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**DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2017**

**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 a great honour to be involved in South Dublin County Council’s 2017 Annual Report. 2017 was an eventful twelve months for our County in general with plenty of positive progress made in a number of areas. However, budgetary challenges remained regarding additional funding for key sectors, and while progress has been made in dealing with the housing and accommodation crisis, combined efforts at national and local level have not yet resulted in the significant improvements hoped for. It also remains a challenge to ensure that new housing is matched by investment in infrastructure and community facilities, something strongly desired by both future and existing residents of new development areas.

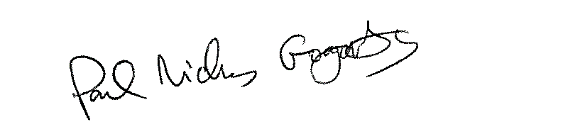
When I was unanimously elected Mayor in June 2017, I set out three themes that I wanted to focus on during my term of office. The first was to continue to prioritise South Dublin as a hub for health and well-being, building on the Healthy County status achieved the year before. In this regard, I supported many initiatives in this field that were aimed at developing or enhancing linkages with other agencies and community groups and promoting tools to enable our citizens to build healthier habits.

My second priority was to help develop South Dublin as a more energy-efficient and energy self-sufficient County. This involved building on the excellent work already done by various Council departments and keeping green initiatives to the forefront. I was supported by the elected members in passing several motions in this area, as well as in securing support to prioritise green solutions at a time of tighter budgetary demands, such as to maintain the budget for replacing old street lighting with newer, more energy-efficient LED systems. This was done in the realisation that the cost savings would quickly outweigh the initial additional investment. The Council continues to invest in green infrastructure, such as in a new photovoltaic array at County Hall and other locations, the provision of electric vehicles to its fleet as well as the introduction of electric car charging points at a number of its public amenity locations. This is an area that continually needs to be pushed as the payback to our environment, or the public purse, is never immediate. I would hope that my successor would continue to push for progress in cutting our carbon footprint and our energy costs.

The last area I focused on was further developing South Dublin as a listening county. I believe that our citizens all have valuable inputs to make, no matter what their age, gender, religion, ability level or sexual orientation. In this regard, I have met with many diverse groups and individuals each of whom I have encouraged to get more directly involved in the development of our county and to participate in all forms of consultation. I have also worked to make that consultation more relevant and easier to access but more will need to be done over the coming years.

I was especially pleased that following the launch of the “Have Your Say - €300k” participatory budgeting initiative in the Lucan Electoral Area in 2017, that we were able to roll out the second phase of the process, this time in the Clondalkin Electoral Area (which also included Newcastle and Rathcoole), earlier this year. 160 ideas were submitted during the Lucan phase in 2017 with over 2,500 ballots cast across 17 shortlisted projects. Eight of those projects were selected to be completed in 2018. I hope that the €300k process will now feature as an annual event in South Dublin's calendar and in time will expand to see the number of geographic areas and the amount of expenditure available to the public increase dramatically.

Alongside these themes, I was a strong supporter of initiatives to create employment in our County. South Dublin and its local enterprise office have continued to enjoy a close working relationship with South Dublin Chamber of Commerce, and this hugely symbiotic partnership has enhanced our economic opportunities and employment potential. As Mayor, I have been very supportive of the many joint initiatives aimed at maximising job creation potential. I have attended many enterprise events, including the launch of the latest (and very positive) Economic Growth Survey as well as awards for local entrepreneurs. I have also visited local businesses and multinational enterprises throughout the county to launch new expansions and employment initiatives.



Cllr. Paul Gogarty

Mayor of South Dublin County

# Chief Executive’s Foreword

Throughout 2017 and for the foreseeable future, housing delivery both public and private is our foremost challenge. The reestablishment of normal supply patterns has been slow to emerge following the downturn for a variety of reasons, including access to capital, mobilisation costs, labour force capacity and the cost, availability and servicing of land.

Working in conjunction with national policy, South Dublin County Council has been very active in supporting and advancing public and private housing development. While annual private housing completions increased by 36% to 1194, this is well below the required level. During 2017, essential initiatives included securing €27 million under the Local Housing Activation Fund, the establishment of the Vacant Sites Register and the publication of the Draft Planning Scheme for Clonburris SDZ.

In terms of Social Housing, we are active across all aspects of government policy. At the year-end, there were ten active construction sites, which will yield 352 units in 2018. In addition, 109 units as part of the Dublin Region Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Bundle have received planning approval, and the Competitive Dialogue stage is underway for the JV Development of circa 900 public/private units at Kilcarbery. In tandem with our construction programme, the Council has added significantly to its private rented/leasing arrangements. At the close of the year, there were 2180 live Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) accounts, 1397 Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) agreements and a further 892 units held under long-term lease.

Economic development is fundamental to our objective of making the County more attractive and sustainable. Grange Castle Business Park now supports 5,200 jobs with new developments having been commenced or completed during 2017 by Microsoft, Interxion, Takeda and Griffols. Our long-term strategy to support in excess of 10,000 jobs at this location is underpinned by the advancement of plans to double the size of the Park. The master planning for this extension is underway.

Another key element of our economic development is tourism. We opened the Round Tower Visitor Centre in summer 2017, secured €2million funding for the Dodder Greenway, agreed on a €5million Investment Strategy for Corkagh Park, lodged plans with An Bord Pleanala for the Dublin Mountains Visitor Centre and advanced plans for the redevelopment of Rathfarnham Castle Stables.

Sustainable communities need quality social infrastructure. The opening of the new digital hub library in Palmerstown is an example of this. Our plans for new libraries in Clondalkin and Tymon and a new pool and leisure centre in Lucan will be tendered in quarter one of 2018. These types of facilities allow us to pursue our health and wellbeing objectives for all our citizens. Once again, we ran a range of projects and programmes in this regard. Over 119,000 sports programme participants were involved across 2,294 events, 300 community events attracted 62,000 participants, 6,000 children benefitted from 26 summer projects and our leisure centres attracted 600,000 visitors.

Environmental sustainability is another hugely important activity, which involves the Council in diverse areas like pollution control, climate change, licensing and enforcement, waste management and energy efficiency. An important aspect of our environmental policy is tree management. We maintain and manage 60,000 trees throughout the County. This valuable resource has social, environmental and climate change benefits. During 2017, our staff inspected 3,948 trees with each requiring its own intervention.

Ongoing citizen engagement and community consultation is the essence of local democracy. While telephone and email remain our dominant communication channels, we are experiencing greater interaction through social media. Our Facebook channel grew by 66% with 1,901,450 seeing Council posts. Engagement with posts grew by 59%, while reach on Twitter increased by 24%, with over 1,300,000 people seeing our tweets. We launched our Public Consultation Portal in 2017, which hosted 25 consultations and surveys, attracting 1,100 submissions.

Our Participatory Budgeting Initiative “300K – Have Your Say” won an Excellence in Local Government Award and was the subject of a very positive review by the IPA. The initiative is being repeated in 2018.

This very brief summary just touches on some of the many positive achievements in 2017 made possible by the Elected Members and staff working together with our communities to the benefit of everyone.



Daniel McLoughlin

Chief Executive

# Council Meetings 2017

There were 73 meetings of the full Council, Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee, Corporate Policy Group (CPG) and Area Committees comprising:

* 11 County Council meetings
* 3 Special Meetings of the County Council
* 1 Annual Budget Meeting
* 6 Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee Meetings (including 1 Special Budget Meeting)
* 12 Corporate Policy Group meetings (including 1 Budget Meeting)
* The four Area Committees for Clondalkin, Lucan, Rathfarnham/Templeogue-Terenure and Tallaght each met ten times in 2017.

In addition, there were:

* 25 meetings across the six Strategic Policy Committees
* 4 meetings of the Joint Policing Committee
* 4 Audit Committee Meetings
* 2 Oireachtas Members Meetings

# Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs)

**Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage and Libraries SPC**

*Chaired by Cllr Dermot Richardson.*

*The SPC met four times in 2017 dealing with policies in relation to:*

* The County Arts Strategy.
* Creative Ireland Strategy and initiatives.
* The development of Tallaght Cultural Quarter around Civic Theatre, Rua Red and the County Library.
* Arts/cultural/heritage elements of the Tourism Strategy including the Red Line Book festival.
* Music Generation updates and implementation.

**Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development SPC**

*Chaired by Cllr Charlie O’Connor.*

*The SPC met five times in 2017 dealing with policies in relation to:*

* Ongoing implementation of the Business Support Strategy in conjunction with South Dublin Chamber.
* The local implementation of the Dublin Regional Enterprise Strategy.
* Roll out of the County Tourism Strategy, including the Dublin Mountains gateway project.
* Local Economic Community Plan (LECP) updates and implementation.
* Opportunities for, and developments in, Foreign Direct Investment and Grange Castle Business Park.

**Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change SPC**

*Chaired by Cllr Pamela Kearns*

The SPC met four times in 2017, its work programme included:

* Climate Change: A strategy towards climate change action plans for the Dublin Local Authorities and development of SDCC Adaptation and Mitigation Plan
* Flood Alleviation and Minor Surface Water Improvement Schemes
* Report on Tourism Strategy for Corkagh Park
* Review of Litter Bin Provision and proposals for Solar Bins pilot for Rathfarnham
* Protocol for management of Abandoned Cars
* Review of Social Credit Scheme
* River Basin Management Plan
* Burial Grounds Strategy
* Teen Space Consultation
* Items referred from Council included: **Recycling Deposit Scheme / Waste Reduction Bill, Urban Horse Ownership / Control of Horses. Scramblers and Quads / Pay To Use (PTUs)**

**Housing SPC**

*Chaired by Cllr Cathal King.*

The Housing SPC met four times with the main items discussed being:

* Housing Supply and Delivery – Projects
* Homelessness
* Allocations Policy
* Anti-Social Behaviour Policy
* Rents Scheme
* Older Aged Housing Project

**Social and Community SPC**

*Chaired by Cllr Deirdre O’Donovan.*

During 2017, the Social and Community SPC met four times. The main areas of work included:

* Community Initiative Fund
* Sports Partnership Strategic Plan
* South Dublin Home Security Scheme
* MedEx, a community-based chronic illness rehabilitation programme

**Land Use, Planning and Transportation SPC**

*Chaired by Cllr Emer Higgins*

The SPC met four times in 2017 dealing with matters in relation to:

* Weston Aerodrome
* Clonburris Strategic Development Zone (SDZ)
* Biodiversity Plan
* Tallaght Local Area Plan (LAP)
* Policy in relation to Private Signage on Public Roads
* Vacant Sites Levy
* M50 Emergency Management
* Cycle Forum Reports
* National Transport Authority (NTA) Annual Projects allocation and updates

Details on the full membership of SPCs is available in Appendix 2.

# Economic Enterprise & Tourism Development

**Objective 1: Maintain a supportive business environment with job creation and retention at its heart**

* At the 2017 March Council meeting, an implementation plan was approved for the Dublin Regional Enterprise Strategy 2017-2019.
* South Dublin County Council (SDCC) sponsored the second South Dublin Chamber Business Awards held on 6th October in Citywest Hotel.
* The Evaluation and Approvals Committee of the Local Enterprise Office approved €780K for 28 projects, creating 48 new jobs immediately and with the potential to create 228 new jobs.
* Over 1,000 clients attended Local Enterprise Office (LEO) training courses and mentoring services while a further 340 local business people attended Business Support Fund training programmes. These programmes were based on a 2015 training needs survey completed in conjunction with the Chamber.
* 33 Trading Online vouchers were approved and 11 Technical Support Grant applications for Export assistance, including food branding, were accepted in 2017.
* New Food Academy commenced in February 2017, with three South Dublin participants.
* Four South Dublin clients began on a new Accelerate Programme in December 2017.
* New approaches and opportunities for access to business support grant financing were agreed at Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) and Council meetings for 2018.
* Business Support Fund Area Improvement works were completed in Cookstown Enterprise Park, Old Belgard Road with further projects progressing in Ballymount and Merrywell.

**Objective 2: Work with enterprise support agencies to increase foreign direct investment in South Dublin County**

* Grange Castle clients Interxion, Grifols, Microsoft and Takeda either commenced, completed or continued to build out, significant projects in 2017.
* Eirgrid commenced on a new substation in Grange Castle South in September, with archaeological resolution works starting on site in November.
* The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) granted funding to the Council to carry out an energy master plan for the Grange Castle Business Park. The report was completed in October.
* The Grange Castle West Infrastructure Masterplan began in 2017.
* CyrusOne Datacentre Holdings were approved by the Council membership for the acquisition of a 16-acre site in Grange Castle South.
* Grange Castle supported more than 5,200 jobs by the end of 2017.

**Objective 3: Manage the assets of South Dublin County Council in a way that supports economic development**

* GCFM Ltdcontinued to maintain, operate and manage Grange Castle Business Park.
* Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) acquisitions progressed for Adamstown Road with a sod-turning taking place in December. This was designed to increase road and service accessibility to Grange Castle Business Park and the wider area.
* Construction to commence on a third stand for Tallaght Stadiumafter a successful tendering process concluded in 2017.
* Tallaght Stadium played host to many independent events, such as the Christmas Ice Rink and Fossett’s Circus, as well as rugby, Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) and women's international soccer matches.
* The Council's property management function continues to manage and administer the Council's land bank proactively.

**Objective 4: Maximise the contribution of arts, libraries, heritage and the Irish language to the quality of life and our tourism experience**

* Plans for North Clondalkin and Tymon libraries were prepared for tender.
* The digital hub in Palmerstown continued to operate successfully for lending, printing, computer access, Wi-Fi facilities, 3D printing and planned events for school groups and local crèches.
* Libraries won first prize for Ballyroan Reads Blog in Best Books and Literature Award and third prize for the Yaps Blog at the Littlewoods Art and Culture Blogs.
* Creative Ireland Strategy underway and is advancing the implementation of the Arts Strategy 2016-2020.
* 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 34 events across 13 venues throughout the county.
* Science Partnership initiative took place 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.
* Library Development Plan 2018-2022 progressed.

**Objective 5: Put in place a tourism strategy focused on new product and brand development**

* Following extensive consultation, the Dublin Mountains project proposal was lodged with An Bord Pleanála in 2017. A first stage grant approval was received from Failte Ireland for this project.
* The Tourism Marketing Strategy and Implementation Plan was launched and commenced in 2017.
* The Round Tower Visitor Centre opened in summer 2017.
* Red Line Festival in October 2017 included a broader range of venues, events with a more extensive marketing focus and delivered increased visitor numbers.
* Gael Force Dublin held in February 2017. This industry-led festival proposal from the Tourism Working Group and Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development SPC was underpinned by the Council's support.
* Feasibility studies completed/underway for the Liffey Blueway Study, Corkagh Park plan and a condition survey of heritage out-buildings at Rathfarnham Castle.
* Eureopan Union (EU) Funding secured to progress the Dodder Greenway project.
* Ten Shop Front Grant applications were approved in 2017 to complement ongoing village improvement works.

# Land Use Planning & Transportation

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

* The Public Lighting Improvement Programme (i.e. LED upgrade) continued in 2017.
* Programme of installation of traffic calming ramps completed.
* Substantial footpath repair work completed in Kilclare Drive.
* Annual Roads and Footpath Maintenance Programme completed.

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

* Construction and planning activity progressed in Adamstown SDZ.
* Vacant Site Register in place and active.
* Amendment to the Ballycullen - Oldcourt Local Area Plan process concluded.
* National Planning Awards - South Dublin County Council took the top prize in both the Smart Travel and the Planning for Climate Change categories.
* A total of €27m allocated under Local Housing Infrastructure Activation Fund (LIHAF).
* Draft Clonburris SDZ Planning Scheme published in September.
* A pre-draft public consultation on a new Local Area Plan for Tallaght was carried out.

**Objective 3: Promote all modes of transport including walking and cycling to improve the movement of people within and beyond the county**

* Works completed on Willsbrook Phase 3 Junction Improvement in Lucan and Grange Road Plaza.
* The AXA Road Safety show held at the Moran’s Red Cow Hotel. Over 600 secondary school students attended.
* Ballyroan Green Schools Cluster project took place.
* Council adopted the ‘Traffic Calming Criteria’ document in June.
* Construction of the R120 Adamstown Road Improvement Scheme including the link to the Nangor Road commenced.
* Policy on Way-Finding signs on Public Roads Adopted.

**Objective 4: Invest in Sustainable Communities and Quality of Life Initiatives**

* New speed limit bylaws were adopted. The 30kmh speed limit is now in place in all residential estates.
* Belgard Walkway upgrade was completed.
* Village Enhancement Works was completed in Rathcoole.
* Village gateway project in Rathfarnham was completed.
* Six additional Warden Operated School Crossings are now fully operational.
* Tallaght Village Improvement Scheme Phase 1 (Greenhills Road) completed.

# 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**

* Council progressed the Social Housing Construction programme of housing projects approved by the Council through Part 8 planning process with eight projects on site totalling 265 units and a further two to start with an additional 87 Units.
* 42 acquisitions completed in 2017.
* Current Social Housing Stock is 9,168 units, with 1,397 RAS Units and 892 Leased Units.
* 2,180 live accounts on the HAP Scheme by the 31st of December.
* 138 Homeless Allocations in 2017.
* Re-let turnaround average time was nine weeks.
* 215 Private Disability Grants issued in 2017.
* 273 Disability Grants on Council stock in 2017.
* Vacant Homes Strategy presented in September 2017.
* Nine Units reopened as Homeless Hubs in 2017 at Gleann Na Heorna.
* Part 8 for 109 Units PPP at Kilcarbery approved.
* Integrated Housing Project at Kilcarbery progressed to the Dialogue Stage of the EU Tendering Process.

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

* Tender of Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) implementer carried out by Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) in 2017. Targets met in areas of Targeting Geographical Disadvantage and Targeting Disadvantaged Groups in 2017.
* LECP 6 year plan as agreed by LCDC and Economic SPC progressed. Review of the 2017 work plan carried out by LCDC in 2017 on all Community Pillar elements.
* Successful Bealtaine Festival and Social Inclusion Week in 2017 with full attendance at many events.
* South Dublin Age Friendly County Alliance continues to support and lead in initiatives for the active ageing in the county. Support for the development of men’s sheds (three added in 2017) and the initiative on Home Security for doors or patios. Approximately 700 installations were completed by the end of 2017.
* 39 Joint Policing and Local Policing Fora meetings held in 2017 including public meetings at Tallaght, South West Clondalkin and North Clondalkin. Progressed LPF for Lucan and Templeogue/Rathfarnham areas.
* Successful Flavours of South Dublin Intercultural Festival held at Rathfarnham Castle in June 2017.
* Series of Community Health Gatherings through Healthy County South Dublin Steering Committee in conjunction with the Health Service Executive (HSE) and Tallaght Hospital held in 2017.
* Joint Policing Committee approved the 2017- 2022 Strategic Plan and 2016 Annual Report in 2017.
* Community Safety Booklet launched in 2017 through a collaboration of Joint Policing Committee, Age-Friendly Alliance and South Dublin Public Participation network.
* Review of South Dublin County Education Bursary with IT Tallaght carried out in 2017
* New Education Bursary announced for Older Aged.

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

* The Healthy County Steering Group progressed a number of projects in 2017 including two further successful programmes of the "We Quit Campaign" for Women, development of an Alcohol Strategy with Tallaght Drugs Task Force and of the Workforce Challenge to improve lifestyles of workers in a number of businesses and companies.
* SPORTIVATE, the Councils Sports Development Programme in partnership with the Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board (DDLETB), continued in 2017.
* Over 119,000 Sports Programme participants across 2294 events.
* SDCC Schools Cross Country finals held on 11th May 2017 at Corkagh Park – 3,100 participants from 61 schools.
* Successful Health and Wellbeing Week in September with over 90 events.
* Over 300 Community events attracting over 62,000 participants.
* Almost 600,000 visitors to Council Leisure Facilities in 2017.
* 26 Summer Projects/Camps supported facilitating over 6,000 children.
* Ten Local Village Festivals supported in 2017.
* Successful 2017 Late Night Leagues with the Football Association of Ireland (FAI) and Gardai – up to 150 participants during the programme at four venues throughout November with the County Finals involving 80 youths held on the 1st of December.
* Part 8 planning for the swimming pool project for Lucan approved in 2017.
* The School Sports Hall incorporating a Community facility for Adamstown progressed in 2017 and is due for completion in 2018.
* A large number of events organised as part of National Recreation Week and National Play Day.
* South Dublin County Sports Partnership Strategic Plan 2017-2022 launched.
* First Marathon Kids School Programme provided culminating in the Dublin Final day at Morton Stadium in November 2017.
* A new Post-Surgery Recovery Clinical Exercise Programme at Tallaght Leisure Centre in conjunction with Dublin City University and Tallaght Hospital was finalised as part of our Healthy County programme.

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

* The third Community Endeavour Awards progressed during 2017 with the award show taking place on the 25th of November.
* The Community Initiative Fund approved by the Council in 2015 was again run in 2017. The initiative allowed Community Groups to bid for funding support which is not available from other resources. There were 18 successful entries.
* The Community Grants Scheme opened for applications twice during 2017 - in April and September.
* The Public Participation Network (PPN) continued to grow its membership. A number of training programmes through the PPN were held during 2017 as well as a seminar on Social Housing.
* Eleven Tidy Town Groups were active. All the Tidy Town Groups improved on their results in 2017’s National Tidy Towns Competition.
* Council supported five Pride of Place Entrants in 2017. Tallaght Community Arts and Ballyroan were awarded Runners Up awards in their categories.
* Good Governance Training delivered to twelve Community Centre Management Boards.
* Two new Community Initiative Funding Schemes, funded by the Rural and Community Development Department and provided through the LCDC as part of the Departments National RAPID l Grants Programme 2017. SDCC also facilitated the Department’s Healthy Ireland Funding.

# Environment, Water and Climate Change

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

* Parkland and open space maintained, including a fortnightly grass cutting schedule from March to October that resulted in over 6,260 hectares of grass cut during the period.
* Minor improvement works programme consisting of approximately 40 small works schemes (such as the construction of new footpaths across open spaces, erection of boundary railings, upgrades of roundabouts etc.) was delivered, with some carryover of works from 2016 and with some carryover to 2018.
* Living with Trees - SDCC's Tree Management Policy: From January to November 2017, 3,948 trees were inspected while 156 trees were planted with a further 700 planted during December 2017 and early January 2018 as part of the winter 2017 planting programme. 1,650 trees were pruned, and 993 trees were removed. 328 tree stumps were removed.
* N81 Landscape Improvement Scheme: The Preliminary design for the N81 improvement scheme was completed, and the Part 8 was passed in March 2017. The detailed design and investigation stage progressed during 2017; phase one went to tender in early 2018.
* Roundabout Sponsorship Scheme: During 2017, a new landscape scheme was designed and implemented on the roundabout at the entrance to Newcastle Village.
* A significant landscape upgrade scheme was performed at Orwell roundabout.
* A new landscape scheme was designed and tendered and was scheduled to commence implementation in 2018 on the roundabout at the junction of Ballymount Road/Calmount Avenue.
* Sponsorship interest confirmed for roundabouts at Templeville Road, Greentrees Road, two roundabouts in Ballymount Industrial Estate and the roundabout on Scholarstown Road at Orlagh Estate.
* Green Flag obtained for Corkagh Park in 2017.
* Derelict Sites Register maintained with 343 Dangerous Buildings/ Derelict Sites inspected during the year, twenty sites on the Register at the end of 2017, two properties vested.
* Continued use of emerging technologies and environmental monitoring initiatives including litter/waste CCTV, Programmable Audio Devices to help combat graffiti, litter, illegal dumping and dog fouling installed in various locations. Engagement in Smart Dublin (Small Business Innovation Research) SBIR - an initiative of the four Dublin Local Authorities to engage with smart technology providers, researchers and citizens to solve dumping challenge and improve quality of life through low-cost smart and low-cost innovative solutions.
* Successfully secured funding under the 2017 new National Anti-Dumping Grant Scheme for projects aimed at addressing illegal dumping and the development of effective deterrents to discourage people from engaging in this anti-social behaviour.
* 427 tonnes of waste collected from 675 bins serviced on five dedicated routes, 4,966 tonnes of illegally dumped material was collected with 5,616 tonnes of road sweeping / gully-cleaning waste collected and disposed of.

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

* 2017 Annual Service Plan agreed with Irish Water and service provided under a Service Level Agreement.
* 1,500km of water mains and four large storage reservoirs were maintained
* 77 ML of water was supplied per day, with an Unaccounted for Water (UFW) of 38.75%.
* 1,200km of foul and surface water sewers were maintained.
* 584 Water bursts and leaks were repaired.
* Water Quality was maintained at an average of 99.9% throughout the year.
* 59 Water Pollution Incidents were dealt with.
* A programme of river clearing was carried out during 2017. The rivers and streams cleared were the Poddle, the Camac, the Whitestown stream and the Oldcourt stream.
* Ballycullen Flood Alleviation Scheme was completed at the end of October, two months ahead of schedule. Work on the procurement phases of the Camac and Poddle flood alleviation schemes also took place.
* Surface Water Schemes at Chapel Hill, Ballynakelly, Cookstown Industrial estate and Beech Park Lucan were completed in 2017. Phase one of the works on Tay Lane in Rathcoole was completed.
* ‘A Strategy towards Climate Change Action Plans for Dublin Local Authorities’, was adopted at the Council Meeting in February 2017. Work is well underway across the four Dublin Local Authorities in conjunction with Codema in drafting the Local Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Plans.
* Following the passing of the Motion at the September Council meeting, Mayor Paul Gogarty signed up to the Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy. This document has been uploaded to [www.covenantofmayors.eu](http://www.covenantofmayors.eu). South Dublin County Council is now committed to 40% reduction in CO2 emissions by 2030 and increase of our resilience by adapting to the impacts of climate change.

**Objective 3: Manage our regulatory, licensing and enforcement roles together with the Environmental Protection Agency**

* 2017 Service Plan agreed with Food Safety Authority of Ireland.
* Under our 2017 Litter Management Action Plan, 6723 complaints were investigated, 553 Litter Fines were issued, with 63 Court Appearances during 2017.
* Continued active enforcement of waste legislation and regulations. 21 Enforcement Notices issued. 615 Waste Enforcement Officers Inspections, 40 permitted facilities (Permits & Certificates of Registration).
* 632 Water Pollution Inspector inspections. 17 non-compliance letters issued and 170 Section 16 (Trade Effluent) licences in operation.
* 189 Environmental Awareness workshops/information sessions for schools, communities and businesses delivered.
* 134 Schools registered in the Green Schools Programme
* 2,526 Social Credits Scheme actions
* 70 existing recycling Bring Banks and two Recycling Centres provided.
* Our Recycling message is continuously promoted on an ongoing basis as part of the Environmental Awareness Programme. Particularly during October 2017 - National Reuse Month, where four ReUse workshops for schools and three ReUse workshops for community groups were held. Recycle IT vintage took place in County Hall, Tallaght for the whole of October, an information stand was placed in the Square Tallaght shopping centre, and three Recycle IT Vintage Displays were in SDCC Libraries.
* Control of Animals legislation actively enforced under which 591 dogs and 227 horses were impounded during the year. A New National Horse Seizure Tender was published and an interim contract was signed locally.
* Ballyowen Equine Centre formally opened and is currently occupied under an Annual Management Agreement with Clondalkin Equine Club.
* Dublin Region Horse Welfare Working Group established by SDCC in August 2017 with a broad purpose to develop a concerted collaborative programme aimed at promoting and facilitating responsible horse ownership.
* A new tender for the Dog Pound Contract was published and awarded.
* 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. Site investigations/Environmental Risk Assessments have been completed at two historic unlicensed landfills which are identified as risk category A.
* Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities 2017 work plan agreed by the 12 Eastern Local Authorities.
* A Comprehensive Internal Review of management of the Council's Burial Ground services concluded, this examined strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats associated with this service/capacity, costs, policies and procedures. A comprehensive suite of protocols and systems was subsequently developed.

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

* Maintenance and allocation of 163 pitches provided by Council was ongoing throughout the year.
* An allotment needs assessment was carried out during the year and the information collated was incorporated into the design of the proposed allotment facilities.
* Three new playspaces were completed at KIlnamanagh, Kingswood and Glendoher Park. A large playspace was opened at Tymon Park, and the playground at Griffeen Valley Park was refurbished during the year.
* Under the Sports Capital Grants, Tymon Park pitch re-construction and the Lucan Athletics Track upgrade are due on site in 2018. Detailed design progressed concerning an all-weather pitch at Lucan, and discussions between the Club and residents were assisted with facilitation from the council. A further eight projects received Sports Capital Grant Funding in December 2017.
* The Planning approval for recreational facilities at Mount Carmel, Dodder Park was approved in October 2017. The construction of replacement pitches at Firhouse Park was completed in September 2017, with the pitches now being in establishment stage.
* The feasibility report for Corkagh Park was presented to the SPCs and the Council during the year.

# **Organisational Capacity and Accountability**

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

* The ‘€300k Have Your Say – Participatory Budgeting' initiative was launched on February 28th, 2017 for the Lucan Electoral Area. The initiative would see over 2,500 ballots cast across 17 shortlisted projects after the public had submitted 160 ideas. There were eight winning projects chosen to progress to completion in 2018. The Clondalkin Electoral Area was selected as the local electoral area for 2018 at the Council Budget Meeting in November.
* The Mayor of South Dublin County held a conference on April 3rd in Tallaght Stadium titled ‘Putting People First in South Dublin’. The target audience for the event were Councillors, the PPN and the Executive of South Dublin County Council.
* The Annual Council Meeting took place on Friday, 30th June, with Cllr Paul Gogarty elected as the Mayor for 2017-18 and Cllr Breda Bonner elected as Deputy Mayor at the meeting. Appreciation was given to outgoing Mayor Cllr Guss O’Connell and outgoing Deputy Mayor Cllr Martina Genockey at the meeting.
* Over one hundred Council meetings were supported annually across meetings of the full Council, CPG, Area Committees, Organisation Procedures and Finance Committee, Strategic Policy Committees and the Joint Policing Committee, including two Special Housing Council Meetings in March and April and a Special Motions meeting in May.
* Meetings with Oireachtas Members from South Dublin County were held on 24th July and 27th November.
* The Electoral Register for 2017/2018 was published on February 15th, 2017 and the Draft Electoral Register for 2018/19 was published between November 1st and 25th. Work has been finalised on the data cleansing of the current iReg system and is now being tested on its replacement system Voter.ie. Voter.ie is a shared service involving the four Dublin authorities.
* Donations statements under Section 19 of the Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure) Act 1999 were returned by members before the deadline of 31/1/2017.
* A full review of Standing Orders was undertaken in 2017. Following comparisons with other similarly sized authorities and meetings with administrators and group leaders, the final draft was presented to Members at the May Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee (OP&F) and the agreed final draft was adopted by the Members at the June 2017 Council meeting.
* A proposal to introduce Webcasting for County Council meetings was presented to the members at CPG, OP&F and County Council meetings but a decision was made not to proceed with its introduction at this time.

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

* In 2017, 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.
* During the year, the county underwent a complete rates revaluation. 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 €383.5m was produced for 2018-2020 while council adopted a 2018 revenue budget of €232m on 16th November.
* The 2016 Annual Financial Statement was prepared with subsequent audited accounts and audit report submitted to council and audit committee. During the year, the financial management system was upgraded to milestone four status.
* The Audit Committee met four times during the year and delivered their work programme as circulated to the January Council meeting. The Chair of the Audit Committee attended the March Council meeting and presented the Committee’s 2016 annual report. The Chair also attended the September Council meeting and presented the Committee's report on their consideration of the Audit of the Annual Financial Statement 2016. Internal Audits were carried out during the year in accordance with the audit plan and recommendations made assisted in strengthening the control environment. The strategic audit plan 2018 – 2020 was approved by the Audit Committee at the December meeting.
* The Corporate Procurement Plan 2015 – 2017 continued to be implemented, with progress overseen by the Procurement Steering Group which comprises of middle and senior managers from each Council Department.   In 2017, the dedicated Procurement Unit provided training to staff in procurement policy and centrally managed the advertising of competitions on [www.etenders.gov.ie](http://www.etenders.gov.ie).  The procurement functionality on the new financial management system ‘Milestone4’ was also rolled out in Q4 2017.
* Completion of South Dublin’s return for the National Performance Indicators for 2016 was submitted to National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC) before the deadline (27th April).
* The Public Spending Code was published and submitted to the NOAC on 31st May 2017.
* A Record Management and Retention Policy was finalised in 2017 and will assist Council staff in improving record management and in the undertaking of preparatory work in advance of the implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in May 2018.
* The Ethics Declaration and preparation of the Ethics Register was completed before the end of February 2017.
* The Monthly Management Report to Council was presented at every Council meeting. Changes to the local performance indicators, including target setting and graphical display of data, were completed in test mode to be introduced in 2018.
* The Council processed and issued 240 decisions in respect of requests for information under Freedom of Information, Access to Information on the Environment, Data Protection and Ombudsman legislation.

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

* A significant procurement exercise was undertaken during 2017 paving the way for a new integrated housing solution to be procured with the implementation project to begin during 2018.
* Significant server, desktop, and system upgrades were undertaken during 2017, improving the stability and resilience of the Council’s Information and Communications Technology (ICT) base. Provision of upgraded Wi-Fi facilities in our Libraries was completed.
* A further iteration of the Council's ICT strategic planning activity was undertaken during 2017, and a technical strategy and security strategy was prepared and will begin its implementation during 2018.
* Substantial work took place to deliver a new Council website in 2017. The Council's new website went live in early 2018.
* Development, upgrades, and enhancements of many of our systems and online facilities have taken place over the course of 2017. This included the areas of Planning, Dog Licences, Housing Rents, Vacant Sites, Voters Register, Housing Inspections, Agresso / Milestone 4, Core HR and Payroll, NetConsent, Participatory Budgeting System of Ideation and Voting, Risk Management System, PMDS, Roadmap, Environmental Complaints System, and many others.
* In conjunction with the Planning Department, the Council's spatial team has been drove the development of a new website for launch in 2018 that assists an individual classified as a property buyer. This service, known as the property economic portal, will yield relevant information regarding areas in our County, related housing availability and development potential.

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

* Excellence in Local Government 2017 Award for Citizen Engagement was awarded to South Dublin County Council for the €300k Have Your Say Initiative. A further five projects were shortlisted.
* Over 450 media enquiries were responded to in 2017.
* The number of social media followers increased by over 5,000 with approximately 20,800 followers now on our various social media channels. The Council's Instagram page was also relaunched to reach a younger audience within the region.
* Reach across South Dublin County Council's Facebook channel grew by over 66%, with 1,901,450 people seeing the Council's posts. Engagement with the Council's posts increased by 49% in 2017, with 109,387 interacting on Facebook. Reach on Twitter grew by a further 24%, with over 1,300,000 people seeing South Dublin County Council's tweets.
* South Dublin County Council took part in Local Authority Twitter Day on the 7th March 2017, promoting through social media the varied services that Local Authorities provide to citizens.
* A Summer and Winter edition of the Citizen’s Newsletter was published.
* The Unwrapped 2017 programme of Christmas Festivities took place in December.
* Over 80,000 queries were processed through customer services across the year with an average response time of 10 days.
* Over 162,490 telephone calls were handled by customer services, of which 84% were answered within 20 seconds.
* 25 Consultations and Surveys closed in 2017 with over 1,100 submissions received.
* Smart Dublin Initiative: SBIR Challenge in the area of illegal dumping was launched in 2017. SDCC collaborated with Dublin City Council on this project.
* The Smart Dublin team made a presentation to SDCC in the Council’s Chambers on 4th October and was attended by 82 staff. Lunch and Learn session on Open Data was presented by Dublinked staff on 28th November and was attended by 17 staff, the full complement allowed at the session.
* Seachtain na Gaeilge Átha Cliath Theas, ran from 1st – 17th March with a busy calendar of events, including a special concert by Kila, the Mayor’s Céilé, classes for all levels, a workshop with John Spillane, and traditional music sessions.
* An extensive programme of events was held on Health and Well-being throughout the year, culminating in Health and Well-being Week in September.
* Social Inclusion Week took place from the 20th to the 27th of November in conjunction with a host of organisations, including BelongTo, the South Dublin Age Friendly Programme, the HSE and more.
* National Accessibility Week was held from 27th November to 4th December with a full programme of events across a range of venues in South Dublin County and organised in conjunction with key partners.

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

* Health and Safety Policy updated and signed by the Chief Executive on March 3rd, 2017 with regular monitoring reports presented to the senior management team. Consultation and communication with staff was achieved through quarterly meetings with local safety Monitoring Consultative Committees. Health and Safety inspections were undertaken throughout the year, where non-conformances were identified corrective actions were defined, agreed and implemented.
* Workforce planning was led by senior management on a quarterly basis to address issues related to staff structures, grades, skills requirements, mobility and critical vacancies. A Workforce Planning Forum with the trade unions met on a quarterly basis. Recruitment to fill vacancies was ongoing.
* The Performance Management and Development System was fully linked to incremental credits and is the core mechanism for managing staff performance in the organisation. It is accompanied by the 2017 Training and Development Plan, which delivered training to over 2000 participants..
* Staff Communications: The Chief Executive gave four Annual staff briefings to all staff in Tallaght Stadium in February 2017. The Staff Communications Survey was undertaken in December 2017, and the Staff Newsletter was published in August and December 2017.
* Occupational Health Programme: Staff Health and Wellbeing Week took place from 18th to 25th October.
* Staff Service Recognition, Excellence and Innovation Awards Ceremony held on 14th December with recognition given to all retired staff, staff with over 25 years’ service and staff with excellent attendance records. Two new categories were added in 2017 of the Outstanding Personal Achievement Award and Best Lean Six Sigma Project Team Award.
* 30 staff were trained to Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt standard, and one to a Green Belt standard, bringing the total number of staff trained to 64 (61 Yellow Belt, 2 Green Belt and 1 Black Belt). Eight projects have issued recommendations and are being implemented across the organisation.

# Corporate Awards 2017

**Chambers Excellence in Local Government Awards**

South Dublin County Council were awarded the Best Practice in Citizen Engagement Award for the €300k Have Your Say participatory budgeting initiative.

South Dublin County Council were also shortlisted in the following categories:

Supporting Active Communities – 55plus Daily Activity Planner

Health and Wellbeing – It’s Not Just a Race

Best Library Service – Digital Technologies – STEAM in South Dublin Libraries

Enhancing the Urban Environment – Ballyowen Equine Centre

Commemorations and Centenaries – Our Heroes – Ár Laochra

**National Planning Awards**

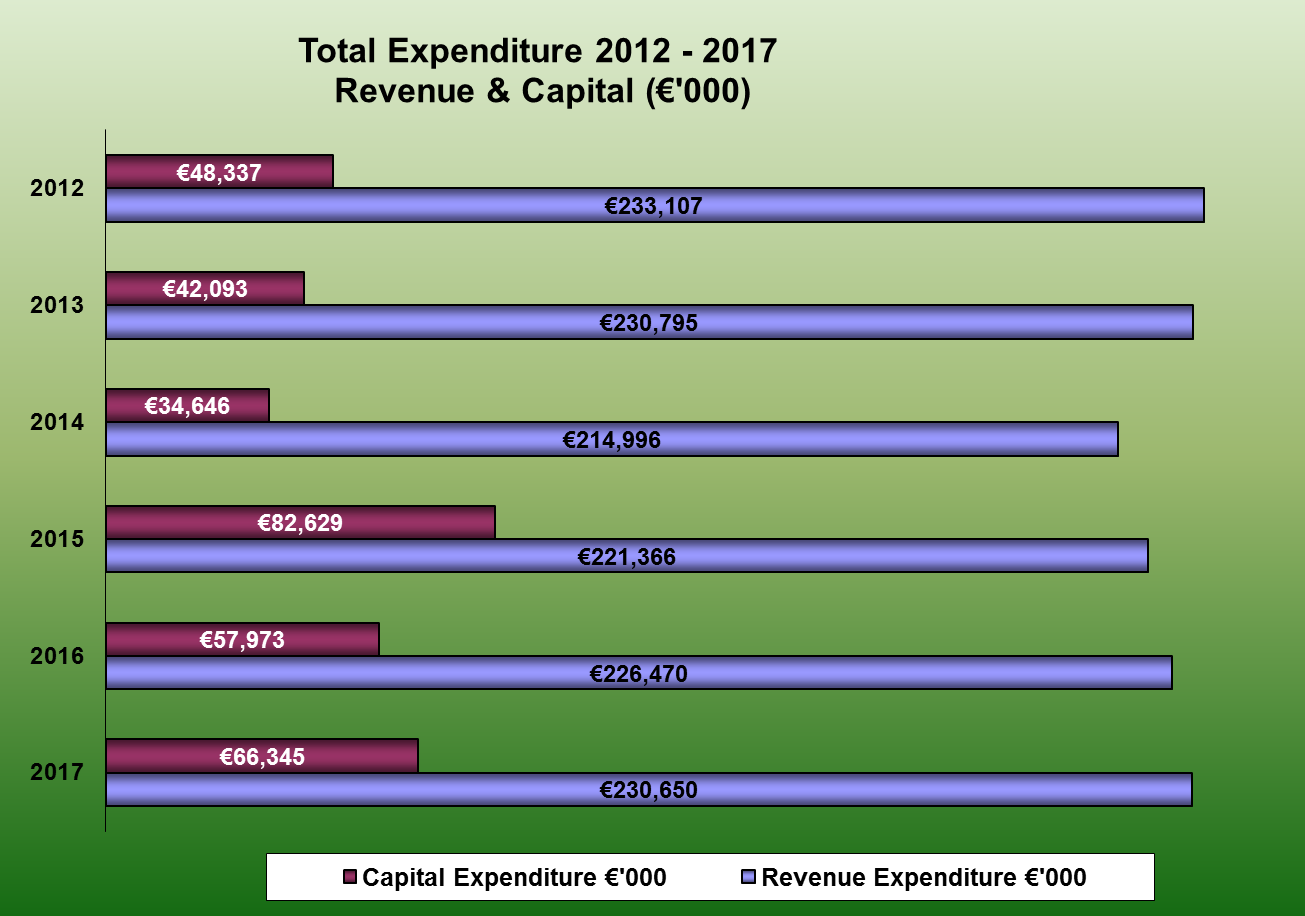
South Dublin County Council were awarded the top prize in both the Smart Travel and the Planning for Climate Change categories.

# Appendices

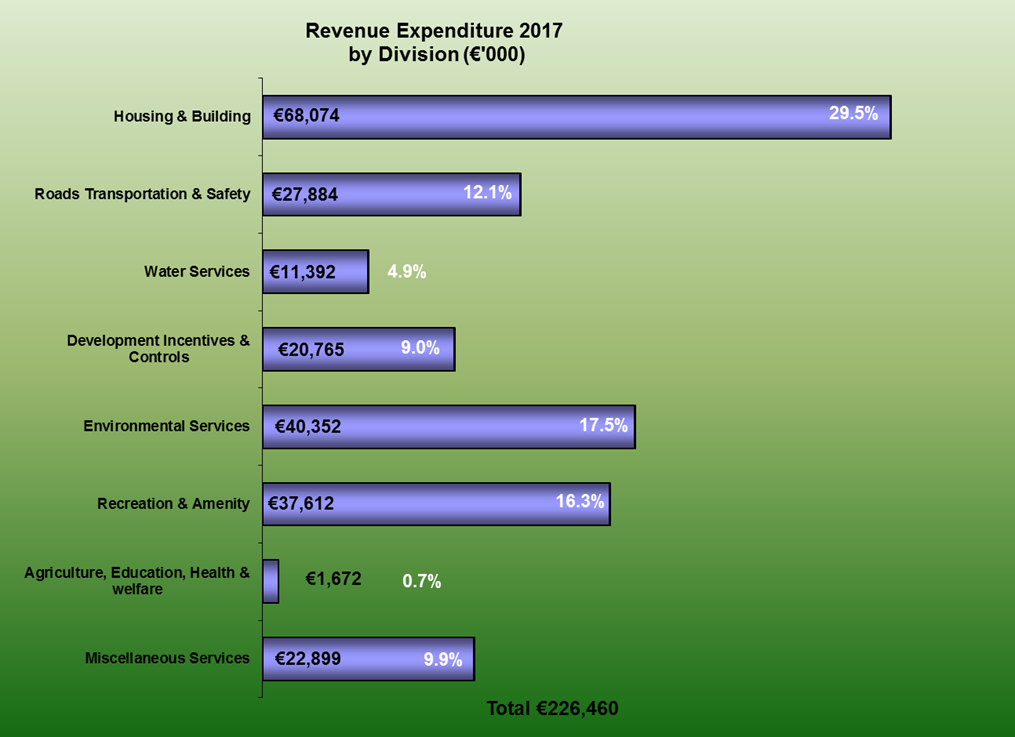
## Appendix 1. Financial Charts and Graphs







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





## Appendix 1.1 Entertainment and Associated Expenses

Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2001 requires that the annual report of a local authority record the expenditure and other particulars in connection with the provision of receptions and entertainment in relation to:

(a) Distinguished persons, and

(b) In connection with the holding of special events relevant to its function.

Pursuant to this requirement, South Dublin County Council hereby confirms that this figure was €4,975.05 in total for 2017.

## **Appendix 2. Membership of South Dublin County Council**

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| **Clondalkin - Cluain Dolcáin** | | |
| Councillor Breeda Bonner (Deputy Mayor) | LAB | bbonner@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Kenneth Egan | FG | kegan@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Trevor Gilligan | FF | tgilligan@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Jonathan Graham | SF | jgraham@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Emer Higgins | FG | ehiggins@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Madeleine Johansson | PBP | mjohansson@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Francis Timmons | IND | ftimmons@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Mark Ward | SF | mward@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |

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| **Lucan - Leamhcán** | | |
| Councillor Vicki Casserly | FG | vcasserly@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Paul Gogarty (Mayor) | IND | pgogarty@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor William Lavelle | FG | wlavelle@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Ruth Nolan | I4C | ruthnolan@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Danny O'Brien | SF | dannyobrien@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Ed O'Brien | FF | eobrien@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Guss O'Connell | IND | goconnell@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Liona O'Toole | IND | lotoole@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |

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| **Rathfarnham - Ráth Fearnáin** | | |
| Councillor Paula Donovan | FG | pdonovan@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Francis Duffy | Green | fnduffy@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Sarah Holland | SF | sholland@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Conor McMahon\* | FG | cmcmahon@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Emma Murphy | FF | emurphy@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Deirdre O'Donovan | IND | dodonovan@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |

\*Following the resignation of Cllr Anne-Marie Dermody, Cllr Conor McMahon was co-opted to South Dublin County Council at the November Council meeting.

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| **Tallaght Central - Tamhlact An Lár** | | |
| Councillor Mick Duff | LAB | mduff@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Brendan Ferron | SF | bferron@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Kieran Mahon | SOL | kmahon@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Cora McCann | SF | cmccann@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Mick Murphy | SOL | mmuprhy@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Charlie O'Connor | FF | coconnor@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |

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| **Tallaght South - Tamhlact Theas** | | |
| Councillor Louise Dunne | SF | ldunne@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Martina Genockey | LAB | mgenockey@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Emma Hendrick\* | PBP | ehendrick@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Cathal King | SF | cathalking@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Brian Leech | SOL | bleech@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Dermot Richardson | SF | drichardson@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |

\*Following the resignation of Cllr Nicky Coules, Cllr Emma Hendrick was co-opted to South Dublin County Council at the September Council meeting.

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| **Templeogue – Terenure - Teach Mealóg – Tír an Iúir** | | |
| Councillor Paul Foley | FF | pfoley@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Pamela Kearns | LAB | pkearns@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Brian Lawlor | FG | blawlor@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Dermot Looney | SD | dlooney@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Ronan McMahon | RENUA | rmcmahon@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |
| Councillor Robert Russell\* | SF | rrussell@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie |

\* Following the resignation of Cllr Enda Fanning, Cllr Robert Russell was co-opted to South Dublin County Council at the October Council meeting.

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| **Party Abbreviations** | | |
| FF Fianna Fáil | PBP People Before Profit Alliance | Green The Green Party |
| FG Fine Gael | SF Sinn Féin | SOL Solidarity – The Left Alternative |
| IND Independent | LAB The Labour Party | RENUA RENUA Ireland |
| I4C Independents 4 Change | SD Social Democrats |  |

## **Appendix 2.1. Payments to Councillors in 2017**

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| **Payments made to Councillors under Section 142 of the Local Government Act 2001** | **Amount** |
| Representational Payments Total | €662,185.89 |
| Monthly Payments | €257,355.21 |
| Strategic Policy Committee Chairperson’s Allowance Total | €36,000.00 |
| Mayor’s Allowance (January to December 2017) | €29,938.46 |
| Deputy Mayor’s Allowance (January to December 2017) | €5,987.69 |
| Training | €35,033.64 |
| Other Payments | €2,055.83 |
| Total of Expenses paid to members in respect of attendance at meetings of the County Council and its Committees | **€1,028,556.72** |

## **Appendix 2.2: Council Membership of Committees and Other Bodies**

**Area Committees Chairs**

**Councillor Mark Ward** was unanimously elected Chair of the Clondalkin Area Committee.

**Councillor Ed O’Brien** was unanimously elected Chair of the Lucan Area Committee.

**Councillor Louise Dunne** was unanimously elected Chair of the Tallaght Area Committee.

**Councillor Dermot Looney** was unanimously elected Chair of the Rathfarnham/Templeogue-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 McCann
* Councillor Dermot Looney

Sectoral Members

* Ms Deirdre Mooney - South Dublin Chamber
* Mr Peadar O'Caomhanaigh - PPN

**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 Conor McMahon
* Councillor Brendan Ferron
* Councillor William Lavelle

Sectoral Members

* Dr. Damien Roche - ITT or Institute of Technology Tallaght
* Sean Reid - South Dublin Chamber
* Tara De Buitlear - PPN
* Sherri Brennan - South Dublin Chamber
* IBEC – Vacant at present

**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 Rob Russell
* Councillor Francis Timmons

Sectoral Members

* Connie Kiernan - PPN
* John Farrell - South Dublin Chamber
* Donnie Andersen - Agricultural and Farming

**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 Emma Hendrick

Sectoral Members

* Betty Tyrrell–Collard - ICTU
* Gillian Mc Williams – PPN
* Catriona Mc Clean – PPN

**Social and Community SPC**

Council Members

* Councillor Deirdre O'Donovan - Chairperson
* Councillor Jonathan Graham
* Councillor Vicki Casserly
* Councillor Sarah Holland
* Councillor Kenneth Egan
* Councillor Emma Murphy

Sectoral Members

* Gráinne Ní Mhuirí - PPN
* Latifat Olagoke - PPN

**Land Use, Transportation and Planning SPC**

Council Members

* Councillor Emer Higgins - Chairperson
* Councillor Mick Murphy
* Councillor Ruth Nolan
* Councillor Paul Gogarty
* Councillor Liona O’ Toole
* Councillor Paula Donovan

Sectoral Members

* Neil Durkan - Development Construction
* Denis Sherwin – South Dublin Chamber
* Siobhan Butler - PPN

**South Dublin County Council Audit Committee Members**

* George Kennington (Chair), Partner Audit, Crowe Horwath
* Eilis Quinlan, Quinlan & Co Chartered Accountants
* Ann Horan, Chairperson of the Health Products Regulatory Authority
* Dermot Carter, Director of Finance, The Adelaide & Meath Hospital incorporating the National Children’s Hospital\*
* Councillor Dermot Richardson
* Councillor Guss O’Connell
* Councillor Martina Genockey

\*Dermot Carter resigned from the Committee on the 12th December 2017

**South Dublin County Council Joint Policing Committee Membership 2017**

***South Dublin Councillors (13) plus Mayor***

* Cllr. Deirdre O’Donovan (Chair)
* Cllr. Paula Donovan
* Cllr. Mick Duff
* Cllr. Louise Dunne
* Cllr. Kenneth Egan
* Cllr. Brendan Ferron
* Cllr. Paul Foley
* Cllr. Emma Hendrick
* Cllr. Cathal King
* Cllr. Kieran Mahon
* Cllr. Ed O’Brien
* Cllr. Liona O’Toole
* Cllr. Mark Ward
* Mayor, Cllr Paul Gogarty

***Oireachtas (5)***

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

***SDCC (1)***

* Billy Coman

***Garda Siochána (2)***

* Chief Superintendent Kevin Gralton
* Chief Superintendent Lorraine Wheatley

***Community (7) (PPN (4) Other (3))***

* Ann Corrigan (PPN)
* Enda Creegan (PPN)
* Tara Deasy (PPN)
* Michael Noonan (PPN)
* Vacant (Drug and Alcohol Task Force Community)
* Ray McGrath (Drug and Alcohol Task Force Community)
* Gemma Carton (Garda Diversion)

**Local Community Development Committee Membership 2017**

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| Name | Organisation |
| **Private** |  |
| Prof. Mary Corcoran | NUI Maynooth |
| Prof. Joe Barry | Trinity College Centre for Health Sciences |
| Anna Lee | Community |
| Larry O’Neill | SDC Partnership |
| Tricia Nolan | PPN Community |
| Gerry Stockil | PPN Community |
| Justin Byrne | PPN Environment |
| Aiden Lloyd | PPN Social Inclusion |
| Maurice Walsh | PPN Social Inclusion |
| Vacancy | Youth Services |

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| Name | Organisation |
| **Public** |  |
| Cllr Paula Donovan | Elected Member |
| Cllr Kieran Mahon | Elected Member |
| Cllr Sarah Holland | Elected Member |
| Billy Coman | South Dublin County Council |
| Padraig Rehill | Health Service Executive |
| Deirdre McKeon | Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board |
| Henry Fottrell | Department of Social Protection |
| Colm Ward | Local Enterprise Office |

## **Appendix 3: Training Conferences attended by Councillors in 2017**

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| **Name** | **Venue** | **Date** |
| AILG Training National Planning Framework | Radisson Blu Hotel,  Co. Athlone | 16th February 2017 |
| Local Government Modernisation | University College, Cork | 16th February 2017 |
| Colmcille Winter School  Ireland and the EU after post-British Withdrawal | 28th Colmcille Winter School, Co. Donegal | 24th-25th February 2017 |
| Tourism Seminar - Collaborate Locally to Compete Globally - Local Authorities Supporting Tourism | Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, Dublin | 29th–30th March 2017 |
| AILG Annual Conference | West County Hotel,  Ennis Co. Clare | 6th - 7th April 2018 |
| LAMA Annual Conference | City North Hotel,  Gormanston  Co. Meath | 28th -29th April 2017 |
| A Briefing for Elected Members on Community Development initiatives - Urban and Rural | Arklow, Co. Wicklow | 9th May 2017 |
| A Briefing for Elected Members on Community Development initiatives - Urban and Rural | Castlecourt Hotel  Westport  Co. Mayo | 13th May 2017 |
| AILG Training  A Briefing for Elected Members on Community Development Initiatives | Lakeside Hotel, Ballina/Killaloe, Co. Tipperary | 18th May 2017 |
| Brexit, Regional Planning and EU Affairs | Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow | 26th May 2017 |
| AILG Training | Dundalk, Co. Louth | 10th June 2017 |
| Global Turbulence And Uncertainty - Ireland And Europe Must Prepare For A New Era | Mac Gill Summer School, Glenties, Co. Donegal | 19th -20th July 2017 |
| Changing Trends And Approaches To Drug And Alcohol Abuse’ | Baltimore, Co. Cork | 1st -3rd September 2017 |
| Wellbeing for Councillors | City North Hotel Gormanstown Co. Meath | 14th September 2017 |
| Wellbeing for Councillors | Clayton Silver Springs hotel  Cork | 23rd September 2017 |
| Local Authority Members Association Waste Management Better Efficiency | Hotel Minella, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary | 28th – 30th September 2017 |
| Association of Irish Local Government - Autumn Training Conference | Sligo Park Hotel,  Sligo | 12th -13th October 2017 |
| Institute of Professional Training  Local Authority Budgets | Silver Tassie Hotel,  Letterkenny  Co. Donegal | 13th -15th October 2017 |
| Association of Irish Local Government - National Library Strategy 2018 - 2022 | Bridge House Hotel Tullamore, Co. Offaly | 19th October 2017 |
| Association, of Irish Local Government - Weather Emergencies and Local Authorities | Amber Springs Hotel, Gorey, Co. Wexford | 14th November 2017 |
| Association, of Irish Local Government - Weather Emergencies and Local Authorities | Dunboyne Castle,  Dunboyne, Co. Meath | 18th November 2017 |
| University of Limerick  8th Annual Tourism Workshop | Dromoland Castle, Newmarket-on-Fergus, Co. Clare | 17th-18th November 2016 |

## **Appendix 4: Energy Efficiency Report 2017**

***To be included once finalised and provided by the Architects Department. Expected in April 2018 for inclusion in final version of Annual Report to be presented to Council before 30th June.***

## **Appendix 5: Protected Disclosures 2017**

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 there were no protected disclosures received in 2017.

## **Appendix 6: Local Performance Indicators 2017**

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| **Corporate Performance and Change Management** |  |
| **Statistic Name** | **Totals** |
| Customer Contacts processed through Customer Management System (CMS) | 86276 |
| Average CMS response time | 5.68 |
| Members representations processed | 8280 |
| Members representations Average Response time (days) | 10.28 |
| Telephone calls answered | 171669 |
| Telephone calls nswered within 20 seconds (%) | 92.54 |
| Media queries responded to | 489 |
| Fix Your Street queries responded to | 5660 |
| Web pages opened | 2626009 |
| Social media followers | 19270 |
| Staff employed – WTE | 1229 |
| Apprenticeships/graduates | 8 |
| Number of Community Employment (CE) participants | 83 |
| % of CE participants allocated | 66 |
| Training programme - Number of participants | 2866 |
| Number of Customer Care Queries/Complaints received in Irish | 17 |

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| **Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development** | |
| **Statistic Name** | **Totals** |
| LEO - jobs supported | 81 |
| LEO - projects approved | 28 |
| LEO - training participants | 663 |
| LEO - mentoring sessions | 378 |
| Business support grants spend | 414126.24 |
| Business initiative with Chamber meetings held | 288 |
| Shopfront grants paid | 10 |
| Grange Castle jobs sustained | 4411 |
| Library - visitors actual | 859697 |
| Library - visitors online | 477352 |
| Library - items borrowed | 1161523 |
| Library - computer sessions | 197270 |
| Libraries - events hosted | 3980 |
| Library Wi-Fi users | 125964 |
| Arts grants paid | 29 |
| Arts events hosted | 70 |
| Visitors civic theatre | 443138 |
| Visitors Rua Red | 146398 |
| GC Jobs (Construction) | 931 |
| SDCC Investment in Tourism Projects | 2507782.66 |

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| **Environment, Water & Climate Change** | |
| **Statistic Name** | **Totals** |
| Grass cut – Hectares | 6526.69 |
| Trees inspected | 4056 |
| Trees pruned | 1766 |
| Trees removed | 1032 |
| Trees planted | 606 |
| Number of stumps removed | 328 |
| Number of locations of hedge cuts | 205 |
| Hectares of park land maintained | 1750 |
| Number of allotments provided | 421 |
| Playing pitches provided/maintained | 162 |
| Playgrounds provided/maintained | 34 |
| Tonnage of waste collected - street bins | 427.02 |
| Tonnage of waste collected - litter/illegal dumping | 4966.37 |
| Tonnage of waste collected - road sweeping/gullies | 5615.5 |
| Number of bring banks provided | 74 |
| Number of recycling centres | 2 |
| Number of green flag schools | 134 |
| Kilometres of roads swept monthly | 931 |
| Derelict site/Dangerous building inspections | 343 |
| Number of sites on derelict sites register | 20 |
| Number of environment inspections | 615 |
| Environment enforcement procedures commenced | 23 |
| Environment enforcement - cases closed | 24 |
| Litter - fines issued | 553 |
| Litter - court appearances | 43 |
| Litter - cases closed | 4407 |
| Total number of waste permits in force | 34 |
| Number of waste enforcement notices issued | 21 |
| Water Quality (%) | 99.9 |
| % of unaccounted for water | 38.75 |
| Water maintenance repairs completed | 584 |
| Water pollution incidents dealt with | 59 |
| Number of dogs impounded | 591 |
| Number of dog licences in force | 8840 |
| Dublin Fire Brigade (DFB) fire incidents mobilised | 2208 |
| DFB Ambulance incidents mobilised | 12915 |
| Number of horses impounded | 227 |

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| **Housing, Social & Community Development** | |
| **Statistic Name** | **Totals** |
| Total housing stock | 9167 |
| Construction starts | 299 |
| Construction completions | 0 |
| Total housing needs assessed | 8172 |
| Allocations - Homeless/Other | 258 |
| No. of voids | 48 |
| Time taken to re-let dwellings (weeks) | 9 |
| Total RAS units | 1397 |
| Total HAP units | 2339 |
| Total units leased | 892 |
| Number of housing grants approved | 261 |
| Housing Maintenance requests received | 19307 |
| Housing Maintenance requests completed | 9011 |
| Planned Maintenance - units completed | 134 |
| Total PPN registrations | 106 |
| Number of community grants issued | 96 |
| Number of sports programmes | 2437 |
| Number of sports programme participants | 124092 |
| Number of community events | 323 |
| Number of community event participants | 67430 |
| Visitors to leisure facilities | 586724 |
| Private Residential Tenancies Board (PRTB) inspections | 0 |
| PRTB called no access | 0 |
| Building Energy Rating (BER) inspections | 179 |
| BER Certs published | 218 |
| Mechanical Inspections | 2168 |
| Energy upgrades completed | 319 |
| Electrical inspections completed | 2143 |
| Number of anti-social incidents reported | 663 |
| Number of actions taken in response to reports | 7785 |
| JPC and Policing Fora meetings held | 37 |
| Number of Local Festivals supported | 10 |
| Disabled Person’s Grant (DPG) Works | 196 |
| Tidy Towns Groups Supported | 11 |

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| **Land Use Planning & Transportation** | |
| **Statistic Name** | **Totals** |
| Planning applications received - new housing | 207 |
| Planning applications received - new housing (units) | 2343 |
| Planning granted new houses - applications | 104 |
| Planning granted new houses - applications (units) | 2053 |
| Planning applications housing - applications | 207 |
| Planning applications housing - applications (units) | 2343 |
| Planning Refused - number of houses | 262 |
| Planning applications – other | 692 |
| Planning other - number granted | 595 |
| Planning other - number refused | 63 |
| Additional information requests - all classes | 179 |
| % decisions upheld by ABP | 60 |
| Pre planning meetings held | 206 |
| Planning enforcements initiated | 97 |
| Enforcement files closed | 84 |
| Building control inspections | 313 |
| Commencement notices received | 1517 |
| Taking in Charge (TIC) requests received | 1 |
| TIC completions | 3 |
| Area of footpath repaired in metres squared (m2) | 83781 |
| Area of road repaired in m2 | 129455 |
| Number of public lights in charge | 29269 |
| Number of public lights repaired | 6409 |
| Traffic lights repaired | 1005 |

## **Appendix 7. Senior Management Team**

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| Chief Executive | Daniel McLoughlin |
| Director of Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development | Frank Nevin |
| Director of Housing, Social and Community Development | Billy Coman |
| Director of Environment, Water and Climate Change | Teresa Walsh |
| Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management | Lorna Maxwell |
| Director of Land Use, Planning and Transportation | Eddie Taaffe (until October 2017) and Laura Leonard, Acting |
| Head of Finance | Ronan Fitzgerald |
| Head of Information Systems | Tommy Kavanagh |
| County Architect | Eddie Conroy |
| Law Agent | Lorcan Gógan |