

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN COUNTY COUNCIL

Chairperson's Report of the Special Community, Culture and Wellbeing Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 12th April 2023 at 5.00pm

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Fleming, Michael (Chair)	Hanafin, Mary
Baker, Marie	Kivlehan, Tom
Dunne, Daniel	McCarthy Lettie
Fanning, Martha	McLoughlin, Seán
	Moylan, Justin
	O'Brien, Peter

SECTORAL REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

None

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Therese Langan, Director of Community & Cultural Development; Mary Ruane, Senior Executive Officer, Community & Cultural Development; Catherine Gallagher, dlr County Librarian; Ruairi O'Dulaing, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks; Helena McGorman, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Parks; Ian Smalley, Administrative Officer, Community & Cultural Development; Sandra Kelly, A/ Senior Community Officer, Community & Cultural Development; Lorraine O'Hara, Assistant Parks Superintendent, Parks; Marc Campbell, Assistant Parks Superintendent, Parks; Jayne Parsons, Senior Staff Officer, Community & Cultural Development; Shahruz Mirmirani, Staff Officer, Community & Cultural Development;

Apologies

None

Play Policy Update – Therese Langan, Director of Service, and Marc Campbell, Executive Parks Superintendent

Therese Langan and Marc Campbell gave a presentation on the draft Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Play Policy 2023-2028, which was circulated in advance of the SPC meeting. The Chair thanked them both for the detailed presentation and opened the floor to questions and discussion.

Therese Langan, Marc Campbell and Ruairi O'Dulaing responded to members' queries in relation to:

- The possibility of including measures to encourage more children to partake in more walks
- How the marking of Play Value Assessment was calculated
- The cost of renovating playgrounds and their maintenance cost
- The budgetary provisions for the implementation of the Play Policy
- The possibility of erecting two swings for younger children when erecting new equipment
- What happens to play equipment from renovated playgrounds
- The possibility of public lighting in parks

Therese Langan noted that the cost for a playground was between €100,000-€125,000. A capital budget of €250,000 was allocated to each side of the County and a maintenance budget of €185,000 is allocated to each side of the county.

Ruairi O'Dulaing noted that the Council was working with the contractor to ensure that decommissioned equipment was re-used/recycled where possible.

Ruairi O'Dulaing also noted that public lighting in parks was only provided where an area needs to be used as a public walkway during the night. It was noted that in general, public lighting was not provided for playgrounds.

It was noted that Clonkeen Park is in the Dun Laoghaire electoral division.

It was agreed that the play policy be presented to each of the Area Committees in May and then to the Council meeting.

Meeting Concluded at 5.51pm.