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onastery Road is a busy street that links Clondalk-in to the N7. On 7 October, SDCC will be starting works on-site to improve the pedestrian and cycle environment along this important street.

The works will extend from immediately east of the Monastery Heath junction along the Monastery Road to the Ibis Roundabout proceeding south across the N7 on the bow bridge (L1019) and terminating just south of the bridge at the Red Cow Luas Stop car park.

This will include; new and enhanced footpaths and cycle paths; new signalised pedestrian crossings; changes to the existing roundabouts and junctions; tree planting; and a staircase down the eastern embankment just south of

the bow bridge close to the N7.

The works will last approximately 6 months and during this time there will be traffic management measures in place, but local traffic access will be maintained.

The project is being funded by the NTA.





Mobility Week

European mobility promotes the use of sustainable modes of transport as a means of promoting healthy lifestyles and places and in support of this SDCC ran several initiatives, including;

- A Smarter Travel Survey for employees to identify travel patterns and subsequently measures that would increase peoples use of sustainable modes of transport,
- A bicycle repair station to maintain and teach people how to maintain their bicycles,
- Virtual Reality headset to promote road safety and awareness for drivers
- Lunchtime walks for staff,
- In the future, we will also be looking to actively participate in World Car Free day.



LED Lighting Upgrade

In line with the National Energy Efficiency Plan (2014), SDCC has sought to reduce its energy use by putting in motion an LED upgrade programme. This has seen 30% of the public lighting stock upgraded to LED lights or the equivalent of nearly 9,500 lights.

Bicycle Maintenance

The promotion of cycling as a mode of transport is a big priority for the Council. Evidence shows that the lack of easy and cheap ways to maintain your bicycle can reduce usage.

To help address this, the Council procured 'Civic Integrated Solutions' to construct and install 4 new bicycle maintenance stands across the County including at a) Tallaght Civic Theatre b) Grange Road Rathfarnham c) Clondalkin Village and d) Staff cycle area in County Hall. SDCC has plans to install more during 2020.





he Council delivered another successful Health and Wellbeing Week in September with over 10,000 participants in a wide range of activities.

The opening event for the week in Tallaght Stadium saw Mayor Vicki Casserly and various invited guests including our Health and Wellbeing Ambassadors oversee more than 400 schoolchildren from schools across the County in a range of sporting activities.

Other key events included the inaugural Inspired@South Dublin health and wellness event in Corkagh Park which attracted 3,000 people to take part in sports and physical activities, highlighting the physical activity opportunities available throughout the County in conjunction with our colleagues

in Sports Partnership, the Sports Office and Dublin's Outdoors.

The main theme of Health & Wellbeing Week this year is Mental Health & Wellbeing and we have 72 events taking place around the County in partnership with various local and national stakeholders.

Another inspiring experience was the Mental Health and Resilience Seminar in Aras Chronain, Clondalkin organised in conjunction with South Dublin County Partnership and featuring Dr Harry Barry as the keynote speaker and featured sessions and workshops on various mental health issues.





New Family Homes

Housing applicants across South Dublin are preparing to get the keys of new and long-awaited homes delivered by South Dublin County Council and various partners in Approved Housing Bodies throughout the fourth quarter of 2019. The Council anticipates delivery of approaching 300 homes over the next three months through our own new build programme as well as through Part V and Approved Housing Bodies.

Families have been allocated over 80 new homes in developments at St. Cuthbert's in Clondalkin, St. Helens in Adamstown and City West Village in conjunction with Fold Housing Association. This will be followed with allocations of upcoming new developments including Somerton in Adamstown; St. John's (Oldcourt), Balrothery (Kingswood), Broadfield in Rathcoole and Westpark, City West as well as various other areas before the end of the year as the Council delivers significant numbers of new social housing in the County under Rebuilding Ireland.



The Community Endeavour Awards for 2019 opened for applications from Monday, 30 September. The Community Endeavour Awards recognise and reward community effort and achievement in South Dublin County.

Friday, 18 October at 4 pm is the closing date for receipt of applications.

Brookfield 'Crazy Garden'

Brookfield is getting a 'crazy garden' through a collaborative community partnership led by St. Aidan's Primary School and supported by the Council's Estate Management team.

The crazy garden, as named by the pupils, is the creation of low maintenance, multi-coloured grass designs in a designated area within Brookfield Community Garden for school activities. The project is sponsored by Xilinz Group while Lucan Garden Centre supplied the expertise alongside school, Council staff and Brookfield Environment Group.





he Red Line Book Festival returned to venues across South Dublin from October 7th to the 13th, as the Council and South Dublin libraries celebrated the very best in local, national and international writing.

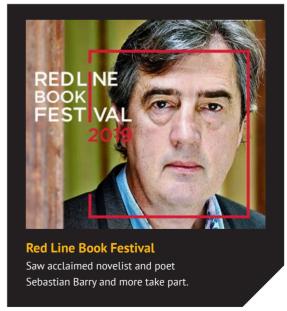
Events took place throughout the County in local libraries, in the Civic Theatre, Rua Red, Rathfarnham Castle, Pearse Museum and Cherrytree Theatre and Áras Chronáin, this was a world class book festival brought to the doorstep of South Dublin County!

Talks, readings and performances included Sebastian Barry, Lisa Harding, Christine Dwyer Hickey, Anne Griffin, Catherine Dunne, Hugo Hamilton, Kathleen Watkins, Joseph O'Connor, Kevin Barry and lots more.

Red Line Book Festival 2019 had something to suit all tastes – from poetry to sport and a family and schools programme.

Go to redlinebookfestival.ie for the full programme and see what took place.

We're looking forward to next year's Red Line Book Festival already!





Culture Night 2019

County Library Tallaght was filled with 200 people attending for Culture Night on Friday 20th September.

The focus of the night was an official launch of the publication: "Where Do You Think You Are From?" A study of place, family and diversity – conducted by 5th Class students across the Tallaght area, in association with our Local Studies team.

The idea behind the project was to bring the history of Tallaght to the 5th class students in local primary schools and then allow them to explore their own family history, giving a voice to diversity in Tallaght.

On the night, an exhibition of the original writings of the children was on display.

Each participant received their own copy of the publication. This was followed by refreshments with entertainment by the Franzini Brothers.



Local Enterprise Office

The South Dublin Local Enterprise Office ran a half-day event in Tallaght Stadium designed to help local business Get Brexit Ready. Speakers and panels throughout the day discussed the challenges and opportunities presented by Brexit to local business.

Grange Castle

The Mayor participated in a 'Breaking Ground' event at the CyrusOne site in Grange Castle Business Park on Tuesday 17th September.

The elected members agreed to the disposal of the 15 acre site in Grange Castle to CyrusOne in March 2018.

When complete CyrusOne will provide up to 70 high quality jobs with several hundred people employed during the construction phase.





ontribute to SDCC's new Corporate Plan 2020 - 2024! The public consultation for South Dublin County Council's Corporate Plan 2020 -2024 is now underway.

The Corporate Plan sets out the Council's strategic objectives and supporting strategies to achieve those objectives. The objectives will be determined through this consultation, which will engage with elected members, staff, the public and external stakeholder organisations operating locally, regionally and nationally.

In order to identify and develop the organisational priorities for the next five years, we want to hear your ideas on how your council can work for you. Getting your input at this time is very important to support the development of a plan that will be specific to the needs of the county and its citizens.

All of the views contributed will be used to inform the final version of the plan and to support the development of a vision for South Dublin County and for the Council as an organisation.

Please engage with this public consultation by visiting clicking the 'Consultation Portal' under 'Council' from the home page of the Council website or by visiting this link https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/





Safe and Healthy Seminar

The Council's Health and Safety Officer and the Continuous Improvement, Learning and Development section are putting the final arrangements in place for a Staff Safe and Healthy Workplace Seminar, scheduled to take place on 24 October n the Civic Theatre to mark Health and Safety Week 2019.

Two speakers have been invited to address staff:

Gerry Duffy, a professional speaker and writer on 'motivation' and 'goal setting', Gerry has a sporting CV which has seen him complete some of the hardest endurance challenges on the planet.

Annette Tierney, a specialist in the field of theatre-based learning. Theatre at Work looks to explore the human factors involved in workplace safety. They use safety plays as live, interactive case-studies illustrating how even the smallest action, or inaction, can have the greatest impact when it comes to workplace safety.



€300k Have Your Say

Workshops were held throughout the Firhouse - Bohernabreena electoral area as the submissions stage remains open until close of business on Monday, 14 October.

Voting on the final shortlist is due to take place in November.

Draft Register of Electors

Next year's Register of Electors is now being compiled. Citizens are being asked to see if they are registered to vote by checking the voting register at www.voter. ie.

If you are not on the register, you can be included by entering your details on Voter.ie or fill in an RFA form available at the Council's Customer Care Counters and Libraries.

The closing date for receipt of completed forms is 1 November. Last date for making claims for corrections to the draft is the 25 November.





number of new playspaces have opened in South Dublin recently as part of the completion of South Dublin County Council's Playspace Programme, bringing the number of council managed playgrounds and playspaces in the county to a grand total of 43 so far.

Playspaces opened this year include natural playspaces at Whitechurch, Glendown, Waterstown Park, Willsbrook Park and Lucan Demesne. A playspace at Perrystown has recently been completed and a playspace at Greenhills Park is on site and will be opened in the coming months. Playspaces at Dodder Valley and Newcastle have just recently passed Part 8 (Planning) processes.

One of the most recently complet-

ed natural playspaces opened on the 25th of July 2019 in Ballymount Park, near Newlands Cross Cemetery car park. The playspace features a number of swings for children of different ages and abilities. There is a large accessible sand play area with logs and boulders and a sand bucket.

Also included are an accessible slide, monkey bars/ gymnastics bars, a balancing log and an accessible trampoline. The equipment is laid out along the existing path through the park, so children are encouraged to move from piece to piece. The playspace is proving very popular to date.





ReUse Month

October is Ireland's National Reuse Month, reuse is about valuing our stuff, by using and reusing it for as long and as often as possible. This avoids the need to extract raw materials, manufacture and distribute new stuff, and avoids waste thereby cutting down on greenhouse gas emissions.

This might sound like stepping back in time, when people held on to things for longer, passed on things they no longer needed and recycled everything from curtains to car parts. But this campaign is targeted at a generation that grew up in a consumer culture that didn't consider where things came from or went to after their use – never mind the environmental consequences of using up primary resources and dumping toxic waste.

Throughout October community-based workshops will take place in areas such as managing food waste and upcycling everything from fashion to furniture.



ReUse Month Events

National Reuse Month was launched by the Mayor Cllr Vicki Casserly on Tuesday 1st October. Details of Creative Reuse workshops, Vintage Displays, Recycle IT WEEE collections can be found at https:// www.mywaste.ie/reuse-month-events/

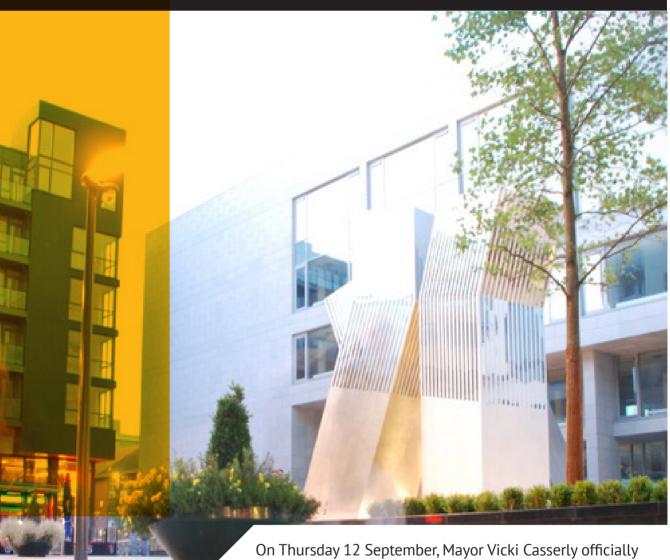
Bulbs Not Bonfires

It's getting to that time of year again and South Dublin County Council is encouraging people to have a Safe Halloween by providing communities with daffodil bulbs to plant for lovely spring flowers instead of a scarred open space throughout the year as the result of a bonfire.

Bulbs not Bonfires is a reward in the Council's Social Credits Scheme that rewards groups for undertaking pro-environmental / non bonfire orientated Halloween activities and projects. Applicants are requested to submit details of their project before the closing date on 24 October.



TALLAGHT TOWN LOCAL AREA PLAN



On Thursday 12 September, Mayor Vicki Casserly officially launched the Proposed Draft Tallaght Town Centre Local Area Plan at County Hall, Tallaght.

he Local Area Plan will guide the growth of Tallaght over the next six years and beyond. A six-week public consultation period on the Draft Plan is taking place between Thursday 12 September and Thursday 24 October 2019.

Tallaght has emerged over the last three decades as a centre of civic focus, playing host to major institutions, including Tallaght Hospital, Tallaght Stadium, Technological University Dublin (TUD), South Dublin County Council and the head office of the Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board.

Tallaght is also home to the Whitestown Industrial Estate, Tallaght Business Park and Broomhill Industrial Estate which serve as identifiable economic clusters and reinforce Tallaght's position as an employment and

MAKE A SUBMISSION

The proposed Draft Local Area Plan and Environmental Report can be seen at both the County Library and the County Hall in Tallaght during normal opening hours.

To view the Draft Local Atea Plan online and make submissions, members of the public can visit https://consult.sdublincoco.ie.

Council staff have also been available in the County Library in Tallaght to answer queries. The final day that they are available for this is on Tuesday 15 October between 4pm and 7.30pm.

enterprise destination of regional significance.

The potential for the Tallaght Local Area Plan is great. The regeneration lands could deliver up to 5,000 homes in the years up to 2026. With an area of 270 hectares, the full development of the Tallaght Local Area Plan could accommodate between 9,700 to 12,800 new homes; 4,700 to 12,800 additional jobs; and a population of up to 38,000 people over the next twenty years.

Daniel McLoughlin, Chief Executive of South Dublin County Council has stated that the vision for the plan is to create,

'An inclusive and vibrant Tallaght Town Centre, a connected and accessible place with an attractive built environment for families of all kinds, workers, visitors and tourists. A place where people can live, work, visit and have fun in lively and liveable spaces.'

Mayor Vicki Casserly added that

'The success of the plan depends on the active participation of communities, businesses and residents and I encourage all interested parties to engage in the public consultation process.'



AFFORDABLE HOMES **PORTAL**



seek provisional expressions of interest from the public for the provision of affordable homes.

he launch of the portal follows the recent allocation of €18 million to South Dublin County Council by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government through the government's Serviced Sites Fund to support the development of three sites earmarked for the delivery of affordable homes.

The three sites initially being developed plan for an estimated,

- 300 affordable homes delivered in Killinarden, Tallaght,
- 135 homes in phase one of the recently approved Clonburris Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) scheme,
- 100 homes in Rathcoole.

South Dublin County Council is now asking members of the public to register their provisional interest for

DID YOU KNOW?

Figures released by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government earlier this year showed more than 1,787 additional households were supported by South Dublin County Council though social housing solutions in 2018, representing 115% of the Council's Rebuilding Ireland target set for the year.

Under the Rebuilding Ireland Programme, annual targets are set for each local authority area. Local authorities are responsible for monitoring and delivering on these targets, including through collaboration with Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs). these homes online at www.sdcc.ie/ affordablehomes. This initial engagement with the public is to allow the council to gauge the level of interest generally prior to finalising its plans.

Further information on eligibility and income limits are expected to be published by the government in the coming months.

The delivery of affordable homes is one aspect of South Dublin County Council's ambitious housing programme aimed at delivering 4500 homes, estimated to be worth in excess of €1 billion over the coming years and is part of its commitment to the governments Rebuilding Ireland programme.

It is estimated that up to 1,500 of

these new homes will be delivered as affordable and will help low-to-middle income earners purchase their own property. The final breakdown of the five mixed tenure developments will be decided based on the final master plans approved for each site and on the finalisation of the government's affordable housing scheme.

Daniel McLoughlin, Chief Executive of South Dublin County Council, said that, "the delivery of affordable housing is a significant but challenging element of our housing strategy. We hope that early engagement with potential applicants will serve us well in understanding sentiment around this issue and guide us in our decision making."



PUBLIC WATER FOUNTAINS



Public water fountains are aimed at supporting wellbeing and healthier lifestyle choices, promoting active travel options and encouraging the use of reusable flasks and

The Public Water Fountains provision is an action of South Dublin County Council's recently launched Climate Change Action Plan 2019 – 2024.

bottles over single-use plastics.

he Climate Change Action Plan identifies the main climate risks facing South Dublin County and includes both the Councils' and the current levels of greenhouse gas emissions across the South Dublin County Council area. It includes four targets for the Council to reach in the coming years:

A 33% improvement in the Council's energy efficiency by 2020,

CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN

Through the Climate Change Action Plan, South Dublin County Council has put forward 130 actions that are either ongoing or planned within the Council, under five key areas - Energy and Buildings, Transport, Flood Resilience, Nature-Based Solutions and Resource Management.

CCAP is aligned to the Government's 'Climate Action Plan 2019 To Tackle Climate Breakdown'.

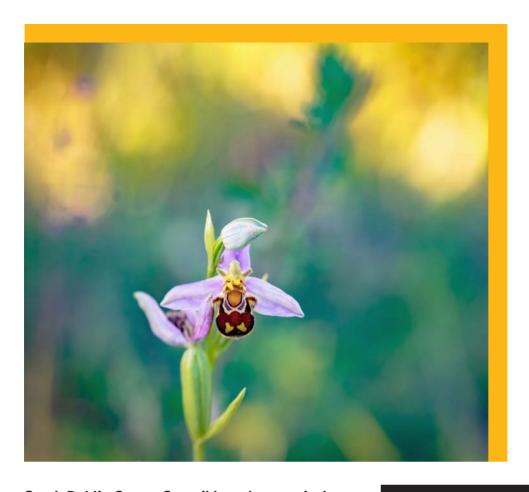
You can download a copy of the Climate Change Action Plan on the Council's dedicated Climate Action webpage.

- A 40% reduction in the Councils' greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.
- To make Dublin a climate-resilient region, by reducing the impacts of future climate change-related events,
- To actively engage and inform citizens on climate change.
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Additional water fountains are being introduced at:

- Civic Plaza, Clondalkin
- The Triangle, Lucan Village
- The Athletics track, Griffeen Valley
- Playground, Tymon Park
- Rathfarnham Castle
- Main Street, Rathcoole
- Playground, Waterstown Park
- Corkagh Park







South Dublin County Council have been actively engaging with the National Pollinator Plan and many of these actions are in partnership with community groups, local resident associations and Tidy Towns Groups.

he All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2015 -2020 cites that one-third of Ireland's 98 bee species are threatened with extinction. Most pollination on the island of Ireland is carried out by bees; though other insects also play a role.

Pollinators need food and shelter to thrive and the National Pollinator Plan sets out several actions that everyone, including Councils, can take to help support pollinators.

The main action undertaken by the Council is in creating wildflower meadows. Since 2017 a planned programme of meadowland creation has been underway and this year the area of wildflower has increased to 90 hectares, spread across the county in SDCC parks. Thousands of orchids were counted in our parks this year alone. Abundance and diversity of wild pollinators are key to the future because of their importance to crop production and food supply; biodiversity and landscape; and health and wellbeing.

In order to help raise awareness and to encourage public engagement with the project information signage is erected at the meadowland locations outlining the benefits to pollinators.

Due to their trojan work on supporting pollinators; the team at Tymon Park were

SOUTH DUBLIN PROGR





N POLLINATOR RAME

SDCC HAVE RECENTLY OPENED NATIVE TREE TRAILS IN DODDER VALLEY PARK AND SEAN WALSH PARK WHICH INCLUDED PLANTING OF NATIVE TREES WITH ACCOMPANYING SIGNAGE.

awarded the All Ireland Pollinator Award Overall Category for Town Park in 2019. Friends of Tymon Park (a local community group) worked with Council staff on several initiatives within the park and assisted the Heritage Officer to quantify the number of orchids growing there this year.

Two pilot projects to support pollinators were recently completed; one was a bulb planting project in Clondalkin; which bloomed very successfully just last Spring and a pilot pollinator-friendly planting scheme at the disused water feature in County Hall.

Some years ago, as part of a permeability project, 1.2 hectares of wildflower meadow was specifically seeded close to Grange Road, Rathfarnham. Surveys have been carried out on the insect population within this meadow and the initiative is of great benefit to biodiversity in the area.

SDCC has implemented a maintenance programme to control Invasive Alien Species for the past 3 years; this innovative and proactive approach puts SDCC at the forefront of control of Invasive Alien Species.



AUGUST STATISTICS REPORT

HIGHLIGHTS



Corporate Performance and Change Management

Customer Care Queries processed	6598		
Telephone calls answered	13422		
Web pages opened on Council websites	252135		
Social Media Followers across Council platforms	34117		



Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

LEO - Number of mentoring sessions	48
Grange Castle jobs sustained	5328
Library visitors	97088
Visitors to the Civic Theatre and Rua Red	5095



Environment, Water and Climate Change

Trees pruned	326
Trees inspected	142
Grass cut	1069 hectares
Playing pitches provided/maintained	163
Tonnes of waste collected – litter and illegal dumping	1283
Tonnes of waste collected from street bins	36
No. of bring banks provided	74
No. of green flag schools	136



Housing, Social and Community Development

Total Housing Stock	9506
Total housing needs assessed	6869
Housing maintenance requests received	1243
Tidy Towns Groups supported	11
Community grants issued	18
Number of sports programme participants	4385
Visitors to leisure facilities	36775



Land Use, Planning and Transportation

Building control inspections	58		
Area of footpath repaired in metres squared (m2)	7662		
Area of road repaired in m2	3612		
Number of public lights in charge	29700		
Number of traffic lights repaired within 24 hours	87		

You can view all statistics under the Statistics Report in the Manager's Report headed item of the monthly Council meeting.

FINANCE REPORT

Billing and Collection Statement

Income Sources 2019	Arrears @ 31 Dec 2018 Provisional	Adopted Budget 2019	Billed to 27th September 2019	Rec'ts/Credits to 27th September 2019	GL Arrears @ 27th September 2019	% of Budget Income Achieved	
Via Billing Systems		Taken may are to			111033110		
Commercial Rates	€22,962,719	€122,914,400	€122,542,861	€105,384,302	€40,121,278	100%	
Entry Year Property Levy (PEL)	€401,877	€5,400,000	€5,132,970	€4,989,461	€545,387	95%	
Housing Rents	€7,616,122	€22,465,700	€17,462,184	€17,174,932	€7,903,374	78%	
Housing RAS Rents	€487,822	€2,242,600	€1,786,402	€1,710,964	€563,260	80%	
Via Cash Systems				1.6 971		-	
NPPR Charge	n/a	€600,000	n/a	€856,394	€0	143%	
Planning Fees	n/a	€1,180,000	n/a	€656,089	€0	56%	
Fire Certificates	n/a	€550,000	n/a	€633,496	€0	115%	
Parking Fees	n/a	€654,000	n/a	€349,322	€0	53%	
	€31,468,540	€156,006,700	€146,924,417	€131,754,960	€49,133,297		
Irish Water September 2019	€1,105,501	€8,414,000	€5,350,738	€5,985,894	€470,346	64%	

Rents Aged Debt			Rates Aged Debt			PEL Aged Debt			
Category	Numbers	Amounts	% of Accounts	Year	Bal O/S	96	Year	Bal O/S	%
Accounts not in Arrears	6,026	-€1,738,528	50%	2019	€26,414,767	66%	2019	€446,635	82%
0-12 weeks	2,852	€567,200	24%	2018	€5,045,258	13%	2018	€30,541	6%
13-18 weeks	474	€357,065	496	2017	€3,383,015	8%	2017	€25,161	5%
19-24 weeks	357	€375,368	3%	2016	€2,041,319	5%	2016	€26,375	5%
25-52 weeks	1,003	€2,019,237	8%	2015	€1,347,574	3%	2015	€15,342	3%
1-2 years	790	€3,046,470	7%	2014	€758,483	2%	2014	€1,332	096
Greater than 2 years	484	€3,276,561	496	Pre 2014	€1,130,862	3%	Pre 2014	€0	096
Totals	11,986	€7,903,374	100%		€40,121,278	100%		€545,387	100%
Average Rent		48.13							

Use of overdraft facility

Department approved overdraft facility = €25,000,000

Number of days in Overdraft from 1 January to 27 September 2019 = 0

IMAGES OF THE

MONTH



