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

Minutes of South Dublin County Council June 2024 Annual Meeting held on Friday 21 June 2024

### **PRESENT**

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| Adelaide, D. | Kearns, P. |
| Ahern. C. | Lawlor, B. |
| Barnes, S. | Mannion, R. |
| Brady, C. | McCrave, L. |
| Carey, W. | McMahon, R. |
| Casserly, V. | McManus, D. |
| Collins, Y. | Moore, G. |
| Costello, T. | Moynihan, S. |
| DeCourcy, L | Murphy, E. |
| Duff, M. | Ó Broin, E. |
| Dunne, L. | O’Hara, S. |
| Edge, A. | O’Toole, L. |
| Egan, K. | Pereppadan, Baby |
| Fennell, N. | Pereppadan, Britto |
| Gilligan, T. | Richardson, D. |
| Gogarty, P. | Sinnott, J. |
| Hayes, A. | Spear, J. |
| Holohan, P. | Timmons, F. |
| Johansson, M. | Tuffy, J. |
|  | Whelan, N. |
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### **OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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| Chief Executive | C. Ward. |
| Directors | J. Frehill, M. Mulhern, T. Walsh, E. Leech, L. Maxwell, R. Fitzgerald |
| Head of IT | T. Kavanagh |
| County Architect | C. Harte |
| Senior Executive Officer | | M. Murtagh |
| Administrative Officer | M. Reilly |
| Senior Staff Officer | G. Lee |
| A/Senior Staff Officer | K. McLoughlin |
| A/ Staff Officer | D. Murphy |
| Assistant Staff Officer | L. Farrell |
| EVAD | P. Jackson |

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The Mayor, Councillor A. Edge, presided

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**H1/0624 LOCAL ELECTIONS 2024**- **RETURN OF PERSONS ELECTED**

[H1 Return of Persons Elected](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82948)

### Ms. M. Reilly, Meetings Administrator, read out the names of the Members elected at the Local Elections held on 7th June 2024.

### The Mayor, Councillor A. Edge, addressed the Members as outgoing Mayor and congratulated them on their success and also wished all the outgoing Councillors well.

**TRIBUTES TO OUTGOING MAYOR & DEPUTY MAYOR**

Councillors S. Moynihan, B. Lawlor, J. Sinnott, M. Duff, P. Kearns and L. Dunne paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor, Councillor A. Edge, and commended him for his work over the year. They also thanked the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Y. Collins.

The Chief Executive, Mr. C. Ward, wished all the outgoing Councillors well and welcomed the new council to South Dublin County Council. He thanked the Mayor for his service and commended his hard work over the last year, and also thanked the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Y. Collins, for her service.

The Chief Executive, Mr. C. Ward presented the Mayor, Councillor A. Edge, with a photographic record of his year as Mayor.

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor A. Edge, thanked the Members, Management, and staff for all their help throughout the year.

**H2/0624 ELECTION OF MAYOR / AN MÉARA**

In accordance with the provisions of [**Section 36 of the Local Government Act 2001**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2001/en/act/pub/0037/sec0036.html) a local authority shall elect a Mayor from amongst its members at every annual meeting.

The method of the election of Mayor by members of South Dublin County Council shall be in accordance with the provisions of [**Section 37 of the Local Government Act 2001**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2001/en/act/pub/0037/sec0037.html#partv-chapii-sec37).

The outgoing Mayor, Councillor A. Edge, called for nominations for the position of Mayor.

**Nominations:**

**Councillor Baby Pereppadan** was proposed by Councillor C. Brady and seconded by Councillor M. Duff.

**Councillor M. Johansson** was proposed by Councillor J. Spear and seconded by Councillor K. Keane.

A discussion arose with contributions from Councillors S. Moynihan, L. Dunne, P. Kearns, V. Casserly, W. Carey, P. Gogarty, P. Holohan on the nominations.

A **Roll Call** vote was taken the results of which are as follows:

**For Councillor Baby Pereppadan: 23 (TWENTY THREE)**

**Councillors C. Ahern, S. Barnes, C. Brady, V. Casserly, Y. Collins, T. Costello, M. Duff, A. Edge, T. Gilligan, A. Hayes, P. Kearns, B. Lawlor, L. McCrave, R. McMahon, D. Mc Manus, S. Moynihan, E. Murphy, L. O’Toole, S. O’Hara, Britto Pereppadan, Baby Pereppadan, F. Timmons and J. Tuffy.**

**For Councillor M. Johansson: 12 (TWELVE)**

**Councillors D. Adelaide, W. Carey, L. Dunne, N. Fennell, M. Johansson, K. Keane, R. Mannion, E. Ó Broin, D. Richardson, J. Sinnott, J. Spear and N. Whelan.**

**ABSTAIN: 4 (FOUR)**

**Councillors L. DeCourcy, P. Gogarty, P. Holohan and G. Moore.**

As a result of the roll call vote **Councillor Baby Pereppadan** was elected Mayor for 2024/2025.

*The outgoing Mayor, Councillor A. Edge presented the new Mayor Councillor Baby Pereppadan with the Chain of Office, and the Mayor then took the chair.*

*The new Mayor, Councillor Baby Pereppadan, then addressed the Members:*

*Dear Councillors and executives’ members of South Dublin County Council.*

*Today is a day of immense pride for me. I am a proud father and a proud Fine Gaeler and I am proud to walk into this chamber with my son Councillor Britto Perepaddan.*

*It is a privilege to be re-elected to serve my community and I am honoured to have been nominated by my colleagues to become Mayor of South Dublin.*

*My journey began in India and I came Ireland twenty three years ago. I am happy to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of our city with events such as the Kerla House Festival and the value they bring to South Dublin.*

*I am thrilled to take on this role where my family work and our heart is rooted in South Dublin. Our county council has one of the most diverse populations in Ireland. We are lucky in this progressive council to have so many new homes under construction, delivery of new homes and building inclusive communities will be a key priority for me.*

*At a time when migration is being debated, we should stand strong and proud and say Cead Mile Failte to all those who come here legally to build a new life, to generate employment, to work in our technology industry and our health service.*

*My family is an example of this. My daughter Brona is studying dentistry in Trinity College and my son is a doctor in Tallaght University Hospital. You may think I inspired Britto into public service – I do not believe that. His mother, my wife Genise has always supported me and she works as an advanced nurse practitioner in Peamount Hospital healthcare. It’s her drive and kindness that inspires Britto, Brona and myself. I would like to thank her for all that she does to inspire us all.*

*I would also like to thank my colleagues who have presented me with this responsibility. I won’t let you down. This position is not just a title, it’s a commitment to the residents of South Dublin , to listen, to advocate to work tirelessly for the betterment of our community.*

*I am looking forward to working across party lines and with the staff here at the Council to make South Dublin a more inclusive place to live, work and build a family.*

*Thank you all – I look forward to serving you as Mayor of South Dublin County Council.*

*Thank you.*

Councillors S. Moynihan, L. Dunne, P. Kearns, B. Lawlor, E. Murphy, J. Sinnott and W. Carey congratulated the Mayor and wished him well for the year ahead.

Mr. C. Ward, Chief Executive, congratulated the Mayor and wished him well on behalf of the management team.

**H3/0624 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR / LEAS MHÉARA**

In accordance with the provisions of [**Section 36 of the Local Government Act 2001**](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2001/en/act/pub/0037/sec0036.html) a local authority shall elect a Deputy Mayor from amongst its members at every annual meeting.

The Mayor, Councillor Baby Pereppadan, then called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

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

**Councillor J. Spear** was proposed by Councillor M. Johansson and seconded by Councillor D. Adelaide.

A discussion arose with contributions from Councillors P. Gogarty, V. Casserly, L. Dunne, P. Kearns, and W. Carey on the nominations.

A **Roll Call** vote was taken the results which are as follows:

**For Councillor A. Hayes: 25 (TWENTY FIVE)**

**Councillors C. Ahern, S. Barnes, C. Brady, V. Casserly, Y. Collins, T. Costello, M. Duff, A. Edge, T. Gilligan, P. Gogarty, A. Hayes, P. Kearns, B. Lawlor, L. McCrave, R. McMahon, D. Mc Manus, G. Moore, S. Moynihan, E. Murphy, L. O’Toole, S. O’Hara, Britto Pereppadan, Baby Pereppadan, F. Timmons and J. Tuffy.**

**For Councillor J. Spear: 12 (TWELVE)**

**Councillors D. Adelaide, W. Carey, L. Dunne, N. Fennell, M. Johansson, K. Keane, R. Mannion, E. Ó Broin, D. Richardson, J. Sinnott, J. Spear and N. Whelan.**

**ABSTAIN: 2 (TWO)**

**Councillors L. DeCourcy, P. Holohan.**

As a result of the roll call vote **Councillor A. Hayes** was elected Deputy Mayor of South Dublin County Council.

The outgoing Deputy Mayor Councillor Y. Collins then presented the new Deputy Mayor Councillor A. Hayes with the Chain of Office.

The new Deputy Mayor then addressed the Members.

Councillors J. Tuffy, Y. Collins, and B. Lawlor paid tribute to the new Deputy Mayor.

**H4/0624 ELECTION OF SPC CHAIRS DESIGNATE**

[H4 (ii) Circ. LG07 - 2014 Est of SPCs](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82865)  
[H4 (iii) Guidance re Establishment of SPCs incl. Stakeholders](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82866)

The appointment of 6 members to be Chairpersons of the 6 no. Strategic Policy Committees to be formed in accordance with the SPC Scheme are made in accordance with Circular letter LG07/2014 attached.

Following the local elections, it is necessary for each county and city council to establish new SPCs in line with the revised guidelines published by the Department in June 2014 entitled: *Corporate Policy Groups and Strategic Policy Committees: Guidelines for establishment and operation*. (attached).

The statutory basis for SPCs is set out in section 48 of the [Local Government Act 2001 (the 2001 Act).](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2001/en/act/pub/0037/print.html) Furthermore, section 48(1A) of the 2001 Act, as inserted by section 41(a) of the [Local Government Reform Act 2014](http://www.oireachtas.ie/documents/bills28/acts/2014/a114.pdf), requires that at least one of the SPCs that is established shall be to consider matters which relate to the functions of the local authority in relation to economic development and enterprise support.

Accordingly, each local authority shall form an SPC entitled the “**SPC for Economic Development and Enterprise**”. This is the home in SPC scheme for the economic development and enterprise support functions. The functions of this SPC are to include the preparation of the economic elements of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP), the implementation and review of the economic elements of the LECP and the oversight by the elected members of the operation of the Local Enterprise Office (LEO).

Particular attention is brought to paragraph 3.2 of the Guidelines (page 8, attached) and particularly the requirement that 'The chairs are appointed by the full council for a minimum period of three years and the overall spread of SPC chairs must, in accordance with the guidelines, reflect the elected representational spread on the full council. It is also important that the SPC chairs appointed by the full council should, as far as it is practical, be representative of each of the municipal districts in the local authority, and in local authorities without municipal districts, be representative of each of the area committees'.

The following appointments were made as Chairpersons to the Strategic Policy Committees as proposed by Councillor V. Casserly and seconded by Councillor B. Lawlor:

Councillors:

* V. Casserly
* B. Lawlor
* M. Duff/ L. O’Toole shared
* E. Murphy/ P. Kearns shared
* T. Costello/Y. Collins shared
* L. Dunne

The members **AGREED**.

**H5/0624 ELECTION OF AREA CHAIRPERSONS**

In accordance with the SDCC Standing Orders in the case of the Annual Meeting in an election year, the business to be transacted after the election of The Mayor/An Méara and the Deputy-Mayor/An Leas-Mhéara shall include the consideration of the election, of Chairs of Area Committees.

The Mayor, Councillor Baby Perepaddan, called for nominations for Election of Chairperson of the Area Committees.

**Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart and Brittas Area Committee**

**Councillor S. O’Hara** was proposed as the Chair for Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart and Brittas Area Committee by Councillor V. Casserly and seconded by Councillor D. McManus

As there were no further nominations **Councillor S. O’Hara** was unanimously elected Chair of the Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart and Brittas Area Committee.

**Lucan - Palmerstown - North Clondalkin Area Committee**

**Councillor L. O’Toole** was proposed as the Chair for the Lucan – Palmerstown - North Clondalkin Area Committee by Councillor V. Casserly and seconded by Councillor D. McManus.

As there were no further nominations **Councillor L. O’Toole** was unanimously elected Chair of the Lucan – Palmerstown - North Clondalkin Area Committee.

**Rathfarnham – Templeogue – Firhouse - Bohernabreena Area Committee**

**Councillor C. Ahern** was proposed as Chair for Rathfarnham – Templeogue – Firhouse - Bohernabreena Area Committee by Councillor V. Casserly and seconded by Councillor D. McManus.

As there were no further nominations **Councillor C. Ahern** was unanimously elected Chair of the Rathfarnham – Templeogue - Firhouse Bohernabreena Area Committee.

**Tallaght Area Committee**

**Councillor M. Duff** was proposed for Tallaght Area Committee by Councillor V. Casserly and seconded by Councillor D. McManus.

As there were no further nominations **Councillor M. Duff** was unanimously elected Chair of the Tallaght Area Committee.

**H6/0624 APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY AND OTHER BODIES**

[H6 (ii) AILG](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82911)  
[H6 (iii) EMRA](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82912)  
[H6 (iv) LAMA](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82927)  
[H6 (v) IPB](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82933)  
[H6 (vi) DDLETB](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82954)

By virtue of its democratic mandate South Dublin County Council is entitled to make appointments or nominations to a range of joint bodies and other elected bodies.

In accordance with [Schedule 10 (4) of the Local Government Act 2001](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2001/en/act/pub/0037/sched10.html#sched10-l1-4) (Meetings and Proceedings of Local Authorities ) the Council will consider the election, appointment or nomination of members (councillor and non-councillor where appropriate) to these bodies at the Annual Meeting of a Local Authority in an election year.  Appointment to some, under the relevant statutory or other provisions, may fail to be considered and will be made at a later date to the Annual Meeting.

Paragraph 19 (10 of Schedule 10 of the 2001 Act also requires a local authority to seek to promote the objectives of an appropriate gender balance in the making of appointments to its own committees and to other bodies. A local authority is permitted, in the case of appointments to its own committees and in certain instances to other bodies, to appoint non-members with relevant knowledge or experience and may avail of this mechanism to work towards improved gender balance in the making of its appointments.

The following bodies have advised the Council of meetings in July for which they have requested immediate notification of appointments:

* Association of Irish Local Government (3 members)
* Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board (4 Members)
* Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly (3 members)
* IPB Insurance (1 Member)
* Local Authorities Members Association (1 Member)

The Mayor, Councillor Baby Pereppadan called for nominations for appointments to Statutory and other bodies:-

**Councillors E. Murphy, S. O’Hara and D. McManus** were proposed by Councillor V. Casserly and seconded by Councillor Baby Perepaddan and **AGREED** by the Members that they be appointed to the Association of Irish Local Government.

**Councillors Y. Collins, C. Ahern, V. Casserly and M. Duff** were proposed by Councillor V. Casserly and seconded by Councillor Baby Perepaddan and **AGREED** by the Members that they be appointed to the Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board .

**Councillors S. Moynihan, J. Tuffy and D. McManus** were proposed by Councillor V. Casserly and seconded by Councillor Baby Perepaddan and **AGREED** by the Members that they be appointed to the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly.

**Councillor Y. Collins** was proposed by Councillor V. Casserly and seconded by Councillor Baby Perepaddan and **AGREED** by the Members that she be appointed to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

**Councillor B. Lawlor** was proposed by Councillor V. Casserly and seconded by Councillor Baby Perepaddan and **AGREED** by the Members that he be appointed to Local Authorities Members Association.

**H7/0624 INDUCTION TRAINING FOR ELECTED MEMBERS**

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

[H7 (ii) AILG Induction Training](http://www.sdublincoco.ie/sdcc/departments/corporate/apps/cmas/documentsview.aspx?id=82929)

**REPLY:**

Induction Training for Elected Members will be held on the dates below, as proposed in the Calendar of Meetings, and agreed at the Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee meetings of January and March 2024.

**Monday 24th June at 3.30**        **Briefing to all Councillors** and meeting with the Executive Management Team in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Tallaght

**Thursday 27th June a 3.30**       **Briefing to all Councillors** on Governance requirements, demonstration of systems and financial issues in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Tallaght

The report was **NOTED**.

***Meeting ended at 17:26***

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

Mayor

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