

South Dublin County Council Annual Report 2015



2015

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



It is with great pride that I accepted the role of Mayor of South Dublin County. As a working class woman from West Belfast, it is an honour for me to represent my adopted home of Rathfarnham as an elected member of this council.

I want South Dublin County to be a community of equals in an Ireland of equals. During my term as Mayor, I worked to promote equality, inclusion and unity. In particular, I have focused on the role and needs of women in South Dublin. I have seen at first hand the positive contribution that women make to their local communities. Across this Island, women account for around 52% of the population, yet comprise only 18% of our public representatives. If we are serious about tackling the under representation of women in politics, we need to make ourselves open to new ideas and to new ways of working. I will continue to promote solidarity among our female political representatives and work to encourage and support a new generation of women to come forward and enter local government.

I have also highlighted the issues of domestic violence within our own communities. These women often have to flee the family home with nothing but their children and the clothes on their backs, and we need to provide a safe haven for them. I will continue to raise awareness of this issue during my term of office and to make sure that those on our front lines are capable of offering advice, support and a safe place to stay for those women who do come to us in need.

I have used my voice as Mayor to campaign for those in marginalised groups who need support to stand up and be counted – women from the Travelling community, those in direct provision, lone parents or those coping with the extra demands that differently abled children bring.

I believe that sport is central to building community and inclusion. We are lucky to have a wealth of different clubs and teams in this county with fantastic facilities from one end of the county to the other. Sports can have a hugely positive effect on the lives of our young people, and we can boast of several champions in everything from boxing to football, rugby and beyond. Being part of a team can make a huge difference to a young person who otherwise would be on the margins of our society.

I have attended many sporting events and Health and Well Being Week in the County and I have worked alongside the sports team here in the council supporting the sterling work they do in making our county a centre of excellence for mainstream and minority sports.

Our Council has a role beyond our boundaries. We are central to the development of greater Dublin but also have a role to play nationally in breaking down barriers and building new relationships. We all know that South County Dublin is one of the best places in Ireland to live, work and do business and I will continue to use my role as an ambassador to promote the benefits of our county as far afield as possible.

I was very proud to host the Mayor of Tampa and a delegation from the Tampa Chamber of Commerce to sign a 'Sister Cities Agreement' on behalf of the citizens of South Dublin County in partnership with South Dublin Chamber. These agreements will lead to collaboration for the mutual benefit of both communities by exploring educational, economic and cultural opportunities in the fields of arts and culture, health, science, education, tourism, and in particular business and economic development.

Like many in the community, I chose to move here to South Dublin County in order to give my family the best quality of life possible. This community has given me a lot. I hope that during my term in office, I can repay that debt and contribute to building a community in which we all have a place.

It is an enormous privilege to be Mayor for the centenary of the Easter Rising and I look forward in 2016 to representing the people of South Dublin as we remember all of those who fought and died in 1916. In particular, I wish to highlight the important role that women played in the Easter Rising.

Finally, I would like to thank the Chief Executive, Daniel Mc Loughlin and all of the Management Team, Council staff and Elected Members for their advice and support during my term of office.

Cllr. Sarah Holland

Mayor of South Dublin County

Introduction from the Chief Executive



Notwithstanding the ongoing challenges, progress has been positive across all areas of activity in South Dublin County throughout 2015.

In the area of Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development we continued and enhanced our support to existing and new business. The €1.2m Business Support Fund which represents 1% of commercial rates, is being targeted effectively at supporting the SME sector. The LEO is effectively positioning itself as a first stop shop for all business. A new Marketing Strategy was completed for Grange Castle Business Park which welcomed new FDI business during 2015. The strategic future proofing of the Park and its environs was advanced significantly during the year, with the finalisation of design for the upgrade of the adjacent Adamstown and Nangor roads, the advancement to planning of a substantial energy upgrade and additional land acquisition.

The publication of our Tourism Strategy in 2015 is an important building block in our Economic Growth Strategy. Opportunities to enhance our tourism offer are now being advanced. In particular, the Clondalkin Round Tower Visitor Centre which is out to tender and the Dublin Mountain Flagship Project will conclude its feasibility phase in early 2016. Plans for a new library in North Clondalkin have been finalised and will progress to tender in 2016.

The commencement of the review of our County Development Plan thankfully coincides with a much needed upturn in planning activity. The 22% increase in planning applications has included for 2,200 residential units which we urgently need to see progress to commencement. In 2015, there were seventy three road improvement projects and 30,000 square meters of footpath repairs which represents two major activity areas under the transportation heading, together with a continued emphasis on the progression of cycling and mobility projects, such as those at Palmerstown and Dodder Valley. The Village Enhancement Programme has progressed through all stages of planning, with the Palmerstown scheme completed and Rathcoole on site. The upgrading of 400 public lights to low energy LED represents the commencement of our five year Energy Efficiency Programme in this area.

Housing, both public and private represents the single biggest challenge to the wellbeing and economic prospects of our citizens. The construction of new housing has been slow to mobilize behind demand, which in turn has placed unsustainable demands on the private rental sector, with resultant rents causing economic homelessness. Increased planning activity and the ambition contained in the Social Housing Strategy provide hope, but significant progress needs to be made in 2016.

Our social inclusion and interagency work continue to yield positive community dividends, while our emphasis on health and wellbeing, is I believe exemplary and will increasingly influence our approach on programmes and projects into the future. Our community engagement and development objective was considerably enhanced during the year, with the creation of the PPN and the launch of our Community Grants and Endeavour awards.

Environmental quality and public realm will always influence visual and broader public perception. It is in this context that we finalised our Tree and Litter Management Policies during the year. Additional resources to underpin their implementation, together with initiatives like the Roundabout Sponsorship and N81 improvement, will contribute greatly to the aesthetic appearance of the County, in addition to the ongoing work in areas such as street cleaning, grass cutting, illegal dumping and the tackling of dereliction. Quality of life considerations are central to our continued investment in 1750 acres of parkland including 163 pitches. Our local Play-space Programme is advancing well with 14 completions, while the agreed Pavilions Programme will progress to planning in early 2016. Our regulatory and enforcement role necessitated 3,444 inspections, while the standout performance indicator was our 99.7% water quality compliance figure.

The foregoing achievements must also be viewed in the context of considerable resource constraints. Following seven years of retrenchment, the employment embargo was gradually removed during 2015. This has necessitated careful workforce planning and prioritisation while we repopulate the workforce. I expect this situation to have eased by mid-2016. Financial performance has been strong as we continue our focus on procurement and process improvement to increase efficiency. ICT is a fundamental enabler of change and is being resourced and focused in this regard. Our recently published External Communication Plan will further focus improvements in service to our citizens.

I want to compliment the Mayor, Council Members and Staff for their contribution and delivery of the outcomes of this report. During 2016 we will move from planning to implementation in a number of key areas, none more so than housing which remains our biggest challenge. The general economic outlook continues to improve and while the gains need to be carefully managed at local level, the immediate outlook is positive.

Daniel McLoughlin
Chief Executive

Council Meetings 2015

There were 21 full meetings of the Council comprising of 12 full Council Meetings including one Budget Meeting:

6 Organisation Procedure and Finance Committee Meetings including 1 Budget Meeting, 1 Annual Meeting and 2 County Development Plan Meetings

The Corporate Policy Group held: 12 meetings including 1 Budget Meeting

The 4 Area Committees for Clondalkin, Lucan, Rathfarnham/ Templeogue-Terenure and Tallaght each met: 10 times in 2015

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 2015 and their work programme included:

- Arts Grants Scheme
- Planning of the 2016 Commemorations
- Tourism Strategy
- Public Art Programme

Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development SPC

Councillor John Lahart *Chairperson*

The Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism SPC met 7 times in 2015 and their work programme included:

- Local Economic and Community Plan
- Tourism Strategy and Implementation Plan
- Business Support Grant Measures
- Liaison with South Dublin Chamber

Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change SPC

Councillor Pamela Kearns *Chairperson*

The Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change SPC met four times in 2015 work programme included:

- Eastern Midlands Regional Waste Management Plan 2015–2021 Review
- Strategy for the provision of Local Community Based Recycling facilities in South Dublin County Review
- Review of 2014 Litter Management Plan and the making of replacement Litter Management Plan 2015–2019
- Adoption of “Living with Trees” — Tree Management Policy 2015–2020
- Climate Change Strategy Review
- Public Consultation on the Significant Water Management Issues
- Eastern CFRMAS and Flood Alleviation Schemes Review
- Preliminary study for Green Flag Scheme — Sports Club/ Community
- Review of Casual Trading Bye-Laws

Housing SPC

Councillor Cathal King *Chairperson*

During 2015, the Housing SPC met 4 times and a number of reports and issues were discussed and considered including:

Housing Strategy
Housing Supply and Targets
Housing Act 2014
Housing Accommodation Disability Strategy
Homeless Allocation Directive
Housing Grants and Statistics
Traveller Accommodation

Social and Community SPC

Councillor Dermot Looney *Chairperson*

The Sports, Recreation and Community Affairs (Including Parks) SPC met four times in 2015 work programme included:

Development of a Youth Participation and Engagement Programme - SPORTIVATE
Review the Community Grants Scheme
Develop the Community Initiative Fund
Develop an Endeavours Award Programme
Promote Health and Wellbeing and continue the Health and Wellbeing Focus Week

Land Use, Planning and Transportation SPC

Councillor William Lavelle *Chairperson*

The Land Use, Planning and Transportation SPC met four times in 2015 discussed and considered the following matters:

Pay Parking Review
Draft County Development Plan 2016-2022
NTA Transport Strategy
Establishment Cycle Sub Group
Draft Development Contribution Scheme

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

Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development



LIBRARY 2015

Total number of visits to libraries	1,027,750
Cost of operating a Library Service per 1,000 population	€39,516.88

INTERNET ACCESS

Total number of internet sessions provided	202,441
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 2015

Number of jobs created with assistance from the Local Enterprise Officer in 2015:	57.5
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Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development

Objective 1:

Maintain a supportive business environment with job creation and retention at its heart



In early 2015 the first meeting of the Economic, Enterprise and Tourism SPC was held and the Local Economic and Community Plan process was commenced and the plan adopted at the December 2015 Council meeting.

Following discussions at the SPC the Business Support Grant and shopfront grants were re-launched and have been approved for continuing roll out in 2016. (€514,175 in BSG grants paid in 2015).

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee of the Local Enterprise Office approved funding for 57.5 jobs in 34 projects. LEO training was delivered to 500 participants and over 400 clients received mentoring support.

A further survey of business in the county focusing on training and business activity was carried out by the LEO in conjunction with the Chamber and launched in September. Training based on the survey results is currently being delivered through the LEO.

A business support helpline was launched in September.

Objective 2:

Work with enterprise support agencies to increase foreign direct investment in South Dublin County

In late 2015 the Mayor launched a new Marketing Brochure, promotional video and website for Grange Castle Business Park.

Grifols, the most recent client in the Park, officially opened their plant in October.

The members approved a site disposal to Interxion and the required enabling works were approved and are underway.

The other clients in the Park continue to expand their operations.

The visiting Tampa Delegation were given a tour of Grange Castle Business Park.

Co-operated with Eirgrid on the planning process for new 220KV site at Grange Castle-SID application lodged December 2015.

Objective 3:

Manage the assets of South Dublin County Council in a way that supports economic development

Assessment of future requirements of industrial land bank under constant review and property acquired.

The Clondalkin Round Tower project advanced and Part 8 approved.

Objective 4:

Maximise the contribution of arts, libraries, heritage and the Irish language to quality of life and our tourism experience



Plans for Rowlagh library and funding for same at an advanced stage.

New mobile library purchased.

Following discussions at the Arts, Heritage, Libraries and Gaeilge SPC, the Libraries Redline book festival has been identified as a festival with potential regional/national significance and will be further developed in 2016.

The local studies/history section of the Libraries are identifying and cataloging support material for the Round Tower and Dublin Mountains projects.

Objective 5:

Put in place a tourism strategy focused on new product and brand development

Following input from the Tourism Steering Group and the Economic, Enterprise and Tourism SPC a tourism strategy for the County was approved by Council and launched in April 2015.

The Mountains flagship project identified in the Strategy is being advanced in conjunction with Coillte. A feasibility and master plan prepared by a consultant team will be available in Q1 2016.

A joint meeting of the Arts, Heritage, Libraries and Gaeilge SPC and the Economic, Enterprise and Tourism SPC has agreed a wayfinding village signage programme and an approach to events/festivals in 2016.

Existing and potential heritage tracks and trails have been identified and works commenced on the Tallaght walk.

A procurement process is under way to secure a tourism marketing strategy for the County.

Land Use, Planning and Transportation



PLANNING 2015

Number of local authority planning decisions subject of an appeal to An Bord Pleanála:	60
Number of determinations confirming the local authorities decision:	42
Planning Enforcement	
Total number of cases closed in 2015:	96
Total number of cases that were dismissed:	96
Number of cases that were resolved through negotiations:	41
Number of cases were closed due to enforcement proceedings:	55

NEW BUILDINGS INSPECTED

Total number of new buildings notified to the local authority:	413
Number of new buildings notified to the local authority that were inspected:	130



Land Use, Planning and Transportation

Objective 1:

Implement an Annual Road Works Programme of maintenance and improvements

A total of 73 schemes, costing €3.73m were carried out on Regional and Local Roads. Footpath schemes were carried out at 50 locations.

In addition resurfacing works were carried out on the N81 from the Outer Ring Road junction to Kiltalawn.

Bridge repairs and repainting were carried out on the Palmerstown footbridge.

During the year a need for riverbank repairs was identified and carried out on the Owendoher River at Otterbrook.

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

Over 6,700 public lighting faults were repaired by the Public Lighting Maintenance Section and over 400 lights were upgraded to low energy LED's in the second half of 2015.

Objective 2:

Maintain a professional planning and development management structure and processes



2015 saw an increase to over 700 planning applications received in the year. These applications resulted in the granting of permission for over 2,200 residential dwellings within the County. In addition over 280 pre-planning meetings were held throughout the year.

The Development Contribution scheme was reviewed during 2015 and a new Development Contribution scheme is now in place since January 1st 2016.

A "House Count" System has been introduced in the planning department to improve data capture on residential units permitted and available for development to commence. This data will be used for the work of the Dublin Housing Supply taskforce established under the Construction 2020 Initiative.

During 2015 the review of the County Development Plan process and a draft County Development Plan for 2016-2022 was published and submissions invited from the public.

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 2015 on the Sustainable Transport Measures programme, funded by the NTA.

Works were completed on Cycle lanes in Palmerstown Village to the R148, and on the Elmbrook/Ballyowen Road Roundabout in Lucan.

In addition work commenced on a major section of Cycleway connecting Tallaght Village to Templeogue, and on a section of Cycleway and footpath on Monastery Road in Clondalkin.

Design work also continued on various Sustainable Transport Projects including the Dodder Valley Greenway, Tallaght to Liffey Valley and Tallaght to Ballyboden Cycleways.

The Local Authority also made a submission to the Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2016-2035 currently being drafted by the NTA.

Objective 4:

Invest in Sustainable Communities and Quality of Life Initiatives

The Roads Section presented a draft of a New Road Safety Strategy for the County, which will be finalised in 2016.

The Village Enhancement Programme continued in 2015 and works were completed in Palmerston Village and Limekiln Avenue.

Enhancement Works were also commenced in Rathcoole.



Housing, Social and Community Development



HOUSING 2015

The total number of dwellings in local authority stock	9,016
The average time taken (in weeks) from the date of vacation of dwelling to the date when all necessary repairs are carried out which are deemed necessary to re-let the dwelling:	9.90 weeks
Average cost of getting un-tenanted units ready for re-letting in 2015 (12,148.33 per unit)	2,283,886.63
Number of dwellings provided in 2015:	9030
Number of dwellings constructed by the Council in 2015:	0
Number of units provided under RAS in 2015:	136
Number of units provided under HAPS in 2015:	544
Number of units provided under the Social Housing Leasing Initiative in 2015:	193
Overall number of social housing dwellings in the local authority at 31 December 2015:	11582
Overall number of units provided under RAS:	1535
Overall number of units provided under the Social Housing Leasing Initiative:	469
Number of units that were re-tenanted in 2015:	188
Number of PRTB inspections carried out	1731

HOUSING REPAIRS

The number of repairs completed:	11,363
The number of repair requests received:	16,550

COMMUNITY SERVICES 2015

Total number of local second level schools and youth groups:	336
Number of local second level schools and youth groups involved in the local Youth Council/ Comhairle na n-Og	200
Number of private sector members of the LCDC at 31st December 2015:	11



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

4 Housing infill Projects approved through Part 8 totaling 118 Units – cost plans submitted to Department of Environment, Community and Local Government (DECLG)

Three projects are already tendered and on site: Suncroft Tallaght (10 dwellings); Belgard Road Tallaght (3 Dwellings); St. Finian's Lucan (2 Dwellings) — Total 15 Units

Three projects are already Part 8 approved, costed and sanction to proceed to tender by DECLG in respect: St. Marks Green (11 dwellings); Mayfield (18 dwellings); Mac Uilliam (28 dwellings) — Total 57

Oaklee completed the purchase and contracts signed on 45 units at Cookstown. Nominations for allocation completed and tenanted. A further 17 at Millrace in Saggart will be completed and tenanted by year end. 7 of these completed in October. Other similar type projects being pursued.

Agreement between Dublin LAs and ICSH re protocols to be followed in dealings with Local Authorities (LA) / Developers in acquisitions, leasing, new build and purchases approved.

The new incremental tenant purchase scheme announced and will come into operation on 1st January 2016 and, from that date, qualifying local authority tenants will be able to apply to purchase their homes under the scheme.

65 Units at Tallaght Cross for Homeless Families secured. Managed by TUATH AHB and support for families provided through FOCUS. 100 emergency bed facility for 80 single men and 20 single women in Brú Aimsir, Dublin 8 since December in partnership with Crosscare homeless services to deliver this initiative. The HSE is supporting the primary health care needs of through SafetyNet, providing a range of services including GP consultations, vaccination and health screening. In addition light meals, laundry facilities, recreational services and support to engage with other relevant services will be provided.

221 Private Disability Grants issued in 2015.



Objective 2:
**Take a leadership role
in social inclusion and
interagency co-operation**

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) Funding Tender was processed by the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and South Dublin County Partnership were awarded contract. The midterm review completed and agreed with LCDC at its meeting of 24th September. The POBAL parallel review was also positive in terms of delivery and targets met in the areas of Targeting Geographical Disadvantage and Targeting Disadvantaged Groups

Local Economic and Community Development Plan (LECP) 6 year plan - Community and Economic pillars of plan agreed by LCDC and Economic SPC and at joint meeting held on 22nd October 2015. Presented to Regional Assembly in November and noted. Approved at December Council meeting.

Agreement reached on funding from Irish Sports Council for a Sports Disability Officer jointly with Kildare County Council Local Sports Partnerships.

Successful Bealtaine Festival in 2015 with full attendance at many events. Over 85 free events organised.

South Dublin Age Friendly County Alliance continues to support and lead in initiatives for the active aged in the county such as: Old Age Database - OPRAH Programme - 23 now registered Age Friendly Business Scheme.

15 Joint Policing and Local Policing Fora meetings held in 2015 including public meetings at Tallaght, South West Clondalkin and North Clondalkin.

Housing, Social and Community Development



Objective 3:

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

Steering Group established in conjunction with the HSE, Trinity Research and Local Development Company on the South Dublin Healthy County initiative to achieve “Healthy City” status for Tallaght. Main themes Physical Activity and Alcohol Strategy. Workplan devised. South Dublin County Council supported by HSE Health Promotion and Improvement and in partnership with key agencies in the area are striving for World Health Organisation Healthy Community accreditation for areas within the County. This work will bring agencies together to agree a mechanism for incorporating a health and wellbeing agenda into their planning and delivery of services and work in the county. Working to reduce health inequalities will be a key priority underpinning this work. Key focus area is promoting Physical Activity and Active Lifestyles.

The HANA report with findings were launched on 14th September 2015 at official opening of Health and Wellbeing Week. A Work plan arising from the recommendations being prepared to start implementation during 2016.

SPORTIVATE is the Council's new sports development programme agreed with Dublin Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board (DDLETB) and with Department of Social Protection (DSP) as a partner started with 19 participants on 14th September 2015. The programme will be 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 represents a great opportunity for young people in the South County Dublin to get involved in a programme designed to broaden their education and help them get back into the workforce. Work is continuing on identifying a Catering programme in partnership with Department of Social Protection, Institute of Technology Tallaght and Dublin Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board.

South Dublin County Disability Accommodation Strategy signed off by the Disability Accommodation Committee

The Global Garden Project is engaging communities in South Dublin County (including minority ethnic groups and unemployed groups) in a development education programme which raises awareness of the impact of climate change on global food production. SDCC secured €4,500 from Trocaire to create a global dimension in existing Community Gardens in South Dublin County.



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

The Health and Wellbeing launch also featured the signing of a memorandum of understanding between SDCC and FAI, GAA Dublin County Board, Leinster Rugby and Leinster Cricket on working together to promote sport, activity, participation and engagement to better the health and wellbeing of our citizens. Also the launch of the 55 plus Active Daily Booklet for the Lucan Clondalkin areas. The booklet for the County was launched in November

Social Inclusion Week 16th November to 22nd November 2015: Mayor Sarah Holland officially launched the 10th Annual Social Inclusion Week on Monday 16 November 2015.

In 2015 there were:

331 Community events attracting 89,639 participants

551,620 visitors to Councils Leisure Facilities

33 Summer Projects/Camps supported in 2015 facilitating 6,000 children

6 Family Days organised and 10 Village Festivals supported

117,855 Sports Programmes participants with over 2,138 events

Endeavour Awards progressed during 2015 and the awards ceremony was held on the 11th December 2015. The aim of the Endeavour Awards is to promote and support the Community of South Dublin and recognise community achievement.

The Community Initiative Fund approved by the Council was formally launched by the Mayor on 2nd June 2015. 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.

SDCC formally signed the licence on 2nd June 2015 with Palmerstown Community Council for use of the former Health Board premises at Manor Road for community use and in partnership with Order of Malta. The ceremony was hosted by the Mayor.

The Community Grants Scheme will be opened for applications twice yearly in February and September from 2016 onwards. For 2015 a revised plan was agreed as there are already a number of applications already made. The advertisement of this grants scheme was done via the website, PPN, Community Team, Social Media.

The Support Worker to the Secretariat of the PPN took up duty during 2015 and will be located with the South Dublin Volunteer Bureau. The DECLG announced additional funding to support PPN's nationally. The PPN is utilised for all notifications from Council. PPN relaunched November 2015. 337 Groups Registered as at end of December.

Environment, Water and Climate Change



ENVIRONMENT 2015

Number of waste facility permits and certificates of registration granted in 2015	13
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LITTER PREVENTION AND ENFORCEMENT

Number of Litter Pollution Complaints	3754
Number of Litter Pollution complaints resolved	3754
Environmental Complaints and Enforcement	
Number of Air Pollution Complaints	127
Number of Air Pollution complaints resolved	125
Number of Noise Pollution Complaints	118
Number of Noise Pollution complaints resolved	113
Number of Water Pollution Complaints	58
Number of Water Pollution complaints resolved	57

WATER 2015

Total volume of water supplied (m ³ /per day) under the water supply schemes that the local authority is responsible for (as per SLA Agreement 01/01/2014)	70,941
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Volume of unaccounted for water (m ³ /per day) under the water supply schemes that the local authority is responsible for: (as per SLA Agreement 01/01/2014)	13,536
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Environment, Water and Climate Change



Objective 1:

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

1750 Hectares of park land and open space maintained including a fortnightly grass cutting schedule for March to October resulting in 4,600 hectares of grass cut.

New Litter Management Plan (LMP) adopted at the October Council Meeting. Action Plan for the implementation of the LMP for 2015 and 2016 appended. 3,321 complaints were investigated, 479 Litter Fines were issued, with 96 Court Appearances during 2015.

Living with Trees - SDCC's Tree Management Policy in respect of the County's 60,000 trees was approved at July County Council meeting and formally launched by the Mayor Cllr Sarah Holland on National Tree Day. 5,889 trees have been inspected and over 2,200 pruned or removed in 2015.

N81 Improvement Scheme tender seeking landscape services to design and project manage the implementation of an innovative design proposal of hard and soft landscape works was advertised, tenders to be returned by 21st January 2016.

Roundabout Sponsorship Scheme initiated, sponsorship agreements in place with The Square SC and Roadstone Ltd.

Derelict Sites Register maintained with 270 Dangerous Buildings/ Derelict Sites inspected during the year and 11 sites on the Register at end of 2015, up from 9 at the start of 2015.

Environmental monitoring initiatives including Litter/waste CCTV and Programmable Audio Devices to help combat litter, illegal dumping and dog fouling were examined. Innovative technologies were piloted in certain areas and resulted in an average reduction of 82.5% in illegal dumping occurrences. Three Parks which were particularly prone to dog fouling were chosen for monitoring which resulted in an average reduction of 63%.

Almost 400 tonnes of waste from litter bins and 4,000 tonnes of illegally dumped material was collected in 2015 with 5,188 tonnes of road sweeping/ gully cleaning waste collected and disposed of during the sweeping of 11,163 km of road surface.

Objective 2:

Incorporate environmental sustainability in all policy making and implementation programmes



2015 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

71 ML of water was supplied per day, with an Unaccounted for Water (UFW) of 19%.

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

543 Water bursts and leaks were repaired.

Water Quality was maintained at an average of 99.7% throughout the year, with 72 Water Pollution Incidents dealt with during the year.

The Draft Design Brief for the River Poddle Flood Alleviation Scheme was approved by the OPW.

Consultants appointed for the detailed design and contract preparation for the Ballycullen Flood Alleviation Scheme.

Works on River Dodder bank stabilisation at Templeogue Tennis Club were completed.

A €20k Flood Alleviation Scheme to alleviate flooding in Hunter's Wood was completed

SDCC, in conjunction with the EPA, hosted a number of workshops on Climate Change Adaptation Plans and presented at the DOEHLG convened Regional Seminars on Climate Change Adaptation Plans.

Environment, Water and Climate Change



Objective 3:

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

2015 Service Plan agreed with Food Safety Authority of Ireland.

Continued active enforcement of the provisions of all environmental legislation and regulations with 267 enforcement procedures commenced and 252 Enforcement Notices issued in 2015. 3444 Scheduled and Unscheduled Inspections were carried out on the 39 permitted facilities.

Delivered 190 Environmental Awareness workshops for schools, communities and businesses.

125 Schools registered in the Green Schools Programme

74 Bring Banks and 2 Recycling Centres provided.

Control of Animals legislation actively enforced. 710 dogs and 231 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.

Contract for Dog Pound Service extended to August 2016 and contract for Provision and Operation of Horse Seizure and Pound Service extended for 2 year period. SDCC represented on national working group for development of future national tender.

Development of Urban Horse Project in Ballyowen Park approved at December Council Meeting.

At the end of 2015 – 9,371 dog licences were in force in the County.

The Regional Waste Office is operational and there are a number of tasks underway in respect of LAPN Programme, Waste Data 2013/2014, Waste Facility Database, Regional Awareness Campaigns and the work plan for the 2015/16 period have been agreed by the 12 Local Authorities. www.emwr.ie



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

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

Review of allotment facilities in respect of the existing 433 plots currently provided and Community Gardens Strategy commenced.

Play-space Programme delivered during 2015 – Spaces Planned – 14, Completed – 2, Under Construction – 1, Design Stage – 2, In Consultation – 5, Site not Possible – 2, Substitute – 2.

Over 500 participants took part in the Dublin Mountains Challenge and 2,200 participants from 51 schools took part in the Primary Schools Cross Country Finals held in Corkagh Park on 14th May.

3 year Pavilion Construction Programme adopted at June Council Meeting

The Part 8 Public Consultation Proposals for the construction of pavilions at the following locations; Old Bawn Park, Corkagh Park and Griffeen Valley Park were progressed, a report on the Part 8 Consultation is being prepared for presentation at the February 2016 Council Meeting.

Organisational Capacity and Accountability



ORGANISATIONAL CAPACITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Customer Contacts processed through Customer Management System (CMS)	80,077
Members Representations processed	8,223
Telephone calls answered	166,344
Fix your Street queries	4,564
Web pages opened on www.sdcc.ie	2,823,874
Social Media followers	14,205
Media Queries	508
Total number of staff (whole Time Equivalent) at the end of December 2015:	10,217

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) 2015

Number of views to Council websites	3,023,986
Cost of Hardware and Software divided by WTE	€3,549.12



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Objective 1:

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

Preparation of the 2016 Centenary Programme for South Dublin County:

The South Dublin Ireland 2016 Committee of elected representatives was established and a Local 2016 Programme Co-ordinator was assigned in January 2015. The public consultation programme and website was launched in Ballyroan Library in April 2015 and the public consultation ran from April – September and included an excellently attended workshop in Tallaght Stadium in June with over 150 participants and another in Lucan Library in July with over 70 participants. 43 community groups across South Dublin were awarded grants in September under the Community Commemorations Fund and the draft Centenary Programme was approved by Council and the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht by October 2016. The South Dublin County Centenary Programme was officially launched on the 2nd December 2015 by Mayor Sarah Holland.

Mayor's Initiatives: Each year the Mayor has a busy programme of events and work underway across his or her council functions and public engagements. However additional to this each Mayor places particular emphasis on highlighting certain issues within the county that are supported by the Mayor's office and relevant departments across the Council. In 2015 these events included:

The Mayor, Cllr. Fintan Warfield led a Youth Conference on the 4th March in RUA RED titled 'Growing Up in South Dublin County', which was attended by over 70 participants.

'Shadow the Mayor' initiative: A work experience programme was developed for Transition Year students following from a recommendation of the Mayor's youth conference which provides for students from South Dublin County to shadow the Mayor at public events and work in the Mayor's office for one week. Led by the then Mayor Cllr. Fintan Warfield, this programme ran in April / May and was recommended for continuation by the new mayor, Cllr. Sarah Holland.

South Dublin County Council hosted an official visit from the City of Tampa, Florida and Tampa Chamber of Commerce in September 2015, where a formal Sister Cities Agreement was signed between both Local Authorities and a Co-operation Agreement signed between the two Chambers of Commerce. These agreements will lead to collaboration for the mutual benefit of both communities by exploring educational, economic and cultural opportunities in the fields of arts and culture, health, science, education, tourism, and business.

Review of Standing Orders and Members Reps systems: Group Leaders met twice early in 2015 to review Standing Orders and a report on the recommendations was presented at the March Organisational Procedures and Finance Committee. The amended Standing Orders were approved at the April Council Meeting. Following this a review of the Members Representation System was initiated with a performance analysis report was presented to the June CPG meeting and subsequently to the Group Leaders and the Management Team. This feedback informed the changes required to the system to enhance responsiveness and performance of the system. Co-ordinators for Members Reps across every department have been appointed, performance of the system is now reported to all Councillors at the Organisation, Procedures and Finance meeting and the remaining agreed changes are underway to enhance performance.

Register of Electors: Work on updating the Register of Electors was underway from June to September 2015 with fieldworkers employed to make door-to-door calls to every household in the county. The draft Register of Electors was published from November 1st to 25th and a promotional campaign initiated to encourage the public to check the register. This process is now closed and the Register of Electors is now being prepared for February 15th 2016. Members of the public can continue to check the register and apply to be included under the Supplementary Register.

Council's Annual Meeting held on the 26th June with new Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chairs of Area Committees elected.

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

Finance Management: In 2015 the financial well-being 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 Environment, Community and Local Government. Commercial rate bills totaling €123m were issued in January. Income was tracked through the production and review of monthly billing and collection statements to ensure income maximisation. A 3 year capital programme incorporating projects of €220m was produced for 2016–2018 while council adopted a 2016 revenue budget of €225m on November 5th. The 2014 AFS was prepared by 31st March 2015 with subsequent audited accounts and audit report submitted to the Council and Audit Committee.

Audit Committee: The Strategic Audit Plan 2015–2017 and Annual Audit Plan 2015 was approved by Audit Committee in February. The Chair of the Audit Committee presented the Audit Committee's 2014 annual report to Council at the April Council Meeting, and he reported to the December council meeting on the Committee's consideration of the Audited Financial Statement 2014 and Auditor's Report. The Audit Committee's charter and work programme 2016 was approved by members at the December Council meeting.

Ethics Register: New regulations regarding the Ethics Declarations for Members and Staff came into effect on 30th January 2015 revoking the Local Government Act 2001 (Part 15) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 770 of 2004). All Ethics Declarations were received from staff and Councillors by February 28th 2015 and the public register was available from early March. All staff participated in staff briefings on the code of conduct for employees including the requirements under the declarations of interests in 2015.

Procurement: The Corporate Procurement Plan was finalized for implementation by the Procurement Unit working with the Corporate Procurement Steering Group which meets bi-monthly. Staff Information Sessions were rolled out across every department on the Corporate Procurement Plan, with ongoing support and training was provided to all staff as required in national procurement policy, on individual tender processes and on contract management. The contracts database was updated on an ongoing basis and preparation of the 2016 Procurement Pipelines commenced in 2015. Full details on procurement levels will be in the 2015 Procurement Annual Report.

The Public Spending Code for South Dublin County Council was published and submitted to National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC) on 30th September 2015.

New Corporate Policies: The Corporate Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy was signed off, published and circulated to all employees, with briefing sessions held for all staff to ensure familiarity with the Code of Conduct for Local Government Employees, South Dublin County Council's Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy and Interim Protected Disclosures Policy.

Objective 3:
Exploit advances
in information and
communications technology
(ICT) to become more
efficient and to improve
services for local people

Performance Reporting:

Corporate Plan Achievements for 2014 published in February 2015

Annual Service Delivery Plan with performance targets

Development of new online system for preparation of Monthly Management Report to Council on progress under the Annual Service Delivery Plan

Completion of South Dublin's input into the National Service Indicators Report for 2014

Consideration by the Audit Committee of SDCC's performance in the national service indicators for 2013

The upgrade of the Council's 'Connect Me' service, Development Plan Maps, and Planning Application Maps has been completed and is now live via the Council's website.

The Council piloted and has implemented a new national Library Management System.

A website in respect of the Council's 1916 Commemorations Programme Consultation Process was initiated and delivered. Both Irish and English versions deployed.

New GIS based systems set up – assisting staff with the Development Plan, Tree Survey, Playing Pitches and Housing Tenure.

The Council's involvement with the Dublinked initiative increased and Journey Times, Planning Applications and Traffic Cameras were all restructured and are now live on the DubLinked platform. Towards the latter part of 2015 the Dublinked initiative began to incorporate smart cities and branded as Smart Dublin. A website covering this activity was launched – www.smartdublin.ie

Launch of Upgraded Historical Mapping website delivered May 2015.

Electronic Submissions System in respect of the Local Economic and Community Plan consultation developed and made live.

Tree Management – System to administer and manage the tree stock of the County has been specified, put out to tender, evaluated and procured.

Phase one of Internet redesign project has been embarked upon including specification and tendering and is due for selection and implementation in Quarter1/Quarter 2 in 2016.

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Online facility delivered in respect of the Council's Business Support Grant.

Consideration of an electronic consultation portal began with expected delivery in Quarter 2 in 2016.

Significant upgrades were undertaken with the Council's Planning administration system. This paves the way for a regional acceptance of planning applications online.

The Council has launched a GIS based Map Gallery available on both the Council's intranet and public website. This will become a home for all mapping and spatial data requirements which the council has.

Public Wifi continued to be rolled out throughout the County with regular usage exceeding 2500+ unique users of the service daily.

A significant upgrade/replacement mobile web app has been developed in advance of the requirement to collate and collect bonfire data.

GIS Team commencing work on ITT led retail data analysis in respect of Tallaght and Clondalkin. Dataset deliverable expected Q2 2016.

Work commenced on a community facilities map(s) in conjunction with the Community Department. When complete, to be published via map gallery and expected to be finally delivered in Q2 2016.

GIS facilities deployed in respect of Winter Gritting routes with work continuing on community, General Election 2016, playing pitches, burial grounds, allotments, playgrounds, derelict sites and retail GIS projects.

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

An Internal Communications Plan was launched and circulated to all staff early in 2015. Achievements within this include:

Corporate Communications Network established and inaugural meeting held in June, and met monthly thereafter

4 Staff briefings were given by the Chief Executive for all staff in Tallaght Stadium in January 2015

Social Media Policy for all Council Employees was finalised and circulated in early 2015.

Staff Newsletter was published in June and December 2015.

Annual Communications Staff survey went live in December 2015.

The specifications for a redesign of the intranet as a key communications channel for staff was completed in 2015.

External Communications Strategy: Agreed by Council at the May Council Meeting. Some highlights of our external communications and events included: Seachtain na Gaeilge Átha Cliath Theas – Programme of Events was launched on the 3rd March in County Library

European Week against Racism took place between 16th–23rd March 2015

€700,000 Public Street Lighting Programme launched in May 2015

South Dublin Local Economic and Community Plan public consultation from April – June 2015

South Dublin County Commemorations Programme Public Consultations held May – Sept

South Dublin Libraries Children's Book Festival launched on 6th October in County Library Tallaght and Festival dates 11th–17th October 2015;

Ireland Best Young Entrepreneur Event 7th October – LEO South Dublin;

Tree Management Policy launched 8th October in Rathfarnham Castle;

Mayor launched Comhairle na nÓg Lets go Mental Event promoting Positive Mental Health for young people in Tallaght Stadium – 8th October;

Halloween Infographic published for Halloween 2015 with advice and things to do over the Halloween Period and launched in Clondalkin Offices 14th October;

LEO office launched Business Support Telephone Helpline Line, Training Survey Results and National Women's Enterprise Day.

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South Dublin participated in Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur Awards as well as European opportunities for SMEs and the Business Grants awarded to businesses in South Dublin

South Dublin County Council adopts Annual Budget of €225 million for 2016 with a strong focus on Housing Supply, Enhanced Service Delivery, Tourism and Heritage, Economic and Community Development.

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

The launch of National Accessibility Week.

The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) South Dublin approved €118,500 in grant funding for 8 local businesses at its November Evaluation and Approvals Committee meeting.

Community Endeavour Awards held on 11th December 2015

Corporate Publications published in 2015:

- Annual Service Delivery Plan was published as an infographic brochure that was distributed to every household, school and business in the County in June
- Annual Report 2014
- Annual Financial Statement 2014
- Draft 3rd Irish Language Scheme 2015-2018, following review and public consultation, adopted by the Council in October and submitted to the Minister for the Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht for approval.
- South Dublin County Citizens Newsletter published in December 2015
- Annual Budget 2016.

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

Health and Safety Management: Health and Safety Policy updated and signed by the Chief Executive in January. Health and Safety Report to Senior Management Team May and Procedure for Statutory Inspections agreed. Workers Memorial Day Ireland on 28th April was marked by a Health and Safety Talk given by James Gorry to the extended management team, line managers, safety representatives and trade union representatives. A Seminar was held for all line managers on Managing the Risk of a Criminal Investigation, in association with Irish Public Bodies.

Workforce Planning: The workforce plans for the indoor and outdoor staff were completed, communicated and implemented in 2015. Workforce planning is led by senior management and supported by HR to look at the staff structures, grades, skills requirements, mobility and critical vacancies. A new Workforce Planning Forum was established with the trade unions that meets on a quarterly basis to ensure full communication and agreement on the development needs of the workforce for the effective delivery of services and programmes within the context of the local government reform programme.

Graduate Recruitment Programme: Four graduates were recruited in the Innovation, Strategy and Change Management HR, and Communications and Marketing sectors and appointed across Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development and Corporate Performance and Change Management. The Graduate programme included training in coaching and mentoring skills for line managers and mentors assigned, and a comprehensive local government induction and training programme for the graduates.

Labour Activation Schemes: There is significant support for labour activation measures within South Dublin County Council with over 340 positions available across Gateway, Community Employment and Job Initiative. In 2015 we reached our target of 215 positions filled on the Gateway initiative, and recruitment across all schemes is ongoing.

PMDS: PMDS commences with the internal publishing of the Management Team Plan annually and a schedule for the agreement of all team plans and personal development plans is then led by line managers and co-ordinated by HR annually. In 2015 roll-out of national changes to the PMDS system commenced and included training for all line managers to ensure awareness and understanding of the changes to the system.

2015 Corporate Training Plan: Corporate training needs are identified through the PMDS process, the health and safety training needs analysis and the workforce planning process. The 2015 Training Plan delivered training to 2520 employees and some of the highlights included Health and Safety Training for 1395 staff; a comprehensive training and development programme for all frontline management staff (Grade 6 level and analogous) as well as ongoing departmental training e.g. Effective Communication Across Language Barriers and Excellent Customer Care and Telephone Techniques training

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Occupational Health Programme: Over 70 employees participated in the 8 week Healthy Workforce Challenge in 2015 and procurement for a comprehensive Health Screening Programme for all staff was completed in 2015 for roll-out in early 2016

Staff Service Recognition, Excellence and Innovation Awards were launched in November and held at inaugural Awards Ceremony on 17th December with recognition given to all retired staff, staff with over 25 years' service and staff with excellent attendance records. Awards for excellence were also given in the categories Quality Service, Innovation, Value for Money and Inclusiveness categories.

Transition to MyPay - HR, Payroll and Superannuation National Shared Service: SDCC transitioned the national payroll shared service MyPay in May 2015 and preparations are underway on the Superannuation Data Readiness Project to ensure the transition of superannuation to the national shared service in 2016.

Child Safeguarding: The Child Safeguarding Policy was circulated to all staff and training held for the Support Panel who then rolled-out training in child safeguarding within each department. The designated child protection officers have ongoing communication with Tusla as required and attend training hosted by the LGMA on the legislative and procedural requirements.

Lean Six Sigma / Business Process Improvement: SDCC is adopting the lean six sigma methodology to drive efficiencies and eliminate waste across the organisation. To facilitate this staff in the Innovation, Strategy and Change Management Unit have been trained to the Black belt and Green belt standard and the senior management team received a day's training in Lean Six Sigma Projects. Six sigma projects have been undertaken across the Corporate Performance and Change Management and Housing, Social and Community Development directorates.

Diversity and equality proofing: All HR policies were proofed as part of our role as Diversity Champions and the appropriate changes made to ensure our HR practices are fully inclusive, based on principles of equality and encourage the development of a diverse workforce.



Corporate Awards 2015

Chambers Ireland Local Government Awards

South Dublin County Council took the 'Best Library Service' Award for their programme 'Creative Campus: Supporting our second level students in South Dublin' and the 'Sustaining the Arts' Award for 'TENDERFOOT: A volume of plays by and for young people, a partnership project with the Civic Theatre lead by theatre artist Veronica Coburn.

Community Housing Awards 2015

Valhalla, an independent living scheme, in the heart of Clondalkin won two awards at the Irish Council for Social Housing Community Housing Awards held on 16th September in Tullamore. The scheme won the category 'Housing for People with Disabilities' and also the top award of the evening 'Overall Winner 2015'.

LAMA Awards

South Dublin County Council won the awards for the Most Innovative Authority category at the LAMA Awards 2015 for South Dublin County Council's County Development Plan Consultation Strategy.

Appendix 1: Financial Charts and Graphs

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2015 (unaudited)

	2015 €'000	2014 €'000
Fixed Assets and Work in Progress	3,249,315	3,218,756
Long Term Debtors	201,302	207,404
Net Current Assets	94,399	99,426
Long term Creditors	(244,081)	(250,522)
Net Assets	3,300,935	3,275,064

Financed by:

Work in progress and capitalistaion Account	3,240,335	3,201,652
Revenue Reserve — Specific	10,805	10,805
Revenue Reserve — General	12,080	12,052
Other Balances	37,715	50,55
	3,300,935	3,275,064

Income and Expenditure Account Statetment for Year Ending 31 December 2015 (unaudited)

	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net Cost
	2015 €'000	2015 €'000	2015 €'000
Housing and Building	53,563	37,111	(16,451)
Roads Transportation and Safety	24,396	2,994	(21,402)
Water Services	10,579	9,457	(1,212)
Development Management	14,519	5,185	(9,334)
Environmental Services	30,660	7,749	(22,911)
Recreation and Amenity	31,590	4,732	(26,858)
Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare	1,968	656	(1,312)
Miscellaneous Services	21,918	2,087	(19,831)

Total expenditure/ Income	189,372	70,060
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Net Cost of Divisions to be funded from Rates, Local Property Tax and PRD

Rates Income	123,061
Local Property Tax	12,469
Pension Related Deduction (PRD)	2,750

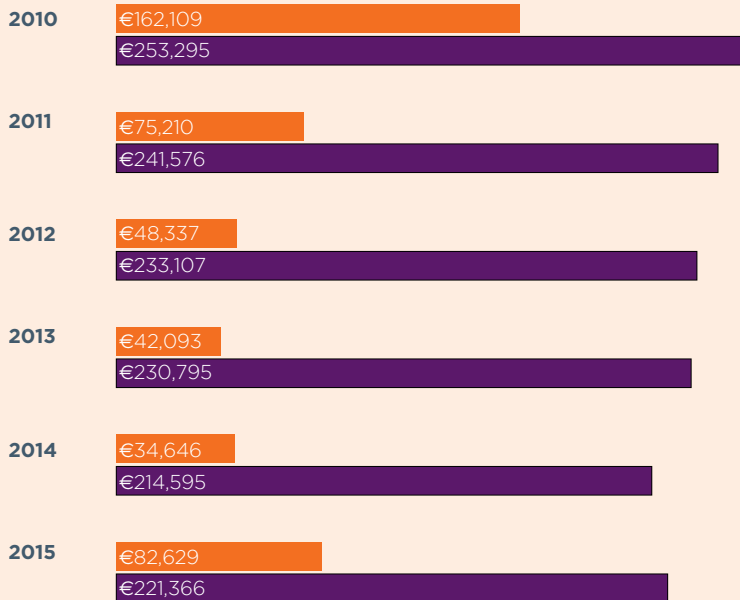
Net Transfers to Reserves

Surplus for Year	29
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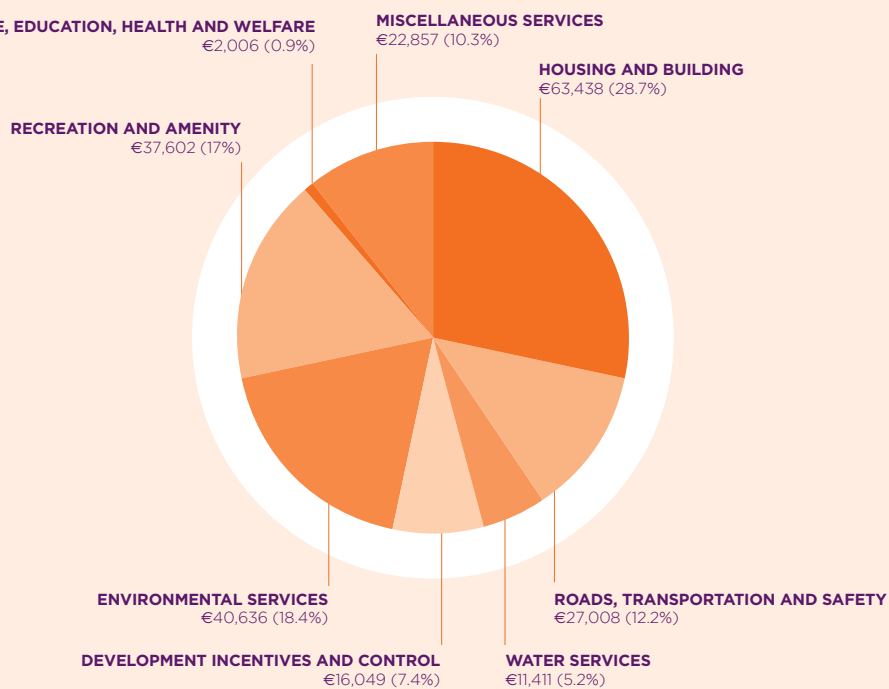
General Reserve @ 1st of January 2015

General Reserve @ 31st December 2015	12,080
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Total Expenditure 2010 – 2015



Revenue Expenditure 2015 by Division (€'000) TOTAL €221,367



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 Francis Timmons was unanimously elected Chair of the Clondalkin Area Committee.

Councillor Gus O'Connell was unanimously elected Chair of the Lucan Area Committee.

Councillor Cathal King was unanimously elected Chair of the Tallaght Area Committee.

Councillor Deirdre Donavan was unanimously elected Chair of the Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure Area Committee

Strategic Policy Committees

Arts, Culture, Gaelige, Education and Libraries SPC

Councillor Dermot Richardson — Chairperson

Councillor Fintan Warfield

Councillor Breeda Bonner

Councillor Brian Leech

Councillor Francis Timmons

Councillor Nicky Coules

Sectoral Members

Deirdre Mooney

Peadar Ó Caomhánaigh

Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism SPC

Councillor John Lahart - 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 Buitléar

Damien Roche

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Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change SPC

Council Members

Councillor Pamela Kearns — Chairperson
Councillor Deirdre O' Donovan
Councillor Danny O'Brien
Councillor Ed O' Brien
Councillor Maire Devine
Councillor Paula Donovan

Sectoral Members

Donal Anderson
John O'Farrell
Connie Kiernan

Housing SPC

Council Members

Councillor Cathal King— Chairperson
Councillor Gino Kenny
Councillor Louise Dunne
Councillor Kieron Mahon
Councillor Mick Duff
Councillor Martina Genockey
Councillor Eoin O Broin
Councillor Trevor Gilligan

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 Colm Brophy

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
Dermot Carter
Ann Horan
Eilis Quinlan
Councillor Dermot Richardson
Councillor John Lahart
Councillor Brendan Ferron

South Dublin County Joint Policing Committee Membership 2015

South Dublin Councillors (14) plus Mayor

Cllr. Deirdre O'Donovan Chair
 Cllr. Paula Donovan
 Cllr. Colm Brophy
 Cllr. Cathal King
 Cllr. Maire Devine
 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
 Vacant
 Mayor Cllr. Sarah Holland

Oireachtas (5)

Sean Crowe T.D.
 Eamon Maloney T.D.
 Senator Cait Keane
 Joanna Tuffy T.D.
 Vacant

SDCC (2)

Daniel Mc Loughlin — Chief Executive
 Billy Coman — Director of Housing, Social and Community

Garda Síochána (2)

Chief Superintendent Orla McPartlin Crumlin (DMR South)
 Chief Superintendent Pat Clavin Blanchardstown (DMR West)

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

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

Local Community Development Committee Membership 2015

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 2015

Conference	Venue	Date
Engaging with the Oireachtas	Chartered accountants House	10 February 2015
AILG Training	Castlebar, Co. Mayo	26 February 2015
AILG 2nd Annual Conference	Nuremore Hotel, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan	12 – 13 March 2015
LAMA Spring Conference	Ard Ri Hotel, Miltown Road, Tuam, Co. Galway	10 – 11 April 2015
AILG Training	Celbridge Manor Hotel, Celbridge, Co. Kildare	14 April 2015
AILG Training	Kilkenny	7 May 2015
MacGill Summer School	Glenties, Co. Donegal	19 – 24 July 2015
Biennial Social Housing Conference	Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly	16 – 17 September 2015
AILG Autumn Conference	Inchydoney	1 – 2 October 2015
LAMA Autumn Training	Hotel Kilkenny, College Road, Kilkenny	9 – 10 October 2015
AILG Training	Red Cow Hotel, Dublin	18 November

Total Amount Spent on Training Conferences in 2015: €6,103.24

Appendix 4: Energy Efficiency Report 2015

2015 South Dublin County Council total final energy consumption

- **18,333,754 kWh** electricity
(1,462,487kWh of this on space heating, 8%)
- **7,845,768 kWh** natural gas
- **3,828,177 kWh** diesel
- **251,518 kWh** petrol
- **129,908 kWh** transport biofuels
- **5,899 kWh** Bioethanol

This indicates energy consumption at 206kWh/population served. This is an improvement of 66kWhr/population served or 24.46% since 2009. South Dublin County Council is ahead of target to reach required 33% improvement by 2020.

Summary of Energy Related Projects and Activities

- **Countywide feasibility study on the potential for small-scale hydro-electric power on the rivers in South Dublin County.** Consultant has been appointed and Stage 1 scoping study is complete.
- **District heating detailed study:** Documentation submitted for Green Paper on Energy Policy in Ireland.
- **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.
- **SPECIAL:** SDCC 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. Series of 7 workshops completed.
- **South Dublin Renewable Energy Strategy (RES):** Energy mapping of the entire county complete. South Dublin Spatial Energy Demand Analysis Report published as part of Development Plan process

Appendix 4: Energy Efficiency Report 2015

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 is due to be rolled out in 2016.
- **Display Energy Certificates** are on display in all SDCC large buildings.
- **Tallaght Stadium:** Contractor has completed water saving works resulting in considerable savings already. Replacement lighting has been completed which will achieve further efficiencies.

Community/Residential

- **DECLG Energy Upgrade Programme:** 625 tenant houses upgraded in 2015
- **Upgrade works were completed** to dwellings in the following estates; Bawnlea, Kilclare, Glenmore, Rathlawns, Balrothery, Cloonmore, Pairc Mhuire, Whitechurch and part of Kilmahuddrick.
- **SEAI Better Energy Communities scheme for 2015:** Successful upgrading of 75 additional SDCC dwellings in Whitechurch Estate, Willbrook Park and Palmer Park, Whitechurch Library, Perrystown and Jobstown Community Centres and An Cosán. Energy upgrade included insulation, heating and ventilation upgrades and replacement windows to some houses. This links with the smart cluster in Bawnlea and included the installation of smart meters in a number of the homes in Bawnlea and Whitechurch and Whitechurch Library. The smart meters connect to the smart hub which was installed as part of the BEC Project 2014.
- **Green Community Centres project proposal.** Energy audits progressing. Belgard Community Centre works were completed as part of SEAI BEC 2014. Jobstown and Perrystown Community Centres were completed as part of the BEC 2015.

Institutional/Commercial

- **Links have been made with DIT Post Graduate modelling lab**
- **Test Bed Project with MEGA:** Working with industry on innovative ways of delivering sustainable smart model communities

Public Lighting

- **Public Lighting Project** with DoE, Fingal and DLR under CODEMA – virtual metering.

- **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 **400 public light fittings** of various power consumption were upgraded to LED.
- All new fittings were installed with **new 35/18 Lux 'green photo trimming cells**.

Transport Projects

- **Cycle route in Palmerstown** was completed in 2015.
- **N81 cycle route** from Tallaght to Templeogue is on site.
- **Dodder Cycle Route / Greenway Part 8** preliminary design for phase 1, including bridges CFRAM flood analysis complete.

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 2015.

