

**Report on the Social, Community, Equality and Integration SPC**

**held on Tuesday, December 10th 2024 @ 6.00pm**

**Hybrid Meeting – Council Chamber and Via Microsoft Teams**

**In Attendance**: Cllr. E. Murphy (Chair), Cllr. N. Whelan, Cllr. K. Keane, Cllr. A. Edge, Daire Hennessy (PPN), Noel Gavin ( South Dublin Chamber).

**Officials Present:**Elaine Leech (A/Director HSCD), Edel Clancy (SEO HSCD); Paul McAlerney (Senior Community Officer), Nicoletta Coppola (Integration Support Coordinator), Thos McDermott (Local Sports Co-Ordinator), Mary Connell (AO HSCD), Mark Brown (SSO HSCD).

**Apologies:** Cllr. A. Hayes

The Chair, Cllr. Murphy opened the meeting at 6pm.

**Agenda Item 1: Minutes of Social, Community and Equality SPC Meeting**

The minutes of the Social, Community & Equality SPC Meeting held on 21st of May 2024 were noted.

**Agenda Item 2: Matters Arising**

**There were no matters arising.**

**Agenda Item 3: SPC Introduction**

E. Leech delivered the presentation.

The role and the membership of the Social, Community, Equality and Integration Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) was outlined. The key initiatives of the SPC programme in 2024 were presented. The Strategic Policy Committee Scheme 2024 – 2029 was made available to the Committee.

The Report was noted.

**Agenda Item 4: Sports Bursary**

E. Clancy delivered the presentation. The bursary is to support emerging sports persons in the county across the seven Local Electoral Areas to help with cost of education, training, travel, and equipment

Discussion was held. It was agreed that the funding per local electoral area (LEA) can be divided amongst a number of athletes and a cap may be put on the amount any one individual can receive. Should one LEA not use all of the available funding, it may be distributed to another LEA. There will be two application windows in the year. Active South Dublin will assess applications, they will be brought for noting at the relevant Area Committee Meeting.

Beneficiaries will acknowledge South Dublin County Council support/brand recognition and there will be brand ambassador public awareness opportunities through school visits and photos with successful grant applicants if required.

A draft document with details of the bursary will be prepared and circulated to SPC members by email for approval.

Grant will be reviewed at the SPC meeting in the 2nd Quarter or 2025.

The Report was noted.

**Agenda Item 5: Local Authority Integration Team / Community Recognition Fund 2024**

N. Coppola delivered the presentation. An overview was given of the role of the Local Authority Integration Team, information is available on new webpage on the Council’s website.

Information on the Community Recognition Fund was provided. In the first window, six projects were submitted and five were approved by the Department:

* Tallaght Community Arts: € 98,000 to renovate Community Centre
* South Dublin Partnership: € 103,000 to purchase a 9-seater bus
* JADD: € 80,000 to purchase a community outreach bus
* 4 District Day Care Centre: € 60,000 to purchase a minibus
* Gaelphobal Tamhlach: € 250,000 for the development of a social space and theatre as part of Gael-Ionad Thamhlachta

An additional seven projects were submitted to the Department for consideration under the second funding window. Window three of the fund will open in January’25 and further communication will issue before the opening day.

Highlights during 2024 were presented.

The Report was noted.

**Agenda Item 6: Autism Friendly Village Pilot**

E. Clancy delivered the update. Information was presented on pilot scheme proposed for Templeogue area. The next steps include formation of a committee, to register with AsIAm and engage with local business, community and sport groups. It was acknowledged that there are existing autism supports in the Community that can be utilised.

The Report was noted.

**Agenda Item 7: Capital Projects Update**

P. McAlerney delivered the update on Capital Projects. Significant progress has been made on external works of Lucan Pool with phased handover strategy agreed to include initial completion of gym areas. Orchard Lane was completed and handed over to Management Company on 14th of October 2024. Completion of works on Balgaddy Community Centre is scheduled for end of December 2024/Jan 2025.

Part 8 drawings are being prepared for Whitechurch Sport Facility. Ballyroan Community & Youth Centre is scheduled for Part 8 public consultation in early 2025. Provisional drawings for The Park Community Centre have been produced and costs are under review. Works to Quarryvale Community and Leisure Centre commenced on 23rd  of September 2024. A progress report was delivered for projects at Kilcarbery, Citywest, Newcastle, Belgard Community Centre and Citywest Youth Facility.

The Report was noted.

**Agenda Item 8: Active South Dublin**

T. McDermott presented an overview of Active South Dublin. Information was given on the objectives and the target audience. An update was given on the Active South Dublin Strategic Plan 2023-2028

Highlights in 2024 were presented including 118,679 participants in Active South Dublin/SDCC led sports and community initiatives: 637,011 Visitors to Council Leisure Centre’s and one hundred sports development grants were supported during the year. Programme for 2025 was outlined including a social infrastructure audit to plan for 2040.

The Report was noted.

**Agenda Item 9: Local Economic Community Plan 2024-2030**

The Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2024-2030 was made available to the members. It was adopted by the Elected members at the Council meeting in December 2024. The plan will be monitored and evaluated, and the Implementation Plan will be reviewed and revised as necessary every two years.

The Report was noted.

**Agenda Item 10: Any Other Business**

Cllr. Murphy proposed that future meetings be held at 3pm each quarter on the Wednesday following full Council Meeting. This was agreed.

Cllr. Murphy thanked all members of the SPC and the team in the Community Department for their support. E. Leech thanked the Chair and the SPC members on behalf of the Community Department.

There was no other business, and the meeting concluded at 19:30.