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# Chief Executive's Report

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# About the Chief Executive's Report

South Dublin County Council's Chief Executive's Report is presented to elected members at Council every month and details important achievements across our various departments whilst highlighting key statistics and images from events that took place that month.

The report also highlights major news pieces and puts a focus on an area of the Council that doesn't always get the attention it deserves.

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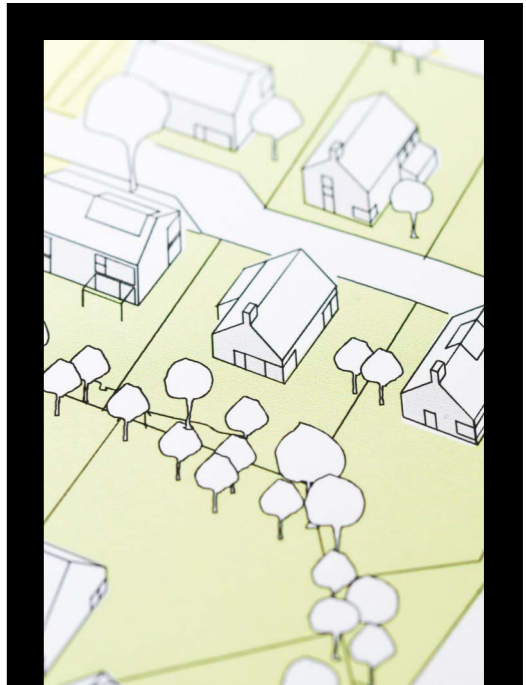
## Lucan Lighting Scheme

The Celbridge Road in Lucan in recent years has become a busier road that serves new housing estates and has increased car and pedestrian movements.

In recognition of this and with the aim of improving safety for those people using this road, the team have installed eighteen new public LED lighting columns along the road and this has already made a big improvement in this area.

Public lighting is key to South Dublin County Council achieving its energy efficiency target detailed in the Council's Climate Change Action Plan.

The Council is committed to achieving further energy reductions in this area.



## Development Management

2019 was one of the busiest years yet for the Council's Development Management team. The Planning Authority received approximately 950 planning applications for determination and received over 1,000 planning enforcement complaints. All of these applications and complaints are assessed by a team of planning, technician and administrative staff in the Council.

## D12 Bike Bus

The D12 Bike Bus has set the wheels in motion for a more sustainable commute through South Dublin. The Bike Bus, the first of its kind in South Dublin, took place from 7.30 am on Friday 12 December.

The D12 Bike Bus is currently made up of parent volunteers from the school community who enable their children to cycle safely to school on the road, along a set route, and on a set timetable, every Friday morning. The volunteers act as a sort of mobile, protected bike lane for these children.

The Galway Cycle Bus was the inspiration behind the setting up

of the Bike Bus and after many weeks trialling different routes and refining down the timetable the parents, and children, are ready to officially launch their Bike Bus.

The aim to the launch is primarily to celebrate their hard work to date; to help raise awareness of their presence on the road and to encourage other parents, or cycling volunteers, to get involved and support the D12 Bike Bus or set up their own Bike Bus



**D12 Bike Bus**  
The D12 Bike Bus promotes cycle safety for children.

## Templeogue Village

There has been a lot of collaboration between the Council, local Councillors and the Templeogue Tidy Town team over the last number of months on the Templeogue Village Renewal Works.

This collaboration has helped to finalise the detailed design of the project, which will be going out to tender for a contractor early in 2020 with an estimated cost of approximately €1.2 million.

Ahead of the big works that will take place in 2020 the team have agreed on the design and have installed a new heritage sign at the entrance to the village.



Templeogue Village Renewal Works

# HOUSING SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



## New Homes in 2019

Over 540 households on the South Dublin Housing List received keys to their new homes throughout 2019. The number of new tenancies represents a significant increase on 2018 figures and is a result of the Council's own building programme, reallocation of existing stock and collaboration with Approved Housing Bodies.

High standard new developments such as St. Cuthbert's, Owendoher, MacUlliam Heights and Glasbeag delivered by the Council with funding support from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government were allocated in 2019.

In addition, Part V delivery and the purchase of new build homes for social housing in estates such as Somerton (Respond Housing), White Pines (Circle Housing) Westpark (Cluid Housing) by Approved Housing Bodies were also allocated to families from the Council's Housing List.



## Carbon Monoxide Scheme

Applications for the Council's Carbon Monoxide Scheme remains open until 16 January.

The scheme is also available to residents who are under the age of 55 if they are living alone or deemed vulnerable for the purpose of this scheme. More details are available on [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie).

## Football for All Schools Fun Day

The Council and FAI Football Development Team hosted the annual Football for All Schools Fun Day in Tallaght Leisure Centre on Thursday 12th December. This event brings together participating schools from the weekly Football For All programmes in South Dublin County, namely Scoil Mochua, Clondalkin; Stewart's Special School, Palmerston and Cheeverstown Special School.

Overseen by local Football Development Officers JJ Glynn, Stephen Rice, Mark Connors and Robbie De Courcy, some 60 boys and girls took part in an engaging range of fun and inclusive activities and games. They were greatly assisted on the day by helpers from 6th class in St.

Damian's National School, Perystown along with other volunteers as well as teachers from the schools.

All children were brought to and from their schools by bus courtesy of the Council and also received a Christmas present as they left, ensuring many happy faces at the end of the fun day.



### Football For All

The Council and the FAI held the Football For All event in Tallaght

## Sports Bursary Awards

The Council's Annual Sports Bursary Awards, in partnership with TU Dublin -Tallaght, were presented in December. The bursary, which began in 2006, provides grants to students involved with sports teams in TU Dublin.

This year awards were made to students across many codes including Gaelic games, basketball, football, badminton, boxing, volleyball and weightlifting.

Past recipients of the bursary include players that have represented Irish international hockey and badminton as well as players from GAA and League of Ireland.



Over 540 households received keys to their new homes in 2019

# ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT



Grange Castle Business Park

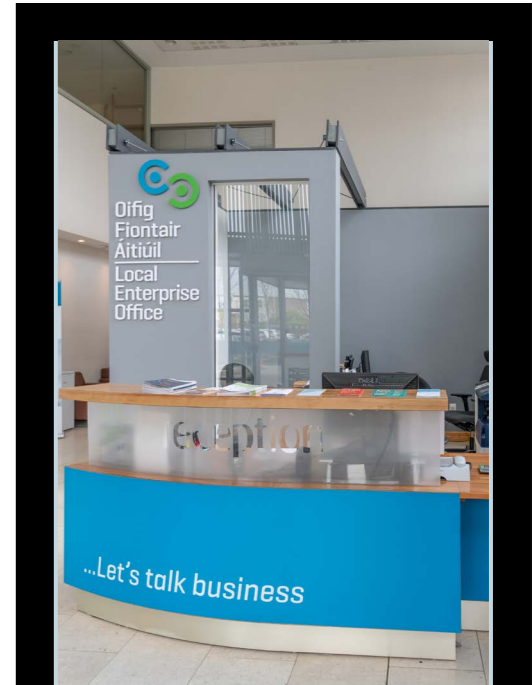
## Innovation Centre

Contracts have been signed for the design of the Council's upcoming Enterprise Innovation Centre with Oxford Innovation.

The new 4,000 m2 innovation centre will be located adjacent to the Council's head office in Tallaght and will provide flexible office space.

The project is being supported through the government's Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF). It is considered to be a key part of the Council's vision for the future Tallaght.

Pictured below with Daniel McLoughlin, Chief Executive of South Dublin County Council, is Ruth O'Herlihy of McCullough Mulvin Architects..



## Local Enterprise Week

The Local Enterprise Office will be announcing a number of events in the coming weeks for this year's Local Enterprise Week.

Local Enterprise Week 2020 takes place from Monday, 2 March to Friday, 6 March.

## Shamrock Rovers' Reception

A Mayor's Reception was held in Tallaght Stadium to celebrate Shamrock Rovers' historic 25th FAI Cup victory.

The Council celebrated the success of the Stephen Bradley, the players, Jonathan Roche and everyone connected with the club and presented Shamrock Rovers with a token of appreciation from Mayor Vicki Casserly. Cllr Charlie O'Connor acted as host for the night.

The victory means European football will be returning to Tallaght Stadium in 2020 as Shamrock Rovers enter the Europa League.

This will be an exciting year for the Council owned stadium as the

development of the North Stand and remodelling of the Main Stand gets underway. In conjunction with these plans, South Dublin County Council in-tends to promote Tallaght Stadium as an events venue to include music, festivals and all aspects of community events. With stadium seating and temporary on-field seating, the venue will accommodate up to 20,000 people.



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## Grange Castle

South Dublin County Council is to dispose of approximately 20.3 acres at Grange Castle Business Park to Microsoft Ireland Operations Limited.

The proposed disposal was brought to the December Council meeting and will add to Microsoft's existing campus in Grange Castle to meet ongoing demands in the data centre and cloud computing sector.

Full details of the site disposal are available on [sdcc.ie](http://sdcc.ie) under the December Council meetings minutes.



The signing of the contract for the design of the Innovation Centre in Tallaght

# CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND CHANGE MANAGEMENT



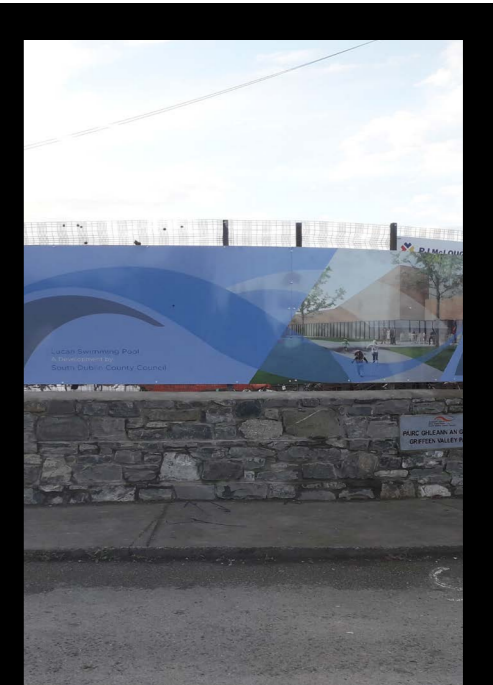
## Polling Scheme

Elected members adopted the Council's Polling Scheme at the December Council meeting. The new Polling Scheme included changes in the new constituency/ local electoral area boundaries and improvements to voting arrangements for some electors.

The last Polling Scheme was approved by South Dublin County Council in 2010. Since then a number of circumstances have given rise to changes to the Register of Electors. These include the existing 2013 Dáil Constituency Boundary, the Dáil Constituency Commission Report 2017, and the Local Electoral Areas as contained in the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee No. 2 Report 2018.

The main changes brought about by the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee No. 2 Report 2018 was the creation of seven Local Electoral Areas.

The Polling Scheme will come into effect with the publication of the 2020-21 Register of Electors on the 15th February 2020.



## Branded Hoarding

Newly designed Council hoarding has been erected at the construction site of Lucan swimming pool. The designs showcase the mock ups of the completed project and incorporate the Council's logo and branding throughout. More hoardings with bespoke designs will be used by the Council in 2020 so keep an eye out for them.

## €300k Have Your Say

lawn Park

Five community-led projects have been selected by the public to be funded in the Firhouse – Bohernabreen Electoral Area through South Dublin County Council's landmark €300k Have Your Say participatory budgeting initiative.

The five projects selected for funding are:

- A Health and Wellbeing Garden in Firhouse Community Centre
- An Intergenerational Outdoor Activity Space in Glenasmole
- A Nature Trail along the River Dodder
- Upgraded playground facilities in Ballycragh Park
- A Native Tree Trail in Wood-

Over 5,000 people voted in this year's edition of '€300k Have Your Say', making it the most successful to date in terms of voting.

'€300k Have Your Say' is a participatory budgeting initiative which has been run by South Dublin County Council since 2017.

South Dublin County Council has previously won a Chambers Ireland Local Government Award in Citizen Engagement for the initiative and been shortlisted for a European Innovation in Politics award in the 'Democracy' category. South Dublin County Council was the first local authority in the country to run a participatory budgeting initiative in 2017.



**€300k Have Your Say**  
Residents from Glenasmole at the Have Your Say results night.

## Purple Lights Campaign

South Dublin County Council lit County Hall, Tallaght up in purple to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities in December.

The campaign, run by the Disability Federation of Ireland, asked landmark buildings throughout the country to be flooded in purple lights in a salute to the over 600,000 people in Ireland who live with a disability.

#PurpleLightUp is a global movement designed to draw attention to the economic empowerment of disabled people.



County Hall was lit up for the Purple Lights Campaign

# ENVIRONMENT WATER AND CLIMATE CHANGE



## Road Sweeping Contract

The Council has signed a new road sweeping contract with Oxigen Environmental Ltd. The new contract commences on 1 January 2020 and runs for a period of three years with an option to extend to five years in total. The value of the contract is €2.1m per year. The contract provides for several improvements in the road sweeping service as set out below.

- Dual carriageway sweeping frequency to increase to monthly.
- Sweeping/cleaning of main roads and housing estate roads in certain areas is to increase to fortnightly for main roads and once every 6 weeks for estate roads.
- Weed control is to improve with the frequency increasing to 3 times per.
- New contract includes improved requirements in the area of leaf removal.
- Improvements in record keeping and reporting on the contract are also included.



## Christmas Competition

Did you know that every year each household generates an estimated 54kgs extra waste per household over Christmas! In order to raise awareness and highlight the issue, the Council's Environmental Awareness section held a Christmas Decoration Competition with over 80 entries displayed in County Hall in December.

## Inclusive Playspaces Seminar and Launch of Video

The Mayor of South Dublin County Council, Cllr Vikki Casserly opened a seminar on inclusive playspaces at the County Hall. The seminar was hosted by SDCC to disseminate information and knowledge about universal design gained over the past five years during the roll out of SDCC's playspace programme.

The playspace programme is developing accessible, inclusive playspaces for children of all abilities. Local Authorities have a variety of policy and legislative responsibilities to provide accessible facilities and services to all disabled people (the Disability Act 2005, UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities etc.). In order to

meet these responsibilities and commitments South Dublin County Council developed a playspace design programme with accessibility as a core aim.

The seminar was targeted at Public Realm designers, parks staff, planners, and any others who has a role, or interest, in providing inclusive playspaces and developing healthy, sustainable communities and was well attended.

A video showcasing Inclusive Playspaces across South Dublin County was premiered during the seminar and is available to view on the Council's YouTube page.



### Playspace Seminar

The Council leads the way in developing inclusive playspaces.

## Electric Vans - 1 Year On

The introduction of Electric Vehicles (EVs) was piloted in 2019 to test the feasibility of using electricity as a power source for our fleet rather than fossil fuels.

Since then, the Council's five EVs have travelled approximately 26,000 km and with no reports of running out of power!

Estimated cost savings by using electricity instead of diesel is around €2,000. In terms of CO2 savings, it is estimated that equivalent vans running diesel engines would have produced 3.5 tonnes of CO2 in order to travel a similar distance.



The Council's Electric Van fleet was rolled out one year ago

# KILCARBERY HOUSING APPROVED



South Dublin County Council's joint venture development of 1,034 homes at Kilcarbery in Clondalkin, Dublin 22 has been approved by An Bord Pleanála.

The joint venture development will provide over 1,000 homes of 29 acres of council land at Kilcarbery.

The mixed tenure development which will include 310 social housing units (30% of the development) is the first of its kind envisaged as part of the major urban sites initiative under "Rebuilding Ireland".

Adwood Ltd, a consortium of established Dublin builders Adroit and Maplewood, will develop the site. Adwood Ltd will pay the council €38m and deliver 310 social housing units at competitive rates over four years.

In return for state support through the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) of €2m, the developer has also committed to delivering 50 units at prices discounted

## HOUSING PLANS

Kilcarbery comprises a significant number of the approximately 4,500 new homes South Dublin County Council could deliver under an ambitious housing plan worth in excess of €1 billion.

Other developments include delivering 2,600 homes at Clonburris, 500 in Killinarden, 250 in Rathcoole and 150 new homes in Belgard Square North.



to the market.

The 724 private homes include a comprehensive range of 3 and 4-bed houses as well as one, two and three-bed apartments. The tender also includes an 847 sq.m. community building which will be handed over to the Council. A creche and retail unit will also be included as part of the development

The Kilcarbery development is part of the Council's €1 billion investment plan for building 4,500 new homes in the County in the coming years.

Daniel McLoughlin, Chief Executive of South Dublin County Council, said,

"This is a vital element of our overall council-led housing strategy to

deliver 4500 homes over the next few years. We must now get on with commencement on site at the earliest opportunity and look forward to the development of this new community."

Welcoming the grant of planning permission, Anthony Lydon and Michael Whelan Jr of Adwood Ltd, said,

"We are delighted to partner with South Dublin County Council on this development and look forward to delivering over one thousand new homes on site."



Drawings of the Kilcarbery development



# COMMUNITY ENDEAVOUR AWARDS



The Community Endeavour Awards took place in the Red Cow Moran's Hotel on Friday 6 December. Mayor Cllr Vicki Casserly was on hand to present the awards to the winning groups.

**T**he Community Endeavour Awards aim to acknowledge, promote and recognise the work of community and voluntary organisations within the administrative area of South Dublin County Council. Libraries across the County also participating in a variety of ways including providing sensory friendly library times and reading books that have accessibility themes during children's storytimes.

A total of 126 entries were received from a wide variety of groups operating in South Dublin County and these were then assessed by an independent judging panel.

Thirteen awards were handed out across a number of categories to the following groups.

- The Friends of St Cuthbert's
- The Park Community Centre

## COMMUNITY TEAM

The Community Endeavour Awards is just one of the ways South Dublin County Council supports and celebrates the wide range of groups that work to make our County such a vibrant and inclusive place to live, visit, work and do business in.

You can find more information on community initiatives, funding and support, contacts and various committees, such as the Joint Policing Committee and the Local Community Development Committee on [www.sdcc.ie/en/services/community](http://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/community).

- Templeogue United Football Club
- Brookfield Fettercairn Men's Shed
- Clondalkin Men's Shed
- Glenasmole Ceili Committee
- St Lorcan's Boys National School, Gardening Club
- Palmerstown Meitheal Tidy Towns
- NINA for Life
- SPAR Dutch Village
- 180th Lucan South Scouts Group
- MacUilliam Soulswork Choir

Award 2019.

Speaking at the event, Mayor Cllr Vicki Casserly said,

"There is an immense richness and variety of voluntary organisations working in South Dublin and it is important that we celebrate them and the difference they make to the lives of the people of this County. Their dedication is invaluable to this County and everyone who lives, works and passes through here."

Andrea Fox was also named as South Dublin County's Volunteer of the Year at the event. Rhasidat Adeleke and the Dublin Ladies Senior Gaelic Football Team were recipients of a Mayor's Special Honorary Award and the Clondalkin Men's Shed were awarded the Overall Community Endeavour



Clondalkin Men's Shed at the awards

# COUNCIL TOPS INTEGRITY INDEX



## South Dublin County Council topped Transparency International Ireland's annual National Integrity Index.

**T**he Council were ranked joint-first in Transparency International Ireland's (TII) annual National Integrity Index when it was released in December.

Transparency International Ireland's (TII) annual National Integrity Index (NII) ranks the country's 31 local authorities based on three criteria: transparency, accountability and ethics.

South Dublin County Council ranked joint highest alongside Fingal County Council when it comes to behaving in a transparent manner. South Dublin County Council received 100% in the Accountability ranking and received an overall score of 22 points out of 30.

The index and report examine systems and practices for promoting integrity in local authorities

## NATIONAL INTEGRITY INDEX

The National Integrity Index is comprised of research carried out by Transparency International Ireland.

Transparency International Ireland describes themselves as an independent, non-profit and nonpartisan organisation.

The first index on Local Authorities was published in July 2018 and was based on research carried out between July 2017 and February 2018.

and draws from information available on council websites, freedom of information requests and feedback from local authority staff and councillors.

The index is based on research carried out between June 2019 and December 2019. On average, local authorities in Ireland improved their scores by 9% compared to 2018.

The report is independent of the statutory body that oversees the local government sector, the National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC). NOAC was established in July 2014 under the Local Government Reform Act 2014 to provide independent oversight of the local government sector (local authorities and associated bodies), including Regional Assemblies.

NOAC produce annual reports on local authority performance, which can be found on their website at [www.noac.ie](http://www.noac.ie).

South Dublin County Council have also previously scored highly in NOAC reports around areas such as providing 'Value for Money' and how the public feel the Council is doing overall.



County Hall, Tallaght



**The Council has a key role to play in promoting and supporting the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities. We do this through initiatives and programmes that make positive and practical changes to health and behaviour.**

**T**he Healthy South Dublin Strategy 2019-2022, developed by the South Dublin Health County Committee together with the Local Community Development Committee and the Children's and Young Peoples Services Committee identifies actions for the specific themes in the National Healthy Ireland Strategy: Healthy Weight, Physical Activity, Mental Health & Wellbeing, Sexual Health, Alcohol and Tobacco.

**This provides a roadmap for improving health in South Dublin County and is the strategic framework to support our corporate objective to "lead a healthy, active and participative County" and**

**deliver on the Local Economic and Community Plan goal to "empower our Communities to improve their health and wellbeing and quality of life".**

**The Council promotes health and wellbeing for the community across our services and functions and leads the Healthy County Committee's oversight of interagency projects. Our annual Health and Wellbeing Week, which attracted 10,000 participants in 2019 in 2019 highlights the work we do in this area.**

Our Sports Partnership and Sports and Recreation teams focus on a wide range of sports activities for all as well promoting physical literacy and the benefits of

# HEALTH AND WELLBEING FRAMEWORK



physical activity. This is underpinned by the range of sports, leisure and recreational facilities provided by the Council throughout the County, the latest of which will be the new swimming pool at Lucan that is currently under construction.

Healthy communities are connected and engaged. We provide multiple supports and funding opportunities for community participation to complement the expanding range of community centres that are a focal point for groups as well as hosting many health programmes and events.

A range of community health projects are supported by the Council to deliver health interventions and improvements, particularly in our most disadvantaged areas. Coupled with our social inclusion work, including through the delivery of the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme, we work to engage and support marginalised individuals and groups to improve health awareness and education.

Older persons' health and wellbeing initiatives will be further developed with a new County Age-Friendly Strategy this year, in line with South Dublin's membership of the WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities.

In addition, funding under the Healthy Ireland programme 2019-2021 in South Dublin will support the Social Prescribing Project; a pilot Community Alcohol Programme, a Physical Activity Challenge, a Primary Schools Sports Coaching Programme, mental health/suicide prevention work and Community Mental Health Fund projects.

# DECEMBER STATISTICS REPORT HIGHLIGHTS



## Corporate Performance and Change Management

Customer Care Queries processed	7881
Telephone calls answered	16145
Web pages opened on Council websites	275375
Social Media Followers across Council platforms	35164



## Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

LEO - Number of mentoring sessions	45
Grange Castle jobs sustained	5328
Library visitors	113,045
Visitors to the Civic Theatre and Rua Red	33,679



## Environment, Water and Climate Change

Trees pruned	370
Trees inspected	1688
Grass cut	553 hectares
Playing pitches provided/maintained	163
Tonnes of waste collected - litter and illegal dumping	726
Tonnes of waste collected from street bins	38
No. of bring banks provided	74
No. of green flag schools	136



## Housing, Social and Community Development

Total Housing Stock	9583
Total housing needs assessed	6858
Housing maintenance requests received	1724
Tidy Towns Groups supported	11
Community grants issued	2
Number of sports programme participants	10260
Visitors to leisure facilities	55243

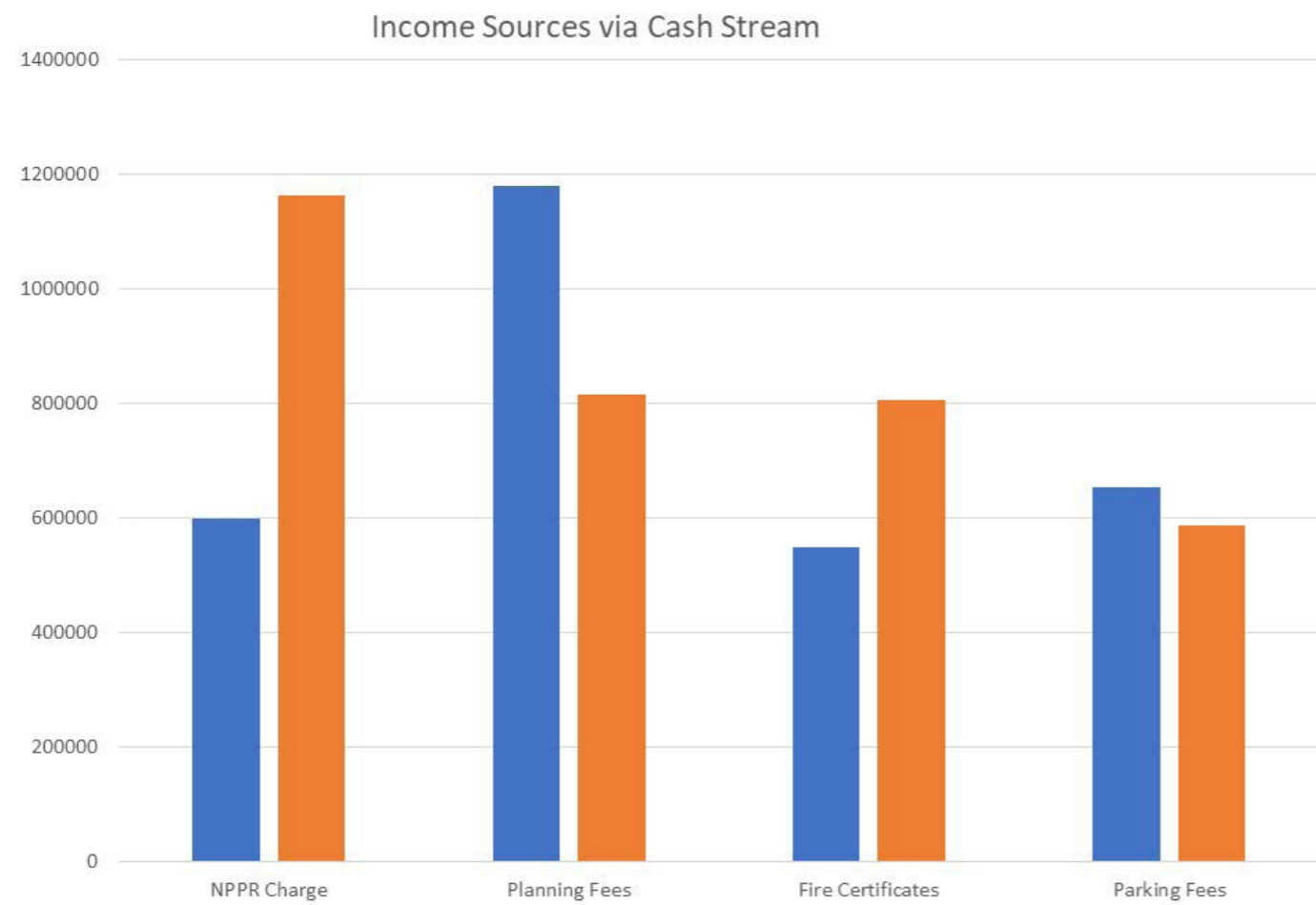


## Land Use, Planning and Transportation

Building control inspections	52
Area of footpath repaired in metres squared (m2)	3496
Area of road repaired in m2	11268
Number of public lights in charge	30050
Number of traffic lights repaired within 24 hours	576

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

# FINANCE REPORT



You can view the full Finance Report under the Manager's Report headed item of the monthly Council meeting agenda.

# IMAGES OF THE MONTH



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