



**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2021 (VIA ONLINE ZOOM MEETING)**

- 1 **Minutes of Meeting held on 15th September, 2021.**
Order: Agreed.
- 2 **Questions to the Director of Services South City.**
Order: Replies to Questions and the Director of Services report circulated
- 3 **Environmental & Transportation Matters**
 1. Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Group held on the 28/09/21 in relation to Traffic Matters in the South Central Area.
 2. Traffic Service Requests Status Reports at 15/09/21 and 04/10/21.
Order: 1. Report noted.
2. Report noted.
- 4 **South Central Area Matters**
 1. Presentation on Strategic Housing Development application No: SHD0022/21 - Lands at Carriglea Industrial Estate, Muirfield Drive, Naas Road, Dublin 12
 2. Presentation on Strategic Housing Development application No: SHD0023/21 – Heuston South Quarter, St. John’s Road West / Military Road, Kilmainham, Dublin 8.
 3. Naming proposal for new development at Newmarket Square – Planning Ref ABP-307067-20.
 4. Nomination of 3 Councillors to the Oliver Bond House Regeneration Board.
 5. Community Initiatives for the Halloween period in South Central Area.
 6. Director of Services Report.
Order: 1. Presentation given by Liam Currie, Executive Planner. Members made observations on the application which will be factored into the submission to An Bord Pleanála. Presentation noted.
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3. Agreed
4. Agreed at the Inaugural Meeting of the Oliver Regeneration Forum that all 5 SWIC Councillors will be Forum members.
5. Noted.
6. Report Noted.

5 Culture, Recreation & Economic Matters

1. Sports and Recreation Report for October 2021 South Central Area.

Order: Report noted.

6 Planning & Property Development Matters

1. Proposed disposal of the Council's freehold interest in 180A Carrow Road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12
2. Proposed disposal of a plot to rear of 244 Blackditch Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10
3. Proposed grant of a licence of a unit at Memorial Court, Islandbridge.

Order: 1.. Agreed. Recommend to Council

2. Agreed. Recommend to Council

3. Agreed. Recommend to Council

7 Emergency Motions

8 October 2021 Motions

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
20th October 2021

M129 Cllrs Daithí Doolan, Sophie Nicoullaud and Darragh Moriarty

That the South Central Area Committee supports the Irish Local Development Network (ILDN) and the trade unions, SIPTU & Forasa, in their opposition to the new model of employment services outlined in Pathways to Work which proposes to terminate current Job Clubs and Local Employment Services (LES) by the end of 2021 and to replace the successful 25-year-old community-led and non-profit providers with an untested, unproven centralised profit-driven model of delivery.

The Area Committee rejects the privatisation of employment services and the move towards a system that monetises those most disadvantaged. This approach would impact most adversely those who have become unemployed during the COVID-19 pandemic, lone parents, people with disabilities, migrants and the underemployed – all of whom really need access to the type of walk-in, person-centred, community-based employment service with the wrap-around supports that such services provide.

The Area Committee further notes that the new model proposed in Pathways to Work will lead to job losses for a whole body of skilled personnel who have developed significant knowledge and expertise in assisting those more vulnerable members of our society to enhance their life outcomes and progress to employment.

The Area Committee notes that the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Social Protection, Community and Rural Development and the Islands, stated in its pre-Budget Submission (2021) that Local Employment Services “should be retained in their current model” and that this submission was supported by members of all Parties.

The Area Committee supports the calls on the Minister for Social Protection to immediately halt the process for the rollout of the New Regional Employment Services, pending the establishment of a working group made up of all stakeholders to review the current process and outcomes.

The Area Committee requests that this motion be sent to the Minister for Social Protection on adoption.

Order: Agreed to write to the Minister for Social Protection.

M130 Councillor Daithí Doolan

This Area Committee notes the good work done by the staff, CE & City Council staff, in the Orchard Centre. The centre continues to provide an essential service to the Cherry Orchard community and houses locally based services.

This committee further notes with concern the proposal to cut back on the centre's opening hours due to staff shortages.

To ensure the Orchard Centre remains open at the current level this Area Committee calls on Dublin City Council to provide 3 General Operatives.

Order: Agreed.

M131 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That Dublin City Council look into the introduction of speed reduction measures on the lower portion of Ballyfermot Road / Sarsfield Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 10. The area currently has very little speed reduction measures in place and residents who have contacted all the local public representatives over the past few days following the traffic accident on Sunday 3rd of October which resulted in a death of a young man. We are asking that traffic islands similar to Upper Ballyfermot Road be positioned here, additional signage, speed cushions / rumble strips basically any measures which can reduce the potential of accidents etc.

Order: Report to Councillor.

M132 Councillor Vincent Jackson

That Dublin City Council look at the serious problems in relation to staffing levels at our local City Council Offices, lack of administrative, cleansing / parks staff, community development staff, fire brigade / ambulance. This committee looks for a round table meeting with senior officials to hear at first hand the devastating effect the current staffing levels are having on the delivery of sufficient services necessary to run the city.

Order: Report to Councillor.

M133 Councillor Vincent Jackson

Can DCC management please explain why the recent proposed savage price increases in Ballyfermot Leisure Centre were not firstly discussed with the elected members of Dublin City Council? It is essential going forward that we set up a consultative group with management and service users to ensure this doesn't happen again. Having local service user input in our leisure centres ensures that there is strong democratic accountability. I tried to bring this issue up at the last Arts, Cultural and Leisure SPC without success however I am delighted the increases were withdrawn following a public protest by local service users.

Order: Agreed that Director of Services would seek clarity on Report provided.

Councillor Vincent Jackson

Chairperson

20th October 2021

Attendance:

Members:

Vincent Jackson, (Chairperson)

Sophie Nicoullaud, (Vice Chair)

Daithí Doolan

Máire Devine

Darragh Moriarty

Michael Pidgeon

Daithí de Róiste

Michael Watters

Hazel de Nortúin

Tina McVeigh

Officers:

Derek Kelly, Director of Services South City;

Bruce Phillips, Local Area Manager, SWIC;

Dave O'Donovan, Acting Local Area Manager, Ballyfermot Area Office;

Niall O'Neill, Area Engineer, Roads & Traffic;

Neil O'Donoghue, Executive ITS Officer, Environment & Transportation;

Liam Currie, Executive Planner, Planning & Property Development;

John Bergin, Staff Officer, Planning & Property Development;

David Qearney, Acting Staff Officer, South Central Area;

Gabrielle Malone, Senior Staff Officer, South Central Area;