

South Dublin County Council Annual Report 2016



2016

Our Mission

**To make our county
the best possible
place in which
to live, work
and do business**

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Mayor's Foreword



I am delighted as Mayor and First Citizen to be introducing the 2016 Annual Report for South Dublin County Council. This Report represents a snapshot of the County as our reflections on the events of 1916 inspire us for the future.

When honoured by my peers and elected Mayor of this mighty County in June 2016, I said I would focus on 'Celebrating Community'. Building on the priorities of my two Progressive Alliance predecessors, I determined we focus on community, on the marginalised in our County especially those with a disability, and on those from ethnic minorities and on the needs of older persons.

Judged by the ideals of the 1916 proclamation we have a woefully unequal society in Ireland. Our challenge as a society is, I believe, to give expression to that part of the proclamation that states we must "cherish all of our children equally". This is not only about persons young in years, yes that's where it starts, but also about all persons living in our Republic, which in our case means living in our County. We are meant to cherish all, irrespective of creed, colour, ability, orientation or when they settled in Ireland. We can only do this I believe if we embrace a genuine humanitarian approach. The challenge I faced when elected Mayor, and which we all face is to build an inclusive and fair society. We have persons from some 120 different nationalities residing in our County.

That represents a fair diversity. It is a challenge that I believe we as the Councillors, Executive and Citizens of South Dublin County have already risen to as witnessed by this Annual Report. There is a serious commitment evident in our County, as expressed by our very active Social Inclusion Unit, to build an inclusive society. It has become obvious to me since becoming Mayor, having had an opportunity to witness at first-hand what is going on in South Dublin County, that we are not just embracing the type of diversity which is facilitative of the different cultures and traditions but one which positively promotes them. This is most encouraging for the future.

The oldest ethnic minority in our County is the Traveller Community and as the Chairperson of the Local Traveller Accommodation Advisory Committee, I was already very aware and appreciative of the good record of this County in relation to providing accommodation for Travellers. As elected representatives we continue to work with the executive, the Clondalkin and Tallaght Traveller Support Groups, the Traveller Community and the settled community in bringing about a greater understanding and sense of appreciation between the settled community and the Traveller Community. I am very appreciative of the support of my fellow Councillors in my proposal to establish a Traveller Community Forum in our County where Travellers celebrate, promulgate and promote those interests that are special to their heritage, culture and identity.

During my term on office I have endeavored to empower the many voluntary and community based groups and organisations we have in this County and who do such tremendous and valuable work. We have an excellent Public Participation Network (PPN) here in South Dublin which is intended to be the umbrella body for civic society. It does not replace elected democracy and the public can also work through their local Councillor, or both. However the PPN provides an independent forum where the

public can have an input into decision making at Local Government level, to engage directly in decision making. The PPN provides a forum where the public can access information and influence decisions of the local authority. I am delighted to get support during my term for a Mayor's Conference in Tallaght Stadium on "Putting People First" in early 2017.

This will allow the respective roles and responsibilities of the three key players PPN, Executive and Elected Councillors to be examined and reflected upon in a manner that I hope will lead to better communication and more effective collaboration between all three stakeholders and consequently a more effective and efficient Local Government service for all citizens.

Similarly, I am delighted also that in 2017 we will launch the "Participative Budgeting" Pilot for one Electoral Area. It is hoped that this ground making initiative will lead to real involvement in future years by the Citizens of South Dublin County on the service and facilities priorities they want for their neighbourhood while also building solidarity across all areas and especially with those most in need.

During 2016 the Local Enterprise Office has been very active in promoting and supporting jobs. In collaboration with the South Dublin Chamber of Commerce it held a hugely successful Enterprise Awards and brought an awareness of the Tourism opportunities in our County to new heights. This includes a five year strategy and a feasibility study that will examine how the flagship Dublin Mountains can be both promoted and conserved for future generations. Also, a Liffey Blueway and restoration of the "Silver Bridge" from Waterstown Park to Farmleigh are being pursued. I also want to focus on the Irish Language and the role of Áras Chrónáin.

When I first entered politics it was to focus on the needs of people and communities; the environment; and balanced planning that puts people first. My slogan then was "People before Party", and still is. The County has mushroomed over the past 25 years and I continue to campaign for the facilities and services that should have been provided hand-in-hand with the houses. I acknowledge and welcome the commitment in the Councils current Capital and Fiscal budget to addressing this deficit. We are about building communities; especially true given the current housing and homeless crises. I have endeavoured to use every opportunity during my term as Mayor to seriously address the housing crises and I compliment my fellow Councillors and the executive for the huge commitment they have shown in this regard.

Finally, I would like to thank the Chief Executive, Danny McLoughlin and his staff for the dedicated work they do and my fellow Councillors for providing the leadership that will enable our communities to be fully integrated and enjoy the quality of live that they aspire to and deserve. I want to compliment in a special way the Deputy Mayor Councillor Martina Genockey who has done the office proud and brought a real personal contribution to the role of Deputy Mayor.

Cllr. Guss O'Connell
South Dublin County Council

Introduction from the Chief Executive



As we approach the mid-point of this Council's term, it is encouraging to be in a position to report considerable progress across all of our objectives to make our County 'a better place to live, work and do business'. Before commenting on some of the highlights, I want to also mention the Council's highly successful 2016 Centenary Programme which facilitated enormous participation in this national celebration.

In general the year marked the midpoint of not just of the council term, but the progression and transition of plans and programmes from concept and planning through to early realisation. This is particularly true in relation to our foremost priority of housing. Eight projects with a total yield of 260 units have been progressed through planning, four schemes have been tendered and will commence in March, with the balance being tendered in early 2017 for commencement later in the year. Two further schemes at Old Bawn and St. Cuthberts with the potential of a further 83 units are currently on public display, while a Prior Information Notice has been issued in respect of a joint venture mixed tenure development of up to 900 houses at Kilcarbery, and will be advertised for expressions of interest early in 2017. Private housing supply has started to show a positive trajectory. The review of the County Development Plan and the Clonburris SDZ review now underway will provide further certainty in this regard. An application has been made to the recently announced Infrastructure Support Fund for four of our key development sites at Adamstown, Clonburris, Kilcarbery and Ballycullen. A positive decision is expected in this regard.

Economic, enterprise and tourism development are central to our strategy to grow the local economy and provide opportunities for our citizens. The €1.2m Business Support Fund which represents 1% of commercial rates, is being targeted effectively at supporting the SME, retail and indigenous enterprise sectors. The Marketing Strategy for Grange Castle Business Park has had a positive impact, with the planned expansion of three existing businesses and the development of two additional. The €20m upgrade of the adjacent Nangor and Newcastle roads will commence in summer 2017 which will support the planned expansion westwards of the Park, following the recent completion of strategic land acquisitions for this purpose. The Clondalkin Round Tower Visitor Centre currently under construction will open next summer, while the Dublin Mountain Gateway is now undergoing rigorous environmental assessment. Studies of Corkagh Park and Rathfarnham Castle will explore further tourism attraction investment opportunities for consideration in quarter one of 2017.

Notwithstanding the need for new attractions, the quality of our existing villages and the general presentation of the county are also critically important elements of our offer. The Villages Enhancement Programme saw the completion of Rathcoole and Rathfarnham during the year. Environmental quality and aesthetic presentation are key objectives of our public realm and environment department. The adoption of new Tree and Litter Management Policies during the year has guided additional investment in landscaping, tree pruning and planting, litter management and public realm upgrade. Public and voluntary participation in our Environmental Awareness, Social Credits, Green Schools and Tidy Towns Programmes, all contribute greatly to our sense of pride of place and community.

Annually we invest over €2m in community support programmes including summer projects, arts initiatives, endeavour awards, community grant and initiative schemes, the return on which is enormous in terms of goodwill and volunteerism. Likewise community health and wellbeing is supported through a wide range of wellbeing programmes and infrastructure investments including libraries, playgrounds, sports pavilions and facilities all of which are detailed in this annual update. It is particularly encouraging that South Dublin was awarded “Healthy County” status during the year, a designation we intend to maintain.

The achievements during the year have been facilitated somewhat by a return to recruitment for the first time since 2009. Close to 200 new staff have joined the organisation in 2016, as a result of retirements and the recognition of the need to increase employment to meet increased demand and the gradual return to a more stable economy. The everyday work of our frontline staff is fundamental to public service. In terms of personal interaction we handled over 500 media queries, engaged with 15,700 followers on social media, processed 90,000 citizen queries and answered 190,000 telephone queries.

In summary progress during the past year has been encouraging and the detail set out in this report reflects positively on the organisation’s efforts to deliver on its Corporate Plan. While there are international considerations to our economic outlook, we can be reasonably sure that the immediate outlook is positive.

Finally, I would like to thank Mayor Guss O’ Connell, Council Members and Staff for their contribution and delivery of the outcomes of this report.

Daniel McLoughlin

Chief Executive

Council Meetings 2016

There were 21 full meetings of the Council comprising of:

- 11 full Council Meetings including one Budget Meeting
- 6 Organisation Procedure and Finance Committee Meetings including 1 Budget Meeting, 1 Annual Meeting and 3 County Development Plan Meetings
- The Corporate Policy Group held 12 meetings including one Budget Meeting
- The 4 Area Committees for Clondalkin, Lucan, Rathfarnham/Tempelogue-Terenure and Tallaght each met 10 times in 2016.
- In addition there was 2 Oireachtas Members Meetings.

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES (SPCS)

Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage and Libraries SPC

Councillor Dermot Richardson *Chairperson*

The Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage and Libraries SPC met 4 times in 2016 and their work programme included:

- Arts Strategy 2016-2020
- Planning of the 2016 Commemorations
- Tourism Strategy
- Public Art Programme (In context 4)
- Heritage and biodiversity plans.
- Expansion of Red line book festival.

Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development SPC

Councillor Charlie O' Connor *Chairperson*

The Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism SPC met 5 times in 2016 and their work programme included:

- Regional Enterprise strategy and Local Implementation Plan.
- Tourism Strategy and Implementation Plan
- Business Support Grant Measures
- Local Economic Community Plan (LECP) updates.

There was a joint meeting of both SPCs in July 2016 to discuss tourism projects and events.

Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change SPC

Councillor Pamela Kearns *Chairperson*

The Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change SPC met four times in 2016 work programme included:

- Recycling Strategy
- Review of Litter Management Plan 2015-2019
- Preparation of Bio Diversity Plan and update of Heritage Plan
- Abandoned Cars
- Consideration of Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Adaptation Guidelines
- Flood Alleviation Schemes
- National Climate Change Adaptation Framework
- Casual Trading Bye-Laws
- Review of Litter Bins
- Burial Ground Review and Strategy

Housing SPC

Councillor Cathal King *Chairperson*

During 2016, the Housing SPC met 4 times and a number of reports and issues were discussed and considered including:

- Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme
- Rent Policy and Debt Management
- Kilcarbery, The Grange Masterplan
- Agreed Approved Housing Bodies Protocol
- Housing for Older People – Future Perspectives and Proposals

Social And Community SPC

Councillor Dermot Looney *Chairperson*

The Sports, Recreation and Community Affairs (Including Parks) SPC met four times in 2016 work programme included:

- Sports Disability Programmes
- Review and progress 2016 Community Initiative Fund and Endeavour Awards
- Pride of Place Programme
- Intercultural Food Festival Initiative
- Festivals and Summer Projects 2016

Land Use, Planning And Transportation SPC

Councillor William Lavelle *Chairperson*

The Land Use, Planning and Transportation SPC met four times in 2016 discussed and considered the following matters:

- N4/N7 Corridor Study
- Policy on Infrastructure Naming, provision of Memorials & Plaques
- Speed Limit Review & Road Safety Strategy
- Cycling Forum / Strategy
- Vacant Sites Register

Details on the full membership of the SPCs are available in Appendix 2

Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development





Objective 1
Maintain A Supportive Business Environment with Job Creation and Retention at its Heart

The Dublin Regional Enterprise Strategy 2017-2019 was approved by the Council in November 2016.

South Dublin County Council sponsored the inaugural South Dublin Chamber Business Awards held on 21st October in Citywest Hotel.

A survey of Exporting Businesses in the County was conducted by South Dublin Chamber on behalf of the Council. This will form the basis of a 2017 Action Plan for Local Exporters.

Local Enterprise Office (LEO) launched the Network of Enterprising Women in South Dublin on December 15th, 2016.

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee of the LEO has approved €583,250 for 35 projects, creating 42 new jobs immediately and with the potential to create a total of 167 new jobs.

553 people have attended LEO training courses.

298 clients have availed of in-house / outreach mentoring services from LEO.

94 people have attended Trading Online seminars with 34 vouchers approved this year.

1,040 valid applications received for the Business Support Grant with an additional 41 applications being progressed for improvement / development support schemes.

Business Support Fund Area Improvement works completed in Cookstown Enterprise Park, Old Belgard Road, JFK Industrial Estate with further projects progressing in Ballymount and Merrywell.

168 attendees attended Business Support Fund training programmes based on 2015 training needs survey completed in conjunction with Chamber.

Business Support Fund approved for continuation in 2017 as part of Budget process.



Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development

Objective 2 **Work with Enterprise Support Agencies to increase Foreign Direct Investment in South Dublin County**

Interxion: Build 80% by year end 2016. Entrance road has been completed by SDCC.

Pfizer: Submitted planning application for production expansion and permission was granted SD16A/0236. Enabling works were ongoing to Dec 2016. Pfizer have announced the expansion is not to happen because a decision has been made to discontinue the development of the drug bococizumab, a drug for reducing cholesterol which was to be manufactured at Grange Castle.

Grifols: Submitted planning application for production expansion and permission granted SD16A/0250. Works are ongoing.

Microsoft: Planning permission in place for extensive future development. Construction is ongoing.

Eirgrid: S.I. Application for 220KV substation granted by ABP 28/06/16. Was the subject of Judicial Review.

Capital Programme - Nangor Road / R120: CPO approved.

Archaeological – GC South: Archaeological work ongoing.

Google: Official Opening was in June 2016.

Edgeconnex: Application for new Datacentre approved directly adjacent to the Business Park. Access to datacentre will be via Grange Castle Business Park, subject to finalisation of terms.

Takeda: Announcement in Dec 2016 regarding proposal for new production facility in 2017.

Office Brief: 2 expressions of interest were received however on further examination of feasibility, it was considered premature to build significant speculative office accommodation in Grange Castle. This will be reviewed going forward.



Objective 3
Manage the Assets of
South Dublin County
Council in a way that
Supports Economic
Development

Delegations: Dutch delegation visited the Grange Castle Business Park in October 2016. A number of IDA meeting and delegations were hosted in 2016.

IDA are kept fully informed of status of available lands: SDCC actively seeking new clients.

Preliminary Conservation works were carried out on the Castle in preparation for a 'pocket park' in 2017.

Grange Castle supported in excess of 3150 jobs at end 2016.

GCFM Ltd Continue to maintain, operate and manage the Business Park. 2016 saw the Landscape and Security contracts renewed through full tender process in accordance with procurement requirements. CCTV contract maintenance ongoing. Tender for professional services will be issued late 2016 / early 2017.

Assessment of future requirements of industrial land bank under constant review and property acquired. Latest acquisition Strategic Land Bank has been acquired West of Grange Castle Business with following County Development Plan (CDP) objective ET3 SLO 1: To conduct a review of the zoning of lands south of the Grand Canal and west and north of the R120, including lands adjoining Peamount Healthcare, with a view to preparing a long term plan for the expansion of the Grange Castle Economic and Enterprise Zone to this area, to accommodate strategic investment in the future, while also seeking to provide public open space along the Canal, including a natural heritage area in the vicinity of the historic canal quarries at Gollierstown.

Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) processes for the R120 / Nangor Road upgrade approved by An Bord Pleanála (ABP), which will increase road and service accessibility to Grange Castle Business Park and wider area.

Development/review of property management procedures commenced in 2016 as well as development of a new property management system and involvement in OPW national working group on protocols for public lands.

Tallaght Stadium played host to a number of independent events such as Nitro Circus, and Fossetts Circus as well as American Football, Rugby, Women's International Soccer matches and Dundalk's UEFA matches.

Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development

Objective 4

Maximise the Contribution of Arts, Libraries, Heritage and The Irish Language to Quality Of Life and Our Tourism Experience



Plans for North Clondalkin library and funding for same at an advanced stage.

Lease arrangements at the Digital Hub in Palmerstown are well advanced and fit-out will soon be commenced.

New mobile library in service.

Part 8 approval for Castletymon Library agreed.

Successful delivery of 1916/2016 commemorations events in all branch libraries.

Libraries won 1st prize for the YAPS blog and 3rd prize for the Ballyroan reads blog at the Littlewoods Art and Culture Blogs.

Arts Strategy 2016-2020 agreed.

Libraries' programme of events successfully delivered throughout the branch network including the Summer Stars Reading Programme, Science Week events and Craft Fairs at Tallaght, Ballyroan and Lucan libraries.

Red Line Book Festival delivered 39 events across 12 venues throughout the county.

Science Partnership initiative between South Dublin County Libraries, IT Tallaght and Foróige to engage young people and their families with STEM subjects.

Local Studies/history section of Libraries identified and catalogued materials for the Round Tower and Dublin Mountain projects.

Objective 5
Put In Place a Tourism
Strategy Focused
On new Product and
Brand Development

Continued focus on implementation of the South Dublin Tourism Strategy 2015-2020 approved by Council and launched in April 2015.

Memorandum of Understanding completed with Coillte for Dublin Mountains Gateway project. Feasibility and master plans presented to the Council in March. Consultant project team appointed to progress Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) preparation for lodgment of a planning application to An Bord Pleanála in 2017. A capital grant funding application has also been made to Fáilte Ireland for this project.

Tourism marketing strategy and implementation plan ongoing – this will include launch of marketing campaign, logo and website in 2017.

Construction commenced on the Round Tower Visitor Centre in Clondalkin.

Red Line Book Festival in October 2016 included a broader range of venues, events and a wider marketing focus delivering increased visitor numbers.

Plans ongoing for Gaelforce Dublin in February 2017 - opportunity to showcase the Dublin Mountains. This industry led festival proposal from the Tourism Working Group and Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development SPC is underpinned by the Council's support.

Feasibility studies progressed in 2016 for the Liffey Blueway Study, Corkagh Park plan and a condition survey of Heritage out-buildings at Rathfarnham Castle.

EU Funding secured to progress the Dodder Greenway project.

€26,500 was paid to nine events under the Community (Diaspora) Tourism Events Scheme.

13 Shop Front Grants approved in 2016 to complement ongoing village improvement works.



Land Use, Planning and Transportation



Objective 1
Implement an Annual Road Works Programme of maintenance and improvements

A total of 50 schemes, costing €4.5m were carried out on Regional and Local Roads. In addition footpath replacement schemes were carried out at 82 locations throughout the County.

On the N81 resurfacing works were carried from the Crooksling to Brittas Village. TII also funded 2 Safety Improvement Schemes on the N81, resurfacing and drainage works at Lisheen bends south of Brittas and also repairs and improvements to the boundary wall at Kiltalown.

Bridge repairs and routine maintenance works were carried out on 17 Regional and local road bridges.

The footpath maintenance programme replaced 30,000m² of public footpath.

A new Public Lighting Maintenance contract was tendered and awarded during 2016 and 3,000 lights were upgraded to low energy LEDs throughout the County at a cost of €900,000.

Objective 2
Maintain a professional planning and development management structure and processes



South Dublin County Council
Development Plan
2016 – 2022

During 2016 the new County Development Plan 2016-2022 was adopted by the Council and came into effect on 12th June 2016.

2016 again saw an increase in planning applications

received, with 800 expected to be received by year end. In addition over 240 pre-planning consultations were held throughout the year.

2016 saw the recommencement of construction activity in Adamstown Strategic Development Zone (SDZ). Significant residential development proposals are now at various stages in the planning process which should lead to significant construction activity in 2017.

The Planning Section also made applications for the funding of residential development related infrastructure under the Government's Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) for Adamstown and Clonburris SDZs, Ballycullen-Oldcourt Local Area Plan (LAP) and The Grange Mixed Tenure Scheme.

The Planning Department continued to expand its role in the area of Active Land Management and completed a review of all potential vacant zoned lands in the County for inclusion on the new Vacant Site Register as well as ongoing monitoring of residential construction activity throughout the County.

Land Use, Planning and Transportation



Objective 3

Promote all modes of transport including walking and cycling to improve the movement of people within and beyond the County

Works continued in 2016 on the Sustainable Transport Measures programme, funded by the change to National Transport Authority (NTA) and €5m was invested in the County on the following schemes:

Works were completed on cycle lanes from Tallaght village towards Templeogue and pedestrian and cycle improvements at Knocklyon Road/ Idrone Junction, pedestrian crossings on the N81 at Jobstown and Avonmore and works on Monastery Road in Clondalkin.

Works were also commenced on the Willsbrook Road, Outer Ring Road Junction in Lucan and pedestrian improvement works around the Green Schools Cluster in Ballyroan.

All speed limits within the County were reviewed and a statutory public consultation process held for the introduction of a new 30kph speed limit in all residential areas. Subject to Council approval these new residential speed limits will come into effect in early 2017.

The Council expanded its programme of cycle awareness training and provided certified training to 1,838 school children during the year.

Objective 4

**Invest in Sustainable
Communities and Quality of
Life Initiatives**



The Council formulated and adopted a New Road Safety Strategy for the County, covering the period 2016-2020 and established a Road Safety Together Working Group to oversee its implementation.

The Village Enhancement Programme continued in 2016 and works were completed in Rathcoole and Rathfarnham. Improvements schemes were also designed and agreed for Saggart, Tallaght, Belgard Square and Newcastle and these will be implemented in early 2017.

Housing, Social and Community Development





Objective 1:
Put in place a three year programme to supply social housing in the context of the Social Housing Strategy 2020

15 housing units completed in 2016.

One Rapid Build Project for 85 units approved through Part 8 in 2016 – cost plans and Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) submitted to Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (DECLG). Two other Rapid Build projects progressing through Part 8 process. A total of 220 Rapid Build units to be progressed through 2017.

Four projects through tendering process providing a total of 71 units to start early 2017 – and three projects approved for tender stage - a total of 105 units.

65 Acquisitions completed in 2016.

Current Social Housing Stock – 9,124, 1,501 Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) and 773 Leased Units.

1,434 live accounts on Housing Assistant Payment (HAP) at 31st December 2016.

235 Allocations in 2016 including 87 Homeless Allocations.

Re-let turnaround average time is 9 weeks.

Agreed process between Dublin Local Authorities and Irish Council of Social Housing (ICSH) re protocols to be followed in dealings with LA / Developers in acquisitions, leasing, new build and purchases in operation.

The new incremental tenant purchase scheme approved and came into operation on in 2016.

203 Private Disability Grants issued in 2016.

75 units benefitted for Grants for void management at cost of €1.473M.

790 Units benefitted from Energy Efficiency programme with grant aid of €847,000.

Housing Need Assessment carried out for all those applicants on housing list at 21st of September 2015 and returned completed forms and/or online assessed.

Housing, Social and Community Development

Objective 2:

Take a leadership role in social inclusion and interagency co-operation

Social Inclusion and Community Activation Program (SICAP) funding delivery by the Implementer reviewed by Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and a POBAL parallel review carried out on delivery and targets met in areas of Targeting Geographical Disadvantage and Targeting Disadvantaged Groups in 2016.

New Local Action Group (LAG) for Dublin rural areas established, made up of the Fingal LCDC and representatives from South Dublin City and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown LCDC. The LAG is made up of the 19 Fingal LCDC members plus 8 additional members from LCDCs of the administrative areas of South Dublin County Council and Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. The role of this group is to oversee the creation and rollout of the Local Development Strategy (LDS) following a consultation process. The Local Development Strategy (LDS) for the Dublin Rural Area was approved by the Department and calls for expressions of interest begun following animation meetings at local levels.

Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 6 year plan - Community and Economic pillars of plan agreed by LCDC and Economic SPC progressing. Review of the 2016 Workplan through public consultation process completed.

Successful Bealtaine Festival and Social Inclusion Week in 2016 with full attendance at many events. Over 170 free events organised between both.

South Dublin Age Friendly County Alliance continues to support and lead in initiatives for the active aged in the county such as including provision of a Public Transport Report, NALA Health Literacy Courses, Trusted Tradesmen piloted in Newcastle, Housing Research project through IT Tallaght, Support for the development of men's sheds - 5 new in 2016 and a new initiative on Home Security for doors or Patios -500 installations to be completed by end 2016.

32 Joint Policing and Local Policing Fora meetings held in 2016 including public meetings at Tallaght, South West Clondalkin and North Clondalkin.





Objective 3:
Promote health, wellbeing, recreation and activity to improve quality of life

The Steering Group established in conjunction with the HSE, Trinity Research, DDLETB and Local Development Company on the South Dublin Healthy County initiative to achieve “Healthy County” status progressed a number of projects in 2016 including 2 successful programmes of We Quit Campaign for Women, development of Alcohol Strategy with Tallaght Drugs Task Force. Full accreditation as member of the Healthy City/Countries Network awarded in November 2016. Main themes Physical Activity and Alcohol Strategy. Work continues to reduce health inequalities and Health and Wellbeing embedded in policies with key focus areas of promoting Physical Activity and Active Lifestyles.

The Health Assets and Needs Assessment (HANA) Work plan arising from the recommendations of the HANA report being implemented. The Council is proactive and leading on 3 of the 12 actions with focus on positive aspects of Tallaght area, greater awareness of available facilities and services and promotion of their use and finally develop an evidence based approach to community led initiatives to tackle petty crime which is being developed by the Healthy County Steering Committee.

SPORTIVATE the Council’s new Sports Development Programme agreed in partnership with DDLETB and with the Department of Social Protection (DSP) as partner 18 participants completing the programme with accreditation and 5 participants achieving full awards. The second programme started in 2016. The programme is based in Brookfield Youth and Family Centre. It caters for participants primarily between the ages of 18 and 25 years of age who are interested in breaking into the sports industry in some capacity or furthering their educational opportunities. The programme designed to broaden the participant’s education and help them get back into the workforce.

Housing, Social and Community Development

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Promote health, wellbeing, recreation and activity to improve quality of life

83,489 Sports Programmes participants in 2016 with 1,612 events.

SDCC Schools Cross Country finals held on 12th May 2016 at Corkagh Park - 2,950 participants from 59 schools.

SDCC Disability Accommodation revised Strategy signed off by the Disability Accommodation Steering Committee at December 2016 meeting.

Successful Health and Wellbeing Week in September.

322 Community events attracting 63,019 participants.

563,787 visitors to Council Leisure Facilities

26 Summer Projects/Camps supported in 2016 facilitating over 6,000 children.

9 Local Village Festivals supported.

Successful Late Night Leagues with FAI and Gardai – up to 120 participants during the programme at 4 venues during November with the County Finals involving 80 youths held on 3rd December 2016.

The swimming pool project for Lucan secured funding from the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport and the School Sports Hall incorporating a Community facility for Adamstown progressed in 2016.



Objective 4:
Facilitate community leadership and development through community engagement and empowerment

The second successful Endeavour Awards progressed during 2016 and Awards Ceremony held on 2nd December 2016. The Awards has the objective of recognising and rewarding particular categories of endeavor and to promote and support the community of South Dublin.

The Community Initiative Fund approved by the Council in 2015 was again run in 2016. The Initiative allowed Community Groups to bid for funding support which is not available from other resources. It is designed to fund/provide an opportunity for access to funds for significant community and cultural/heritage enhancement or neighbourhood projects. There were 69 applications with 18 successful entries.



The Community Grants Scheme opened for applications twice during 2016 - in February and September.

The PPN continues to grow its membership The DECLG provided additional funding to support PPNs nationally. The PPN is utilised for all notifications from Council. PPN membership/registration now stands at 430. Communications to other groups is being broadened. New PPN Member Directory launched and Training Programme announced during 2016.

9 Tidy Town Groups Active as of start of the year (Clondalkin, Lucan, Newcastle, Palmerstown, Templeogue,

Woodstown, North Clondalkin, Griffeen and Oldbawn) with 2 new groups identified and capacity building work during the year. All the Tidy Town Groups improved on their results in this year's SuperValu National Tidy Towns Competition announced 26th September 2016.

Council supported the Pride of Place Entrants 2016 with 5 entrants. The Council submitted Glenasmole Community Association, RAMS, Re-Create, St Dominic's Community Centre and South Dublin PPN with St Dominics crowned Urban Neighbourhood Centre for 2016.

Environment, Water and Climate Change





Objective 1:
**Improve the appearance of
 our county in the interest of
 economic development**

Park land and open space maintained including a fortnightly grass cutting schedule from March to October resulting in over 6,000 hectares of grass cut in the period.

Action Plan for the implementation of the Litter Management Plan for 2016 appended: 3850 complaints were investigated, 434 Litter Fines were issued, with 56 Court Appearances during 2016.

Living with Trees - SDCC's Tree Management Policy: In the period January to November 2016, 4469 trees were inspected; 424 trees were planted with a further 700 to be planted as part of the ongoing winter 2016/spring 2017 tree planting programme; 1417 trees were pruned; 642 trees were removed and 522 tree stumps were removed.

N81 Landscape Improvement Scheme: The preliminary design of the N81 improvement scheme progressed during 2016. The Part 8 drawings and documents went to public consultation from November 2016 to the 20th of January 2017. Provision has been made to deliver the project in 2017 and 2018.

Roundabout Sponsorship Scheme: In April 2016, tenders were invited from interested parties for the Roundabout Sponsorship Scheme. Tender submissions were received for five of the 16 roundabouts advertised. Improvement works and upgrades are being carried out on the following roundabouts: Belgard Square/ITT; Ballymount Industrial Estate at junction Ballymount Road/Turnpike Road; Orwell roundabout; Ballyboden Road/Taylor's Lane and at Scholarstown/Templeroan.

Environment, Water and Climate Change

Objective 1:

Improve the appearance of our county in the interest of economic development

Derelict Sites Register maintained with 371 Dangerous Buildings/Derelict Sites inspected during the year, 16 sites on the Register at end of 2016, 5 properties vested and an additional site pending appeal with An Bord Pleanála following an objection from the owner.

Environmental monitoring initiatives including Litter/waste CCTV and Programmable Audio Devices to help combat graffiti, litter, illegal dumping and dog fouling installed in various locations which resulted in an average reduction of 82.5% in illegal dumping occurrences. Two parks prone to dog fouling being monitored following trial of provision of dog bag dispensers.

A total of 383 tonnes of waste was collected from 675 bins (increase of 90) serviced on 5 dedicated routes, 4995 tonnes of illegally dumped material was collected and 5312 tonnes of road sweeping/ gully cleaning waste collected and disposed in 2016.





Objective 2:
Incorporate environmental sustainability in all policy making and implementation programmes

2016 Annual Service Plan agreed with Irish Water and service provided under a Service Level Agreement.

1,500km of water mains and 4 large storage reservoirs were maintained

73 ML of water was supplied per day, with an Unaccounted for Water (UFW) of 33.75%.

1,200km of foul and surface water sewers were maintained.

545 Water bursts and leaks were repaired.

Water Quality was maintained at an average of 99.9% throughout the year, with 70 Water Pollution Incidents dealt with during the year.

River clearing and Flood Alleviation Schemes: A programme of river clearing was carried out during 2016. The rivers and streams cleared were the Poddle, the Camac, the Jobstown stream and the Oldcourt stream. Ballycullen Flood Alleviation Scheme - Tenders assessment completed and contractor appointed in December. Poddle FAS - the brief for this scheme is finalised and agreed with the OPW. The procurement of consultants is progressing using a Framework in Dublin City Council.

Surface Water Schemes: Monastery Road and New Road Clondalkin surface water schemes were completed in 2016. Preparation for works at Tay Lane Rathcoole and Chapel Hill Lucan commenced.

Climate Change: Following a public consultation process, the revised strategy, 'A Draft Strategy towards Climate Change' Action Plans for the Dublin Local Authorities' has been completed and will be considered at the next Environment SPC Meeting in February 2017. Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Action Plans will be developed and adopted in 2017.

Environment, Water and Climate Change

Objective 3:

Manage our regulatory, licensing and enforcement roles together with the Environmental Protection Agency



2016 Service Plan agreed with Food Safety Authority of Ireland.

Continued active enforcement of the provisions of all environmental legislation and regulations with 208 enforcement procedures commenced and 100 Enforcement Notices issued in 2016. 2,568 Scheduled and Unscheduled Inspections were carried out including 927 Waste Enforcement Officers Inspections, 1,035 Fats, Oils and grease (FOG) inspections and 606 Water Pollution Inspector inspections and 38 permitted facilities.

Delivered 185 Environmental Awareness workshops/information sessions for schools, communities and businesses.

131 Schools registered in the Green Schools Programme

2332 Social Credits actions took place (Jan- Nov 2016)

74 recycling Bring Banks and 2 Recycling Centres provided. Community recycling strategy updated and agreed through Environment SPC in February 2016. As part of the recycling message is promoted on an ongoing basis as part of the Environmental awareness programme

Control of Animals legislation actively enforced. 581 dogs and 266 horses were impounded during the year. Regular inspections of horse pound and dog pound have also been carried out, with ongoing monitoring of contractual performance and recoupment of monies.

Construction of Equine Facility at Ballyowen Park consisting of 20 Equine Stalls, ancillary facilities, education space, exercise paddocks, and car parking.

Casual Trading Bye Laws reviewed and new Bye Laws for control and regulation of casual trading made.

Contract for Dog Pound: Service extended to April 2017 and contract for Provision and Operation of Horse Seizure & Pound Service extended March 2017. At the end of 2016 - there were 9582 dog licenses in force in the County.

Objective 4:
Maintain and improve
our parks and recreation
areas to enhance our
quality of life

Working with the Eastern Midlands Regional Waste Office, SDCC is implementing actions and goals under the eight strategic objectives of the Waste Management Plan 2015 - 2021.

The Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WERLAs) were established to co-ordinate waste enforcement actions within local authorities - a work plan for the 2016/17 period has been agreed by the 12 Eastern Local Authorities.

Burial Grounds: Internal Review conducted which will inform development (in 2017) of Burial Grounds Strategy.

Maintenance of and detailed audit carried out of 163 pitches provided by Council.

Allotments: Design of a new extension with a capacity for 100 plots and car parking to the allotments at Tymon Park was progressed in 2016. The tender for this project will issue in 2017.

2016 Play-space Programme: 14 play spaces progressing through planning / design stage at end of 2016, 8 in consultation, 5 completed and opened during 2016 and 1 to be completed in early 2017.

Sports Capital Grants: Progression of designs and tender documentation in relation to Tymon Park pitches and athletics track at Lucan in 2016. Planning granted in relation to an all-weather pitch at Lucan and discussions between the Club and local residents is on-going with facilitation from the council.

Pitch development / enhancement: The design for sports facilities at Mt Carmel, Dodder Park was progressed in 2016 with the Ecological Impact Assessment report completed. The design and tender for replacement pitches at Firhouse Park to facilitate new school construction was also progressed.

Pavilion Construction Programme: The Part 8 Public Consultation Proposals concluded. The initial tender process was unsuccessful and failed to result in an award. Documents being prepared currently for re-tendering.



Collaboration on Council's Tourism Strategy including contributing to the options and feasibility report for the further development of the tourism visitor potential at Corkagh Park, the commencement of the feasibility study for the Liffey Valley Blueway and the tender for the preliminary design and progression of the Dublin Mountains tourism facility.

Organisational Capacity and Accountability





Objective 1:
Support local democracy
including the policy making
and representation role of
our Elected Members

The Council's 2016 Centenary Programme attracted a large number of participants to our events and exhibitions during the year and we were delighted with how the year progressed and the level of community engagement. Some of the highlights of the year included:

- Proclamation Day
- Paths to Freedom Conference in Tallaght Stadium
- Flag Raising Ceremony at County Hall, Tallaght
- Official Opening of Commemorative Garden at Newlands Cross
- Concert to Remember in Clondalkin Library
- State Ceremonial Event attended by President Higgins in the Pearse Museum
- Dublin Fire Brigade 1916 Exhibition
- South Dublin County and 1916 Rising Exhibition
- South Dublin County and Battle of the Somme Exhibition

Freedom of the County was awarded to Jim Gavin, Dublin Senior Football Team Manager in February, and in June 2016, a Civic Reception was held for Ballyboden St. Enda's All-Ireland Football Champions 2016. A revised Civic Honours Protocol was adopted by the elected members at the November Organisational, Procedure and Finance Committee Meeting.

The Electoral Register for 2017/2018 has been brought to draft stage on time with the final register will be published in February 2017. Planning has begun on the introduction of an online register voter.ie in collaboration with the three other Dublin local authorities.

Organisational Capacity and Accountability

Objective 2:
Provide robust financial management, risk management, audit and corporate governance systems

In 2016 the financial welfare and effective financial management of the council was achieved and supported through a combination of measures. Budgets were actively monitored and controlled with quarterly reports in revenue and capital issued to Council and the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government. Commercial rate bills totaling €117m were issued in January. Income was tracked through the production and review of monthly billing and collection statements to ensure income maximisation. The 3 year capital programme incorporating projects of €289m was produced for 2017-2019 while council adopted a 2017 revenue budget of € 228m on November 3rd. The 2015 AFS was prepared by 31st March 2015 with subsequent audited accounts and audit report submitted to council and audit committee.

The Audit Committee met four times during the year and delivered on their work programme as presented to the December 2015 County Council meeting. The Chair of the Audit Committee attended the March Council meeting and presented the Committee's 2015 annual report. The Chair also attended the October Council meeting and presented the Committee's report on their findings of the audit of the Annual Financial Statement and Auditor's report 2015. Audits were conducted during the year across the organisation and recommendations made assisted in strengthening the control environment on a continual improvement basis.

The Ethics Declaration and preparation of the Ethics Register was completed in February 2016 and a new Ethics Registrar was appointed for the period 1st December 2016 - 31st November 2018.

Implementation of the Corporate Procurement Plan 2015 - 2017 continued with the dedicated Procurement Unit providing ongoing support and training to all staff as required in procurement policy, on individual tender processes and on contract management.



The Public Spending Code was published and submitted to National Oversight and Audit Commission on 31st May 2016.

The Publication Scheme required under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 was developed and implemented within the statutory timeframe.

A report on the Corporate Plan Achievements for 2015 was published in January 2016.

The Annual Service Delivery Plan (ASDP) with performance targets was published in February 2016.

An infographic promoting the ASDP was published in the Citizen Newsletter and issued to every household in the county in June 2016.

The Annual Report for 2015 was published in June 2016.

The Monthly Management Report to Council reported on all activity in 2016 under the Corporate Plan and included the provision of local monthly performance indicators.

Completion of South Dublin's return for the National Performance Indicators for 2015 was submitted to NOAC within the timeframe and a report was presented to the Audit Committee on our performance in December 2016.

Organisational Capacity and Accountability

Objective 3:

Exploit advances in information and communications technology (ICT) to become more efficient and to improve services for local people



New Systems and Upgrades Implemented: Planning Bonds and Contributions system, Tree Management System implemented, Statutory Inspections system, NetConsent, on line Consultation Portal, House Survey system implemented, Community Endeavour Awards, Public Realm Scheduler system.

Public Wi-Fi facilities upgraded at various locations. These include at the Civic Theatre and extensive upgrade and new deployments across the library branch network expanding this coverage into the villages Wi-Fi project.

Development of an athlete orientated self-awareness online facility delivered which acts as a self-critique and facilitating goal eight of the LECP - "Empower our communities to improve their health and wellbeing and quality of life by providing relevant information and accessibility to quality services".

GIS accomplishments: Delivery of online Maps Gallery incorporating community facilities, general election 2016, playing pitches, burial grounds, allotments, playgrounds, derelict sites and retail GIS projects. Community mapping incorporates; Parks, Playing Pitches, Playgrounds, Adult Exercise Equipment, Pavilions, Allotments, Burial Grounds, Churches, Electoral Boundaries, CSO data, Bring Banks, Accessible Parking, RSA Road Collisions, myPlan and "Fitwalk" routes. Rates Vacancy GIS and Property Register GIS upgraded.

Objective 4:
Develop and maintain appropriate communication channels that enable proactive citizen engagement

Over 400 media queries were responded to in 2016.

The number of social media followers increased by over 2,000 with 15,700 followers now on our various social media channels.

Over 90,000 queries were processed through customer services with an average response time of 4 days across the year.

Over 190,000 telephone calls were handled by customer services, of which 82% were answered within 20 seconds.

2nd Irish Language Scheme was audited and South Dublin County Council's 3rd Irish Language Scheme approved by the Minister in October 2016.

23 Staff attended Irish language courses.

5 complaints received from Irish Language Commissioner.

A Summer and Winter edition of the Citizen's Newsletter was published.

Unwrapped 2016 programme of Christmas Festivities in South Dublin.

Thirteen consultations were initiated through the new online Consultation Portal receiving a total of 123 submissions and 233 observations.



Organisational Capacity and Accountability

Objective 5:
Support staff and organisational development and performance through the implementation of best practice in Human Resource Management

Support continued for the Graduate Programme and Labour Activation Schemes throughout the year including Gateway, Community Employment and Job Initiative.

The Performance Management and Development System is fully linked to incremental credits since 2015, is the core mechanism for managing staff performance in the organization and is accompanied with the 2016 Training and Development Plan which delivered training to 3745 participants.

Occupational Health Programme: A health screening programme for staff was carried out in 2016 with 564 staff participating. The results of the health check informed the Council's subsequent action plan on health and wellbeing.

31 staff members were trained to Lean Six Sigma yellow belt standard with 6 project teams established with project proposal approved by the Steering Group. A Lean Six Sigma Black Belt project delivered significant efficiencies to the Housing Needs Assessment process.





Corporate Awards 2016

Chambers Excellence in Local Government Awards

South Dublin County Council won the 'Healthy and Wellbeing Award' for 'Healthy Ireland - South Dublin County Initiative'. South Dublin County Council was also shortlisted in the following categories:

Category	Project Title
Supporting Active Communities	The Community Initiative Fund
Best Practice in Citizen Engagement	"Where does your money go"
Supporting Tourism	Dublin Mountain Partnership
Local Authority Innovation Organisation	Building the Lean Six Sigma
Disability Services Provision	Learn to Cycle Programme
Best Library Service Publications and Bookstore	South Dublin Libraries- Heritage
Sustainable Environment	Social Credits
Commemorations and Centenaries	Part 8 - Construction of Grange Road Cycle and Walking Scheme and Enhancement of the Streetscape along Grange Road ,Rathfarnham, Dublin 14 and 16

Appendix 1: Financial Charts and Graphs

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2016 (unaudited)

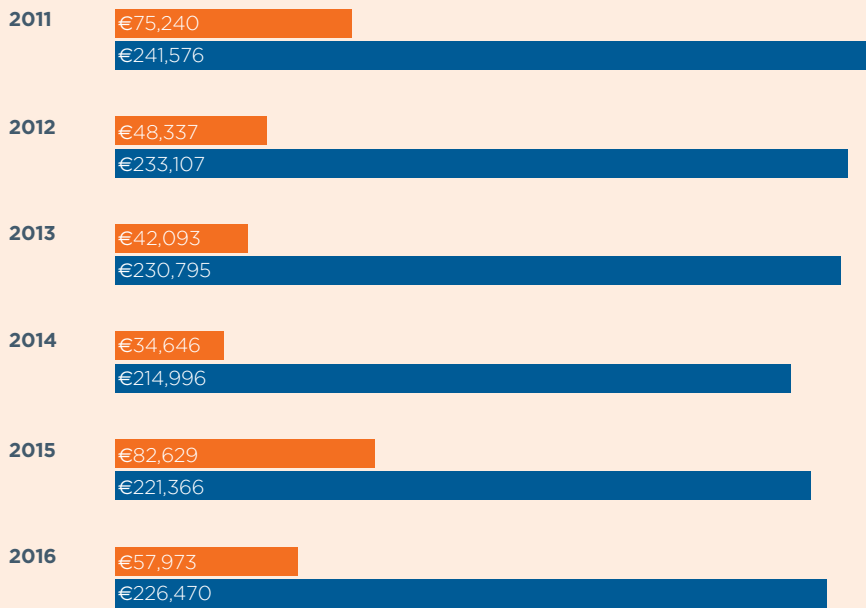
	2016 €'000	2015 €'000
Fixed Assets and Work in Progress	3,270,310	3,249,315
Long Term Debtors	158,230	201,323
Net Current Assets	150,938	94,399
Long term Creditors	(221,110)	(244,081)
Net Assets	3,358,368	3,300,956
Financed by:		
Work in Progress and Capitalistaion Account	3,258,229	3,240,336
Revenue Reserve – Specific	4,870	10,805
Revenue Reserve – General	12,111	12,101
Other Balances	83,158	37,714
	3,358,368	3,300,956

Income and Expenditure Account Statetment for Year Ending 31 December 2016 (unaudited)

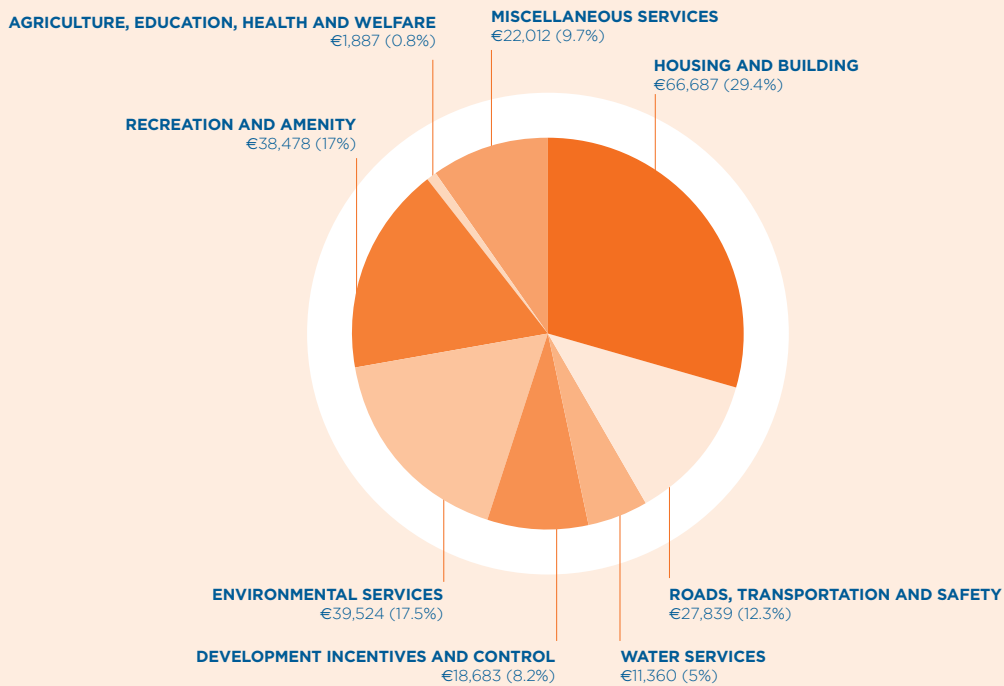
	Gross Expenditure 2016 €'000	Income 2016 €'000	Net Cost 2016 €'000
Housing and Building	56,829	59,060	(2,231)
Roads Transportation and Safety	23,893	5,736	18,157
Water Services	10,605	9,052	1,553
Development Management	15,691	6,845	8,846
Environmental Services	32,638	6,771	25,867
Recreation and Amenity	32,587	4,819	27,768
Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare	1,739	849	890
Miscellaneous Services	20,627	11,417	9,210
Total Expenditure/ Income	194,609	104,549	
Net Cost of Divisions to be funded from Rates, Local Property Tax and PRD			90,060
Rates Income			117,344
Local Property Tax			2,556
Pension Related Deduction (PRD)			2,023
Net Transfers to Reserves			(31,853)
Surplus for Year			10
General Reserve @ 1st of January 2016			12,101
General Reserve @ 31st December 2016			12,111

Total Expenditure 2011 – 2016

Capital Expenditure (€'000) Revenue Expenditure (€'000)



Revenue Expenditure 2016 by Division (€'000): TOTAL €226,470



NOTE: These figures are inclusive of transfers to/from reserves

Appendix 2: Membership of South Dublin County Council

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Appendix 2.1: Council Membership of Committees and Other Bodies

Area Committees Chairs

Councillor Jonathan Graham was unanimously elected Chair of the Clondalkin Area Committee.

Councillor Liona O' Toole was unanimously elected Chair of the Lucan Area Committee.

Councillor Brendan Ferron was unanimously elected Chair of the Tallaght Area Committee.

Councillor Paul Foley was unanimously elected Chair of the Rathfarnham/Templogue-Terenure Area Committee

Strategic Policy Committees *Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Education and Libraries SPC*

Council Members

Councillor Dermot Richardson - Chairperson
Councillor Breeda Bonner
Councillor Brian Leech
Councillor Madeleine Johansson
Councillor Cora Mc Cann
Councillor Dermot Looney

Sectoral Members

Deirdre Mooney
Peadar Ó Caomhánaigh

Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism SPC

Council Members

Councillor Charlie O' Connor - Chairperson
Councillor Guss O' Connell
Councillor Ronan Mc Mahon
Councillor Francis Duffy
Councillor Paul Foley
Councillor Anne-Marie Dermody
Councillor Emer Higgins
Councillor Brendan Ferron

Sectoral Members

Sean Reid
Garrett Robinson
Tara de Buitlear
Damien Roche

Appendix 2: Council Membership of Committees and Other Bodies

Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change SPC

Council Members

Councillor Pamela Kearns - Chairperson
Councillor Danny O'Brien
Councillor Ed O'Brien
Councillor Brian Lawlor
Councillor Enda Fanning
Councillor Francis Timmons

Sectoral Members

Donal Anderson
John O'Farrell
Connie Kiernan

Housing SPC

Council Members

Councillor Cathal King - Chairperson
Councillor Louise Dunne
Councillor Kieron Mahon
Councillor Mick Duff
Councillor Martina Genockey
Councillor Trevor Gilligan
Councillor Mark Ward
Councillor Nicky Coules

Sectoral Members

Betty Tyrrell Collard
Tricia Nolan
Brendan MacPhiarais

Social and Community SPC

Council Members

Councillor Dermot Looney - Chairperson
Councillor Jonathan Graham
Councillor Vicki Casserly
Councillor Charlie O'Connor
Councillor Sarah Holland
Councillor Kenneth Egan

Sectoral Members

Gráinne Ní Mhuirí
Layton Kelly

Land Use, Transportation and Planning SPC

Council Members

Councillor William Lavelle - Chairperson
Councillor Mick Murphy
Councillor Ruth Nolan
Councillor Paul Gogarty
Councillor Liona O'Toole
Councillor Paula Donovan

Sectoral Members

Neil Durkan
Denis Sherwin
Siobhán Butler

South Dublin County Council Commemorations Committee Members

Councillor Ruth Nolan
Councillor Liona O'Toole
Councillor Colm Brophy*
Councillor Martina Genockey
Councillor Eoin O'Broin*
Councillor Ed O'Brien

South Dublin County Council Audit Committee Members

George Kennington - Chairperson
Dermot Carter
Ann Horan
Eilis Quinlan
Councillor Dermot Richardson
Councillor Gus O'Connell
Councillor Martina Genockey
Councillor John Lahart - Resigned Jan 2016

South Dublin County Joint Policing Committee Membership 2016

South Dublin Councillors (14) plus Mayor

Cllr. Deirdre O'Donovan - Chairperson
 Cllr. Paula Donovan
 Cllr. Louise Dunne
 Cllr. Cathal King
 Cllr. Sarah Holland
 Cllr. Ed. O'Brien
 Cllr. Paul Foley
 Cllr. Pamela Kearns
 Cllr. Kieran Mahon
 Cllr. Nicky Coules
 Cllr. Liona O'Toole
 Cllr. Kenneth Egan
 Cllr. Paul Gogarty
 Cllr. Brian Lawlor
 Cllr. Brendan Ferron
 Mayor Guss O'Connell

Oireachtas (5)

Sean Crowe T.D.
 John Curran T.D.
 John Lahart T.D.
 Vacant
 Vacant

SDCC (1)

Billy Coman

Garda Síochána (2)

Chief Superintendent Orla McPartlin Crumlin (DMR South)
 Chief Superintendent Lorraine Wheatley Blanchardstown (DMR West)

Community (7) (PPN (4) other (3))

Ann Corrigan (PPN)
 Tara Deasy (PPN)
 Jim Lawlor (PPN)
 Michael Noonan (PPN)
 Eamon Dolan (D&ATF)
 Ray McGrath (D&ATF)
 Gemma Carton (Garda Diversion)

Local Community Development Committee Membership 2016

Name

Organisation

Private

Anna Lee	Community
Mary Corcoran	Community
Joe Barry	Community
Larry O'Neill	South Dublin County Partnership
Peter Byrne	South Dublin Chamber
Justin Byrne	PPN
Doreen Carpenter	PPN
Ronan Leydon	PPN
Stephen Dunne	PPN
Maurice Walsh	PPN
Greg Tierney	Youth Services

Public

Cllr Eoin O Broin	Councillor
Cllr Ciaran Mahon	Councillor
Cllr Paula Donovan	Councillor
Padraig Rehill	HSE
Paddy Lavelle/ Deirdre McKeon	DDLETB
Fiona Ward	Department of Social Protection
Loman O'Byrne/ Emer O'Gorman/	
Colin Ward	LEO
Billy Coman	SDCC

Appendix 3: Training Conferences attended by Councillors in 2016

Conference	Venue	Date
AILG Third Annual Conference	Buncrana	5 -6 May 2016
AILG Training (Cultural Services)	Killarney	20 May 2016
AILG Training (Planning & Development)	Dundalk	18 June 2016
AILG Training (Housing Action Plan)	Longford	15 September 2016
AILG Autumn Conference	Gorey	13 -14 October 2016
AILG Training (Regional Assemblies and their Role with Local Authorities)	(Red Cow Hotel)	19 November 2016
LAMA Spring Training Seminar (Planning and Flood Plains Insurance and Finding Solutions)	Sligo Park Hotel	1 -2nd April 2016
Planning Conference (Implementation and Engagement Planning for a New Era)	Athlone	14 -15 April 2016
Autism Conference (Empowering Potential)	Dublin	16 April 2016
Transport Ireland	Dublin	21 April 2016
Road Safety Authority iSafer Conference	Dublin	28 April 2016
Regional Studies Association -Planning For Regional Development: The National Planning Framework as a Roadmap for Ireland's Future	Galway	9 September 2016
Parnell Summer School (Embers of Easter)	Wicklow	11 August 2016
LAMA Autumn Seminar (Brexit)	Bantry	29 September - 1 October 2016
Irish Council for Social Housing (for Delivery and Management)	Kilkenny	20 21 October 2016
National Youth Council of Ireland Seminar (How to Secure Investment and Funding to Enhance the Delivering Of Quality Youth Work in a Changing Public Policy Context)	Dublin	13 December 2016
Community Development (Achieving Social Inclusion, Reconciliation and Equality)	Galway	16-17 December 2016

Total Amount Spent on Training Conferences in 2016:

€20,919.53

Appendix 4: Energy Efficiency Report 2016

2016 South Dublin County Council total final energy consumption

- **18,585,058 Kwh** electricity
(of this on space heating 8%)
- **7,230,541 Kwh** natural gas
- **4,003,474 Kwh** diesel
- **100,048 Kwh** petrol
- **124,441 Kwh** transport biofuels

This indicates energy consumption at 114.98 Kwh/population served. This is an improvement of 27.06% since 2009. South Dublin County Council is on target to reach required 33% improvement by 2020.

Summary of Energy Related Projects and Activities

- **District Heating detailed study: Results in success in EU HEATNET project**
South Dublin County Council are partners in this 3 year EU project to develop a transition strategy for delivering low carbon district heat. This will be developed and tested in 6 local district heating and cooling networks (DHC) in UK, Ireland, Belgium, France and the Netherlands.
- **Pilot project Freqcon next generation DS3 energy converter** has been installed with 50kw of photovoltaic cells on the roof of County Hall to work with the Converter and now linked to 500Kw standby generator.
- **Horizon 2020:** South Dublin County Council prepared and submitted bid under Horizon 2020 Smart Cities & Communities Call 2016 with Riga and Thessalonika as Lighthouse city partners. The bid was supported by Siemens Ireland, Microsoft and Nissan. South Dublin County Council was marked fourth in EU assessment but not funded.
- **SPECIAL:** South Dublin County Council in Partnership with IPI working with SEAI, TCPA and DoECLG prepared training material on best practice in incorporating energy demand mapping into spatial planning systems countrywide. Project now completed.

Appendix 4: Energy Efficiency Report 2016

Municipal Buildings:

– **OPW Programme “Optimising Power at Work”:**

County Hall to avail of metering and monitoring equipment to drive energy savings and improved awareness. Installation of Meters has been completed. Staff energy awareness programme rolled out during 2016.

– **Display Energy Certificates** are on display in all SDCC large buildings.

Community/Residential

– **DECLG Energy Upgrade Programme:** 369 tenant houses upgrade in 2016.

– **Upgrade works were completed to dwellings in the following estates:**

Kilmahuddrick, Cushlawn and Whitebrook.

– **Kilnamanagh and Killinarden Community Centres** were upgraded with wall insulation, heating, lighting and new windows under SEAI Better Energy Communities programme..

– **Green Community Centres Project Proposal.** Energy audits by CODEMA progressing.

Institutional/Commercial

– **Tallaght Test Bed project with MEGA:** working with industry on innovative ways of delivering sustainable smart model communities in partnership with IERC and Enterprise Ireland.

Public Lighting

- **Public Lighting Project** with DoE, Fingal and DLR and other Councils on national programme to deploy LED and dimming controls on Public Lighting.
- **Roll-out of LED Public Lighting** prioritising the 9 villages in the Village Initiative, Lucan, Clondalkin, Newcastle, Rathfarnham and Palmerstown were upgraded in 2015. Since July 2015, collectively **1575 public light fittings** of various power consumption were upgraded to LED in South Dublin County Council area. All new fittings were installed with new **35/18 Lux “green photo trimming cells**.

Transport Projects

- **N81 cycle route** from Tallaght to Templeogue completed for Tallaght section.
- **Dodder Cycle Route/Greenway Part 8** preliminary design for phase 1, including bridges CFRAM flood analysis complete. Environmental analysis completed for development of Planning Consultation as next phase.
- **Ballyroan Pilot schools project onsite**
- **Walking/cycling project at Knocklyon Junction onsite**

Appendix 5: **Protected Disclosures**

- Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 requires the publication of an annual report relative to Protected Disclosures received.
- Pursuant to this requirement, South Dublin County Council hereby confirms that no reports were received in 2016.

Appendix 6: Local Performance Indicators Report 2016

Corporate Performance and Change Management

Statistic Name	Total
Customer Contacts processed through CMS	90,209
Average CMS response time	4 days
Members reps processed	7,676
Members reps Av. Response time (days)	10 days
Telephone calls answered	182,499
Answered within 20 seconds (%)	83%
Media queries responded to	438
Fix your street queries responded to	6,000
Web pages opened	2,536,814
Social media followers	15,789
Staff employed - WTE	1,216
Apprenticeships/graduates	1
No. of Gateway participants	60
% of Gateway participants allocated	60%
No. of CE participants	97
% of CE participants allocated	78%
Training programme - No of participants	3,778

Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

Statistic Name	Total
LEO - jobs supported	41.5
LEO - projects approved	34
LEO - training participants	710
LEO - mentoring sessions	338
Business support grants spend	120201
Business support grant spend (projects)	83545
Business initiative with Chamber meetings held	207
Shopfront grants paid	19
Grange Castle jobs sustained	2162
Library - visitors actual	994914
Library - visitors online	436273
Library - items borrowed	1039222
Library - computer sessions	229416
Libraries - events hosted	4611
Library Wi-Fi users	63060
Arts grants paid	17
Arts events hosted	53
Visitors civic theatre	178835
Visitors Rua Red	144775
GC Jobs (Construction)	1301

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Environment, Water and Climate Change

Statistic Name	Total
Grass cut - Hectares	6181.47
Trees inspected	4651
Trees pruned	1616
Trees removed	706
Trees planted	426
No. of stumps removed	565
No. of locations of hedge cuts	90
Hectares of park land maintained	1750
No of allotments provided	433
Playing pitches provided/Maintained	163
Playgrounds provided/maintained	29
Tonnage of waste collected - street bins	383.54
Tonnage of waste collected - litter/illegal dumping	4995.31
Tonnage of waste collected - road sweeping/gullies	5312.96
No. of bring banks provided	74
No. of recycling centres	2
No. of green flag schools	131
Km. of roads swept monthly	925
Derelict site/Dangerous building inspections	371
No. of sites on derelict sites register	16
No. of environment inspections	989
Environment enforcement procedures commenced	204
Environment enforcement - cases closed	179
Litter - fines issued	433
Litter - court appearances	50
Litter - cases closed	3303
Total number of waste permits in force	33
No. of waste enforcement notices issued	96
Water Quality (%)	99.9
% of unaccounted for water	33.75
Water maintenance repairs completed	545
Water pollution incidents dealt with	66
No. of dogs impounded	580
Number of dog licenses in force	9624
DFB fire incidents mobilised	2056
DFB ambulance incidents mobilised	13470
Number of horses impounded	266

Housing, Social and Community Development

Statistic Name	Total
Total housing stock	9124
Construction starts	0
Construction completions	15
Total housing needs assessed	7895
Allocations - Homeless/Other	242
No. of voids	47
Time taken to re-let dwellings (weeks)	9
Total RAS units	1489
Total HAP units	1434
Total units leased	792
No. of housing grants approved	202
Housing Maintenance requests received	18882
Housing Maintenance requests completed	13201
Planned Maintenance - units completed	147
Total PPN registrations	105
No. of community grants issued	110
No. of sports programmes	1612
No. of sports programme participants	83489
No. of community events	322
No. of community event participants	63019
Visitors to leisure facilities	565983
PRTB inspections	832
PRTB called no access	480
BER inspections	16
BER Certs published	220
Mechanical Inspections	2590
Energy upgrades completed	249
Electrical inspections completed	2358
No of anti-social incidents reported	752
No of actions taken in response to reports	7394
JPC and Policing Fora meetings held	35
No of local festivals supported	9

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Land Use Planning and Transportation

Statistic Name	Totals
Planning applications received - new housing	144
Planning applications received - new housing (units)	2841
Planning granted new houses - applications	65
Planning granted new houses - applications (units)	905
Planning applications housing - applications	144
Planning applications housing - (units)	2841
Planning Refused - no of houses	807
Planning applications - other	762
Planning other - no granted	569
Planning other - no. refused	50
Additional information requests - all classes	193
% decisions upheld by ABP	78%
Pre planning meetings held	231
Planning enforcements initiated	92
Enforcement files closed	170
Building control inspections	245
Commencement notices received	541
TIC requests received	3
TIC completions	0
Area of footpath repaired in m2	38722
Area of road repaired in m2	126467
No of public lights in charge	29269
No of public lights repaired	8097
Traffic lights repaired	1001

