open space | Upgrade path leading to Clonburris National School | 15000 |
| 16 | Woodford open space | Pollinator Planting | 10000 |
|  |  |  | 480,000 |

**Lucan/Palmerstown/North Clondalkin ACM**

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| **No** | **Location** | **Description of Works** | **Cost estimate** |
| 1 | Hermitage Park | Upgrade vehicle entrance | 35000 |
| 2 | Hermitage Park | Path upgrade works throughout park | 40000 |
| 3 | St Finians Crescent open space | Path upgrade works | 40000 |
| 4 | Esker Glebe open space | New path between red bridge and post box | 15000 |
| 5 | Willsbrook Park | Path upgrade works throughout park | 40000 |
| 6 | Griffeen Valley Park | Upgrade Water font near playground/skatepark | 20000 |
| 7 | Griffeen Valley Park | Surface entrance path at The Old Forge | 10000 |
| 8 | Griffeen Valley Park | Upgrade model car track area - Fence on RHS of Haydens Lane car park + new kerbing on LHS | 30000 |
| 9 | Griffeen Valley Park | Replace Yellow bridge & upgrade entrance opposite Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada | 50000 |
| 10 | Griffeen Valley Park | Path upgrade works throughout  Newcastle Road/Esker Drive section | 20000 |
| 11 | Griffeen Valley Park | Mini Woodland near King Johns Bridge | 25000 |
| 12 | Tandys Lane Park | Upgrade 3 water fonts to solar units @ playground near car park, Calisthenics, playground near orchard | 50000 |
| 13 | Woodview Heights | Trees & bulbs on open space | 15000 |
| 14 | Waterstown | New gates and pillars at lower car park | 25000 |
| 15 | Griffeen Road/Way roundabout | Bulb planting to include Galantus | 10000 |
| 16 | Rochfort/Abbeydale roundabout | Bulb planting | 10000 |
| 17 | Collinstown Park | Provide seating | 10000 |
| 18 | Ballyowen Park | Provide seating | 10000 |
| 19 | St Ronans Avenue | Resurface old section of black path | 20000 |
|  |  |  | 475,000 |

**Minor Projects under €500k**

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| **No** | **Location** | **Description of Works** | **Cost** |
| 1 | Greentrees Park (8 acres & 5 Acres) | Installation of walking/jogging exercise loop, seating, tree planting, associated landscaping. | €75,000 per park (€150k total) |
| 2 | Ballycragh Park | Goal storage compound | €20,000 |
| 3 | Greentrees (5 acres) | Goal storage compound | €20,000 |
| 4 | Kiltalown Park | Playground upgrade | €150,000 |
| 5 | 5 x Water Stations | Supply delivery and installation of water stations in various locations throughout the county | €90,000 |

**Sports Capital Projects to be delivered in 2024**

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|  | **Location** | **Description of the works** | **Cost estimate** |
| 1 | Dodder Valley Park GAA pitch 98 | Level pitch and drainage | €154,427 |
| 2 | Butler McGee Park Soccer Pitch 74 | Drainage | €133,000 |
| 3 | Glenaulin Park GAA Pitch 24 | Level & small drainage works | €45,000 |
| 4 | Griffeen Park GAA Pitch 13 | Level & small drainage works | €160,000 |

**SURFACE WATER MINOR WORKS PROGRAMME 2024**

**Surface Water Sewer Projects:**

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| **Location** | **Project** | **Projected Exp. For 2024** |
| Newcastle /Rathcoole | Clean, Repair and upgrade surface water pipe – follow on works from surface water study | €140,000 |
| Stocking Well | Survey and possible upgrade surface water network | €50,000 |
| Tay Lane, Rathcoole | Regrade road to allow installation of upsized surface water pipework | €15,000 |
| Rathcoole Park | Regrade river bank – to alleviate overspill during heavy rainfall | €5,000 |
| Lucan Village | New surface water pipeline required to facilitate and improve road drainage | €100,000 |
| Butterfield Park | New surface water sewer to allow separation of surface water and foul sewage to alleviate foul sewer flooding. | €65,000 |
| Cloverhill Road (Palmerstown Woods) | New surface water pipeline required to provide improved drainage. Project will coordinate with a Roads project in same location. | €100,000 |
| **Total** |  | **€475,000** |

[H12 (b) 2024 Public Realm Surface Water Improvement Works Presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81569)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors T. Costello, E. O’Brien, E. Murphy, P. Kearns, C. King, E. Ó Broin and Y. Collins who commended the report and raised queries in relation to goal storage, Griffeen Valley Park, Dodder Valley Park, Ballycragh Park, Greentrees Park, Rathfarnham Castle and surface water drainage.

Ms. T. Walsh, Director for Environment, Water and Climate Change responded to the Members’ queries.

The report was **NOTED.**

**H13/0224 ROAD AND FOOTPATH WORKS PROGRAMME 2024 – FOR NOTING**

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

[H13 (a) 2024 RWP](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81476)  
[H13 (b) 2024 RWP Presentation](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81475)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors J. Sinnott, L. McCrave, L. O’Toole, W. Carey, T. Costello, and A. Edge with queries raised in relation to road, cycle track and footpath construction and maintenance.

Mr. M. Mulhern, Director of Land Use, Planning and Transport, responded to the Members’ queries.

The report was **NOTED**.

**H14/0224 COMMUNITY & SPORT DEVELOPMENT GRANTS – FOR NOTING**

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

**REPLY:**

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

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

Applications are assessed by the Community Development Team under the following criteria:

* Impact on local community and local community involvement.
* Proven track record of project delivery and non-duplication of activities in the local area.
* Sustainable and value for money projects with clear/accurate costings.
* Existing funds available to the group/alternative funding sources.

Following the assessment process and having regard to the available budget **1** grant totalling **€1,000.00** were approved for **1** local groups summarised as follows:

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| **Category** | **No:** | **Amount** |
| Community Development Grants | 1 | €1,000.00 |
| **Total** | **1** | **€1,000.00** |

This is a 2023 grant application that was received before the closing date of the 31st of October 2023 and has come from the 2023 budget.

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** |
| Tallaght Community Council | Community Development Grant | Running Costs | €1000.00 |

**REPLY:**

The Community Centre Management Support Fund 2023 was circulated to relevant Community Centre Boards of Management and a deadline of 17th November 2023 for receipt of completed applications. This offered the opportunity to apply for financial supports under the three defined funding strands within the one application:

* Strand 1) Operational Costs
* Strand 2) Employment, Training & Governance
* Strand 3) Local Community Events

The application process further interrogated the centre usage patterns, ongoing running costs, existing management and staffing structures. Where boards were applying for funding for additional staff and supports, details of the envisaged additionality, facility management and governance enhancements long-term sustainability were also required and future progress will be measured against these projections.

In order to be deemed eligible for Management Support Funding, all boards of management were requested to send at lease one representative board member to three Governance Related Worksop’s, that were delivered by Governance Ireland on behalf of the Council. In addition, each board was also asked to commit to engage with Sportskey to examine the opportunities from implementing an Online Booking System for their respective community centres.

A total of thirty-two applications were received and assessed with due consideration given to existing core funding and income levels for each centre and how allocations of funding would assist centres to improve both service delivery to the local communities and make improvements to centre management operations.

For Elected members' information, the Community Services Department has now approved funding of €750,000 for various community facilities as follows:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Community Facility** | **Operational Costs** | **Employment, Governance & Training** | **Community Events** | **Totals** |
| Bawnogue Youth & Community Centre | €12,000 | €30,000 | €5,300 | €47,300 |
| Knocklyon Youth & Community Centre | €9,000 | €0 | €0 | €9,000 |
| Knockmitten Youth & Community Centre | €12,000 | €1,000 | €4,600 | €17,600 |
| St. Mark's Youth & Family Centre | €12,000 | €0 | €0 | €12,000 |
| Brookfield Youth & Community Centre | €12,000 | €2,000.00 | €4,600 | €18,600 |
| Earlsfort Community Centre | €9,000 | €0 | €1,250 | €10,250 |
| The WEB Project/Whitechurch Old Library | €12,000 | €0 | €3,300 | €15,300 |
| Quarryvale Community & Leisure Centre | €12,000 | €550 | €4,150 | €16,700 |
| Fettercairn Community & Youth Centre | €12,000 | €1,300 | €4,600 | €17,900 |
| Whitechurch Community & Youth Centre | €12,000 | €0 | €4,600 | €16,600 |
| Kingswood Community & Leisure Centre | €12,000 | €0 | €5,600 | €17,600 |
| Jobstown Community & Youth Centre | €12,000 | €30,000 | €4,600 | €46,600 |
| The Park Community Centre | €12,000 | €24,000 | €4,185 | €40,185 |
| Rathcoole Community Centre | €12,000 | €0 | €5,300 | €17,300 |
| St Aengus Community Centre | €12,000 | €0 | €4,800 | €16,800 |
| Rowlagh Community Centre | €12,000 | €30,000 | €4,900 | €46,900 |
| Saggart Schoolhouse Community Centre | €10,000 | €30,000 | €4,900 | €44,900 |
| St. Finian’s Community Hall | €10,000 | €16,500 | €4,100 | €30,600 |
| Greenhills Community Centre | €7,000 | €0 | €5,800 | €12,800 |
| Neilstown Community Centre | €12,000 | €30,000 | €5,300 | €47,300 |
| Perrystown Manor Estate Community Centre | €12,000 | €17,000 | €2,000 | €31,000 |
| Kilnamanagh Family Recreation Centre | €7,000 | €1,000 | €3,000 | €11,000 |
| Fettercairn Youth Horse Project | €12,000 | €0 | €0 | €12,000 |
| Glenasmole Community Centre | €12,000 | €10,875 | €3,900 | €26,775 |
| Firhouse Community & Leisure Centre | €7,000 | €0 | €3,000 | €10,000 |
| Adamstown Youth & Community Centre | €10,000 | €12,000 | €4,100 | €26,100 |
| Dominic’s Community Centre | €9,000 | €0 | €1,900 | €10,900 |
| Ballyroan Community & Youth Centre | €10,000 | €1,940 | €2,600 | €14,540 |
| Palmerstown Community & Youth Centre | €12,000 | €30,000 | €2,900 | €44,900 |
| Ballyowen Castle Youth & Community Centre | €9,000 | €21,000 | €4,100 | €34,100 |
| Killinarden Community Centre | €12,000 | €3,200 | €3,000 | €18,200 |
| Brittas Community Centre | €7,000 | €0 | €1,250 | €8,250 |
| **Totals** | **€344,000** | **€292,365** | **€113,635** | **€750,000** |

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors S. Moynihan, F. Timmons, G. O’Connell, and W. Carey with queries raised regarding funding for Balgaddy Community Centre and Orchard Lodge Centre, the booking system, and boards of management for community centres.

Ms. E. Leech, Director of Housing and Community, responded to the Members’ queries.

The report was **NOTED**.

**C1/0224 REPLIES, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE**

[(a) Correspondence from Carlow County Council re. LIS Scheme](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81449)  
[(b) Correspondence from Wexford County Council re. Sanctions against Israel](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81450)  
[(c) Correspondence from Offaly County Council re. Gaza Ceasefire](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81451)  
[(d) Correspondence from Offaly County Council re. Israel Ambassador](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81452)

The correspondence was **NOTED**.

### **M1/0224 Open Letter**

Proposed by Councillor A. Edge seconded by Councillor V. Mulhall.

That this Council agrees that the Mayor will join with Cathaoirligh across the country and the Palestinian Ambassador in signing an open letter calling for a ceasefire, the recognition of the two-state solution and the creation of a viable, independent Palestine.

**REPORT:**

If this motion is agreed the Mayor will join with Cathaoirligh across the country and Palestinian Ambassador in signing a letter as outlined.

[M1 Letter from Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=81519)

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors A. Edge, M. Johannson, Y. Collins, D. Ó Brádaigh, J. Tuffy, P. Gogarty, S. Moynihan, P. Kearns, G. O’Connell, E. O’Brien, C. King, L. Whelan, and W. Carey.

Councillors C. King, F. Timmons, and A. Edge called for a **ROLL CALL** vote on the Motion, the result of which is as follows:

### **FOR: 29 (TWENTY - NINE)**

### Councillors W. Carey, V. Casserly, Y. Collins, T. Costello, L. Donaghy, A. Edge, L. Guéret, L. Hagin Meade, A. Hayes, P. Holohan, P. Kearns, C. King, B. Lawlor, M. Lynch, L. McCrave, D. McManus, V. Mulhall, E. Murphy, D. Ó Brádaigh, E. O’Brien, E. Ó Broin, G. O’Connell, C. O’Connor, S. O’Hara, B. Pereppadan, D. Richardson, J. Sinnott, F. Timmons and J. Tuffy.

### **AGAINST: 0 (ZERO)**

### **ABSTAIN: 4 (FOUR)** Councillors P. Gogarty, M. Johannson, K. Mahon, and L. Whelan.

### As a result of the **ROLL CALL** vote the motion was **AGREED**.

### **M2/0224 International Protection Accommodation Services**

Proposed by Councillor K. Mahon seconded by Councillor A. Edge

That this Council call on the Department for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to meet with these Council and elected members to discuss the provision of International Protection Accommodation Services, and ancillary services, in the County.

**REPORT:**

If this Motion is passed an invitation will be issued to the Department for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to make a presentation to the Council.

A discussion followed with contributions from Councillors K. Mahon, P. Gogarty, L. Whelan, P. Kearns, E. Ó Broin, G. O’Connell, M. Johannson, F. Timmons, V. Mulhall, T. Costello, E. O’Brien, J. Tuffy and A. Edge. A query was raised in relation to the format of the proposed meeting with the Department for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.

At this point of the meeting the Mayor, Councillor A. Edge, proposed and the Members **AGREED** to suspend Standing Order No. 5 to extend the meeting to complete discussion on the Motion.

Ms. L. Maxwell, Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management, responded to the Members query.

The motion was **AGREED.**

### **M8/0224 HomeSharing**

It was proposed by Councillor F. Timmons seconded by Councillor D. McManus and **MOVED** without debate:

That this Committee works with and promotes HomeSharing as it is the Future of Independent Living & Home Support In Ireland and promotes the concept on SDCC website and other means

**REPORT:**

Home Share <https://thehomeshare.ie> according to their website is a non-profit private organisation whose mission statement is “To create positive homesharing experiences between older and younger adults in Ireland, that inspires mutually beneficial social and practical supports and empowers independent living.”

If the members agree the motion, the Council will invite Home Share to provide a presentation on their services to the Age Friendly Alliance.

### **M9/0224 National ALL Office**

It was proposed by Councillor J. Sinnott and seconded by Councillor M. Lynch and **MOVED** without debate:

In light of the establishment of the National ALL Office in 2023 this Council proposes the further promotion of the use of plain English in all practices to by arranging workshops for people with unmet literacy needs so they can participate in customer feedback processes with the Council.

**REPORT:**

The Council is fully supportive of the Adult Literacy for Life (ALL) 10 year, whole-of-government and society strategy, which is being implemented. As a Local Authority we are taking a proactive role in supporting literacy in the County, with our Library Service delivering an extensive literacy programme, facilitated classes, and strategic alignment with national programmes, which demonstrates our dedication to supporting literacy development.

SDCC recognises the significance of literacy as a foundation for our library service. With a dedicated Right-to-Read Coordinator and a Literacy Champion in place, we are committed to enhancing literacy skills of those with unmet needs. Our libraries offer separate sections for Adult Literacy and Quick Reads, alongside facilitated classes led by both staff and partners, such as DDLETB.

We are proud of initiatives like "The Reader" shared reading group and "Roddy Reads Rowlagh," which promote literacy engagement among adults. "Our Library, Our Future" aligns with the national "Skills for Life" programme, emphasising digital skills, health awareness, financial literacy, media literacy, business skills, and sustainable lifestyles.

Currently, our libraries provide extensive digital literacy resources, including computer classes, access to devices, and workshops on online safety. We also support health awareness through Healthy Ireland At Your Library and offer programmes on financial and media literacy, business skills, and sustainable living.

In addition, SDCC and our Libraries are committed to working other agencies to deliver the ALL Strategy, identifying opportunities for funding and the enhancement of literacy in the County. Literacy and enhanced literacy is an integral part of our Library service and that will continue to be the case, as we support literacy at every level of society.

### **M11/0224 Social Housing Applicants**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Johansson seconded by Councillor C. King and **MOVED** without debate:

That this council agrees that social housing applicants should have the ability to move their application to a different county and keep their time on list, and that a letter will be issued to the Minister for Housing in this regard.

**REPORT:**

Currently, social housing applicants that move from one local authority to another do not carry over their time on list. An applicant of one local authority can include a cross over to a different local authority within the 4 Dublin Local Authorities areas by changing their area of preference with the local authority their application is registered to.

If the motion is agreed, a letter will issue to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in this regard.

### **M12/0224 Painting of Murals**

It was proposed by Councillor E. Ó Broin seconded by Councillor J. Sinnott and **MOVED** without debate:

This council calls on the Electricity Supply Board (ESB) to support the painting of murals on their utility boxes in a similar fashion to the Dublin Canvas project.

**REPORT:**

The Dublin Canvas Art Project is delivered for traffic light control boxes, which the local authority owns directly and can give permission to paint. We work in partnership with Dublin Canvas who are a small community street art project. As they are a small not for profit project, Dublin Canvas do not have the capacity to extend the programme beyond traffic light boxes in the Dublin region.

The ESB utility boxes are not owned by SDCC. Staff in the Environment section have been in contact with the ESB to review the Memorandum of Understanding that is in place. As part of this review, graffiti, enforcement, utility boxes and the possibility of the ESB supporting the painting of murals on their utility boxes should a similar project to that of the Dublin Canvas project be run, will be discussed.

Once the review has been completed and an updated Memorandum of Understanding is in place, a report will be brought back to the Area Committees for noting.

***Meeting ended at 19:05***

**Motions Not Reached:**

### **(M3) Protected & Derelict Structures**

Proposed by Councillor J. 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.

### **(M4) Israeli Ambassador**

Proposed by Councillor L. Dunne

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

### **(M5) Consultation Portal**

Proposed by 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.

### **(M6) Tradesperson List**

Proposed by Councillor T. Costello

That SDCC compile a Registered Tradesperson list, similar to what is operational in Kildare Co Co to ensure that elderly people who are getting work done through grants etc are protected when getting alterations and modifications to their homes

### **(M7) Kissing Gates**

Proposed by Councillor V. Mulhall

That this Council commits to a timeline for the full phase-out of 'kissing gates' from parks and public spaces to facilitate universal access to our public realm in South Dublin County.

### **(M10) “Business as usual” Politics**

Proposed by Councillor L. Whelan

That this councils calls on the Taoiseach, government and opposition parties to refrain from 'business as usual' politics by not attending St. Patricks day celebrations in the White House with President Biden. This is due to the direct role he, and the US government, are playing in upholding genocide by supplying Israel with weapons, bombs and being the sole vote in the UN security council opposing a ceasefire.

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

Mayor

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