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South Dublin County Council



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Chief Executive's Report

Tymon Park Tree Sculpture

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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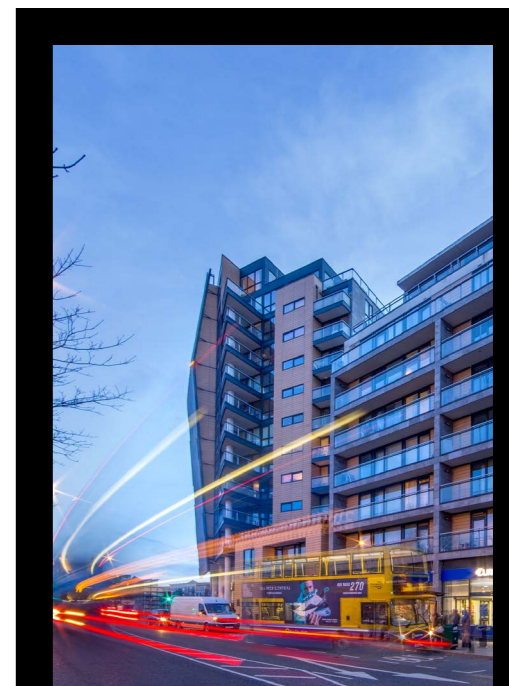
Land Use, Planning and Transportation



Cycle South Dublin

With the easing of construction restrictions for active travel and greenway projects in April, two new Cycle South Dublin projects are now due to commence on-site during May. The first project is 650 metres long and runs on Grange Road in Rathfarnham from Nutgrove Avenue to St Enda's Drive. With three busy schools along this street, it will provide a safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists. It is planned for the works to take approximately nine months and to be completed in early 2022.

The second project is at the Jobstown Junction on the N81 in Tallaght. The project combines 500 metres of pedestrian and cycle improvements at this busy junction, along with significant landscape improvements to the surrounding green spaces. The project will take approximately nine months to deliver.



Draft County Development Plan

The Chief Executive's Draft County Development Plan 2022-2028 has been submitted to elected members for consideration. Consideration of the Draft Plan has to be completed within eight weeks culminating in agreement on the Draft Plan that will go out on public consultation. The Draft Plan will then go on display for ten weeks on 7 July having undergone any revisions on foot of those considerations.

Lower Dodder Road public consultation extension

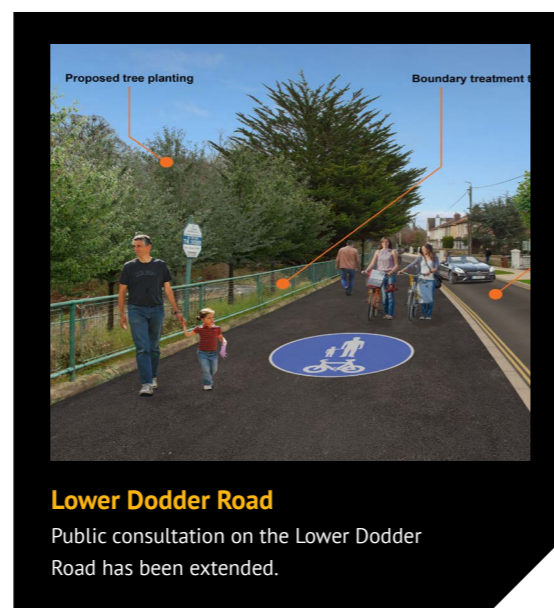
Public consultation on a Part 8 proposal for an active travel scheme along the Lower Dodder Road started in March and was due to end on 26 April. This project is part of the agreed Cycle South Dublin programme of works.

The scheme proposes the introduction of a new one-way system along the Lower Dodder Road and an extension to the existing footpath to provide more space for pedestrians and cyclists.

During the public consultation, there were concerns from the resident groups that people in the immediate area of the scheme were unable to meet, due to COVID

level 5 restrictions, to discuss the proposal and to fully understand its impacts on the street and the access to their homes. In response to this, and in discussion with elected members, it was agreed to extend the public consultation to 5 July to address the concerns, particularly of the elderly population living on this street.

It is now planned to bring the proposed Part 8 scheme to Council in September for consideration. Whilst this is a delay in the programme, this extended timescale will give all local people and Councillors a significantly extended opportunity to provide feedback on the proposal.



Lower Dodder Road
Public consultation on the Lower Dodder Road has been extended.

Heritage Investment

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage is operating the Built Heritage Investment Scheme again for 2021. The fund is intended to assist with works to safeguard structures protected under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and, in certain cases, works to structures within Architectural Conservation Areas, and to support the employment of skilled and experienced conservation professionals and tradespeople. The allocation for the Council under the scheme for 2021 is €72,000 which was an increase of €12,000 from last year's allocation.



The Built Heritage Investment Scheme is being run again in 2021.

Housing, Social and Community Development



Rathcoole Courthouse Plans

Plans by the Council, in partnership with Rathcoole Community Council, for an extension and alterations to the former Court of Petty Sessions on the Main Street in Rathcoole Village are currently out for public consultation.

The historic building, which is a protected structure, will be enhanced with a multi-use room, café area and significant conservation and improvement work under the proposal, with funding from both the Council and the Department of Rural and Community Development under the Town and Village Renewal Fund.

The plans can be viewed, and submissions and observations can be submitted, via the Council's online consultation portal until Tuesday 25 May 2021.

**May 25
AFRICA
Day**

Africa Day

The Council is looking to build on a successful European Action Week Against Racism by hosting a range of activities for Africa Day on 25 May. Groups interested in celebrating the vibrant cultural heritage of Africa and the contribution made to Irish society by African communities can contact our Social Inclusion Unit by telephone at 01-4149000 or by emailing info@sdblincoco.ie.

Estate Management and Tenant Involvement

As a Council, we want our estates to be enjoyable places to live and our residents to enjoy the public realm around their homes and we encourage our tenants to become more involved in our estate management work. By working together, we can provide a pleasant environment and better quality of life for everyone.

The Council's Estate Management team is available to provide advice and supports to resident groups wishing to carry out improvements in Council estates, including through creating community gardens, organising clean-ups and litter picking, and carrying out landscaping improvements and tree planting. We can also assist

with supplying cleaning equipment and materials as well as arranging waste disposal for approved initiatives in a local estate.

South Dublin County Council is strongly committed to empowering local communities to improve their areas through targeted estate management works and interventions – we will support measures to increase engagement and capacity building including through the use of technologies and innovation. Local groups are very welcome to submit information and photographs on their estate management initiatives that we will promote and share through social media and newsletters.



Estate Management

Any residents looking for advice or opportunities can contact the Estate Management team.

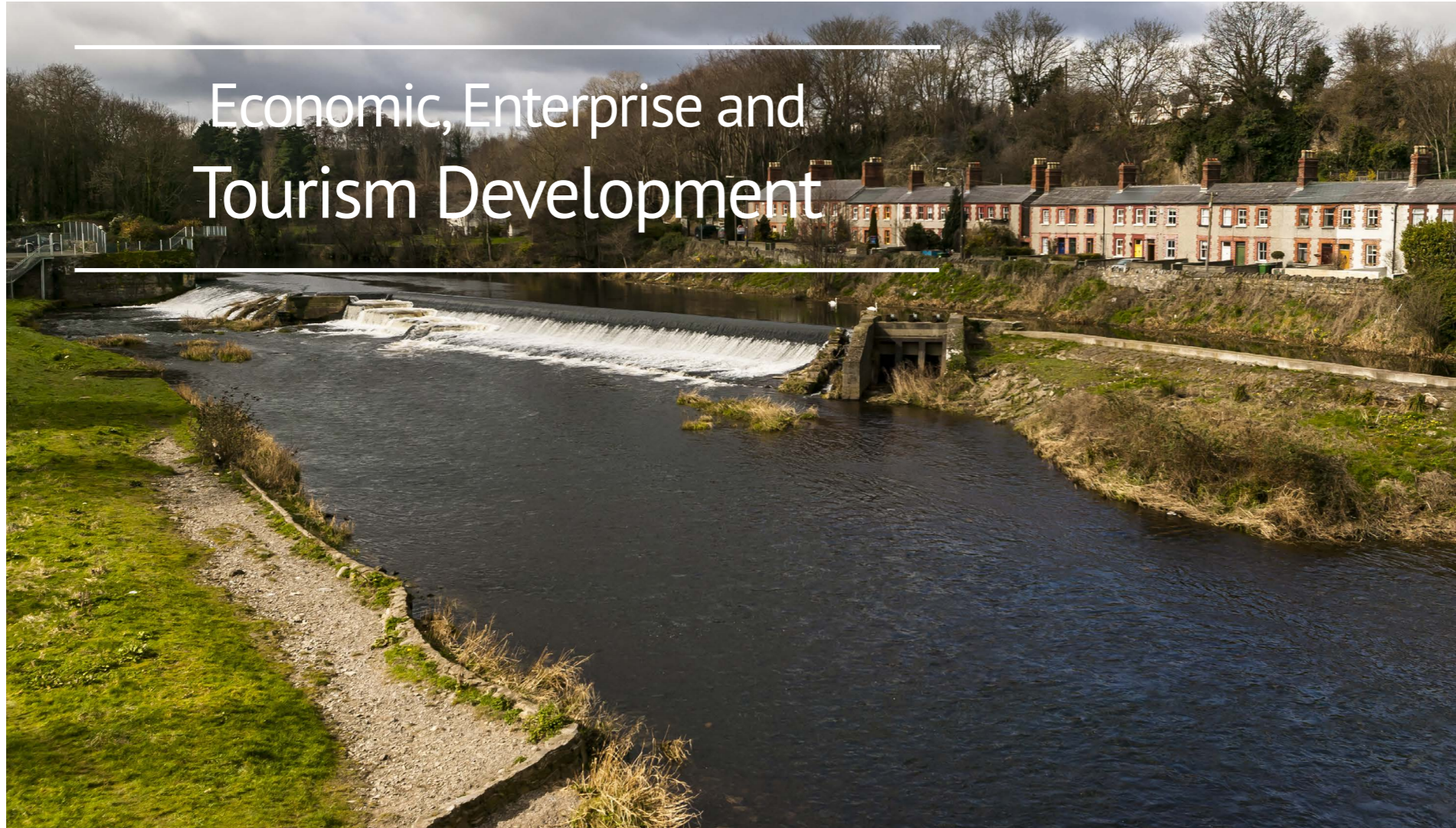
Week Against Racism

For European Action Week Against Racism, the Council hosted a "Racism has no place in South Dublin County" art competition to celebrate the diversity of people living in Ireland today and to combat racism, with winners subsequently presented with prizes by Mayor Ed O'Brien. Activities also included an intercultural dancing workshop facilitated by Mother Tongues, who promote intercultural dialogue and a town hall discussion with communities in Adamstown on the impact of racism on adolescents and the challenges they face in partnership with African Social Workers Ireland.



Mayor Ed O'Brien presented the European Action Week Against Racism prize to the overall winner Li Zhou.

Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

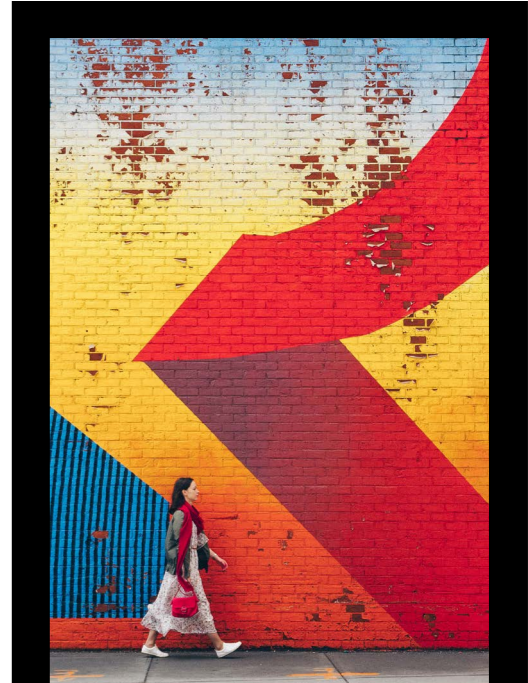


Tallaght Hospital Project

As part of the Keep Well campaign, North Clondalkin Library, and in association with with Tallaght Hospital, has been running a pilot initiative within the hospital to loan 30 playaways and 30 adult fiction books.

Tallaght Hospital has identified the William Stokes Unit, which is a ward for elderly and stroke patients predominately, as the best area to roll out the playaway audio books. These patients can have issues with their sight and motor skills and these devices enable the patients to enjoy books whilst an inpatient in the hospital.

Online resources are also being promoted within Tallaght Hospital, with particular emphasis on BorrowBox. BorrowBox is an app that allows library members borrow eBooks and eAudiobooks free from their library.



District Centre Enhancement

South Dublin County Council is currently inviting artists to submit Stage 1 proposals for commissions in the District Centre Enhancement Programme at Rosemount Shopping Centre (Rathfarnham) and Castletymon Centre (Tallaght). The closing date is Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 4:00 PM and an artist's brief is available for download on the Council's website.

Local Legacies 1921/2021

South Dublin County Council's Decade of Centenaries Programme 2021, approved by the Council's Commemorations Committee, will explore, and reflect on the impact of the pivotal events of 100 years ago at both a national and local level. The effect of the War of Independence, the Truce and the signing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty has been felt here, as elsewhere in the country, through the Civil War, and the past 100 years to today.

This year's programme will focus on local connections to the War of Independence, explored through cultural events, historical reflections, lectures, and exhibitions. We will also reflect on life at the time in a broader context, including the

social conditions experienced by local people during the revolutionary period, the Irish language and cultural life, the role of women during this time, South Dublin County's military heritage, and the experiences of Irishmen who fought in the Great War on their return to their communities in South Dublin County.

We look forward to engaging with local historians, artists, community groups, and the community in general, throughout South Dublin County in the commemoration of this formative period of Irish history.



Local Legacies

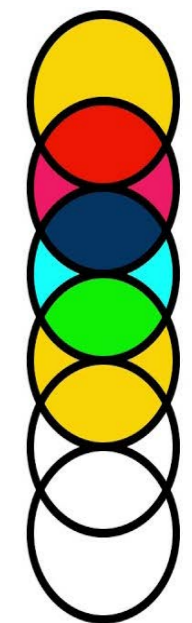
The Decade of Centenaries Programme 2021 has been set.

Exploring & Thinking

The four Dublin Local Authorities announced this year's recipients of the Exploring & Thinking Bursary. The Bursary Awards support individual professional artists to develop their artistic practice working with and/or producing work for early childhood arts. Early childhood arts includes a wide range of different art practices and creative experiences with/for children aged 0 to 5 years in different contexts.

Exploring & Thinking is a collaborative framework for early childhood arts in the Dublin region. The first Exploring & Thinking Partnership Bursary Awards were allocated in 2019.

Exploring & Thinking Bursary Award 2020-21 Awarded Artists



The Exploring & Thinking Bursary recipients were announced.

Corporate Performance and Change Management



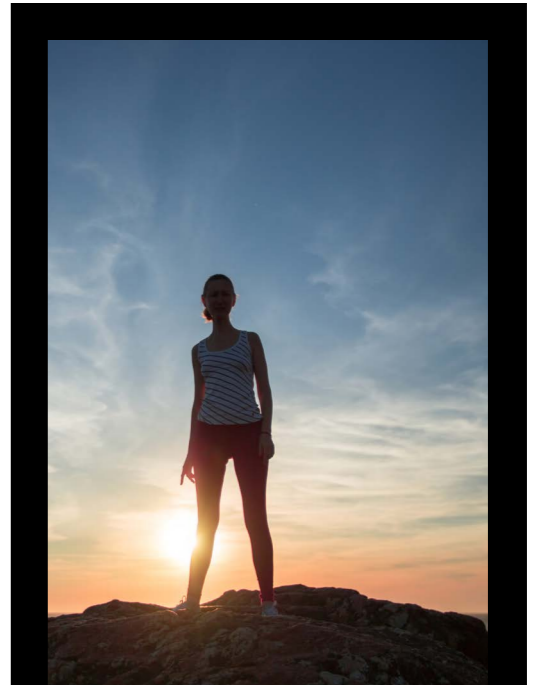
Business with the Council

The Council buys a large variety of goods, services and contracts work across a wide range of categories every year. For goods and services contracts above €25,000 and works contracts above €50,000, the Council advertises tender competitions on etenders. Suppliers can register on etenders and then register interest in particular categories to get notified of relevant tender opportunities.

The Council directly invites suppliers for quotations for contracts below €25,000 for goods and services and below €50,000 for works using the quick quote facility on etenders. To express an interest in quotation opportunities please:

- Register your company as a supplier on etenders, and
- Fill out the form on their site so we can add you to our interested companies list.

Please note that registering an interest does not guarantee any quotation opportunities but it does make Council buyers aware that your company is interested in quoting for opportunities.



Darkness Into Light

The Council lit up County Hall, Tallaght, and the Civic Offices in Clondalkin on Saturday 8 May to take part in the annual Darkness Into Light mental health awareness day. Darkness Into Light is an annual fundraising day for Pieta that began in Dublin in 2009. Since Darkness Into Light began, almost €29 million has been raised for the charity.

Corporate Procurement Plan 2021 – 2023

South Dublin County Council's Corporate Procurement Plan 2021 - 2023 is now available on www.sdcc.ie. The Plan outlines the Council's procurement objectives and goals over three years, from 2021 to 2023.

The Corporate Procurement Plan provides a small flavour of the types of competitions run by the Council and an overview of areas where suppliers and contractors have assisted the Council to deliver services to anyone who lives, visits, works or learns in South Dublin County.

The Plan sets out the goals and targets under each of the following headings: governance, procurement

planning and achieving efficiencies, compliance with procurement rules and requirements; value for money on cost and contract performance, business engagement measures, sustainable procurement measures and innovation and diversity measures.

Full details and a copy of the Corporate Procurement Plan 2021 – 2023 can be found on the Council's website by searching for 'procurement plan'.



Corporate Procurement Plan
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Council Meetings

As part of the Council's response to COVID-19, meetings have been taking place virtually and held on Microsoft Teams. This is to facilitate the business of the Council to continue during Level 5 COVID restrictions. The full Council meets the second Monday of every month, and all other Council committee meetings are listed on www.sdcc.ie under the Council Meetings section.

These meetings are open to the public. To attend, please email meetingsadmin@sdblincoco.ie by 5 pm on the Friday before the meeting.



Council meetings were previously held in Tallaght Stadium.

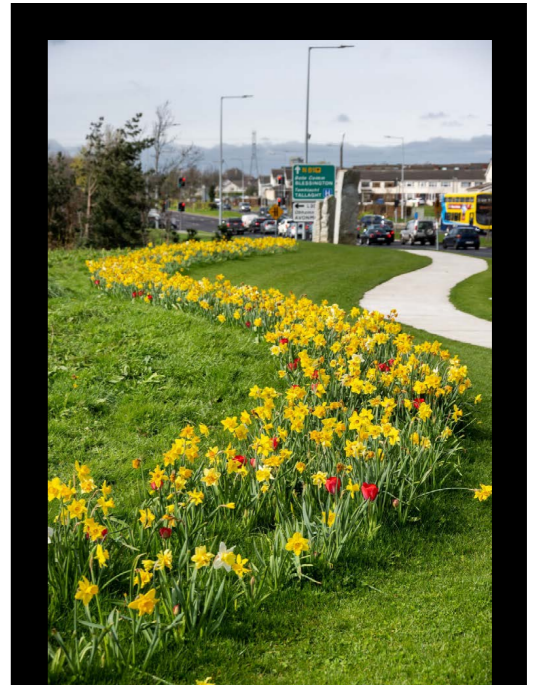
Environment, Water Climate Change



Intergenerational Centre

The formal Part 8 public consultation process for the proposed Intergenerational Centre at Tymon Park, Wellington Lane has commenced and will be open until 5pm on 1 June 2021. The details and particulars are available on the Council's consultation portal, as are the details of how to make a submission.

The Council's capital budget made a commitment of €1.29million for the provision of this facility at Tymon Park. The proposed Intergenerational Centre with a café is designed to make the best of its parkland setting with a south facing terrace overlooking the lake. The current concept plan develops an idea of a multi-use facility that is adaptable to a variety of community uses. It is designed for the use of small to medium sized groups that require a flexible space. The proposed centre accommodates flexible use both inside and outside the facility and the amenities within the park are also available to the centre users.



290,000 Bulbs Planted

As part of the Council's commitment to meet the objectives set out in the Climate Change Action Plan, around 290,000 bulbs were planted throughout the County in autumn 2020 at various prominent locations and they are now blooming. Daffodil bulbs have been planted with pollinator friendly bulbs such as tulips and cammasia with around 85% of the bulb mix being pollinator friendly.

Great response to National Spring Clean in South Dublin County

April is National Spring Clean month and South Dublin County Council is delighted to report that more than 80 groups registered to carry out clean up events in 2021. The effort and enthusiasm of the National Spring Clean volunteers has ensured the campaign's real triumph and success.

National Spring clean is the largest, annual anti-litter initiative in Ireland. South Dublin County Council supports the initiative by providing materials, co-ordinating clean-up activities for communities in the County and organising for the disposal of all rubbish and waste materials collected.

In addition to the materials supplied by National Spring Clean, local groups who wish to carry out local environmental enhancements, can avail of support materials through the Council's Social Credits Scheme which supports volunteers with clean up supplies, as well as materials to start up community gardens and much more.

For more information on these initiatives please visit www.sdcc.ie or email envawareness@sdblun-coco.ie.



National Spring Clean

Over 80 groups registered to take part in South Dublin County.

Dublin Canvas

Dublin Canvas runs from late Spring and finishes by late Autumn. and a callout for submissions of artwork for 2021 is now open. Dublin Canvas is an inclusive community art project which uses traffic light control boxes to exhibit high quality, creative artwork to the public. Traffic light control boxes make perfect canvases to showcase community art as they are always naturally located in high footfall areas. The project takes previously unused public space and transforms it into canvases to help brighten up each area. Making South Dublin County a more beautiful place to live, work, learn and visit.



Dublin Canvas is open for submissions.

Cycle South Dublin Approved



South Dublin County Council voted to approve the Cycle South Dublin programme of work at April's Council meeting.

South Dublin County's population is set to grow to nearly 330,000 people by 2030. This would be an increase of nearly 50,000 people living in the County from 2016. Since 2016, traffic congestion in South Dublin County has grown by 11% on main roads and this will become ever more challenging as the population continues to grow.

South Dublin County Council's mission

is for cycling to become a credible alternative to a private vehicle. However, to do this we believe we must deliver a well-designed, safe and well-connected walking and cycling network for people of all ages and abilities.

To this end, South Dublin County Council has prepared an ambitious programme of work, called Cycle South Dublin. This programme

Current progression of Cycle South Dublin

South Dublin County Council is already making progress on delivering the programme. The following schemes are already on-site, or are due to commence on site shortly, but had been paused due to COVID restrictions.

- The 14km Dodder Greenway,
- New streets at both Celbridge Link Street in Adamstown and Belgard North Link Street in Tallaght,
- Monastery Road,
- Grange Road and the N81 Jobstown Junction schemes.

In addition to those schemes that are on-site, the Council is also making progress on several new schemes across the County at sites like Wellington Lane, Lucan Canal Loop, Dodder Lower Road and more.

reflects the increasing importance of making cycling a realistic and integral part of how people move around the County. There is currently 207km of cycle lanes across South Dublin County. In recent years, the Council has progressed eight active travel projects totalling approximately 21km of new and improved cycle lanes.

The Council approved 'Cycle South Dublin' programme includes 63 projects that would deliver approximately 260km of space for cycling and walking. This is an increase of nearly 50km from the programme that was publicly consulted on in late 2020. The projects are broken into four Council led phases and include; improvements to the existing network; and then new schemes to be progressed in the following timescales

NOW (within 2 years), SOON (within 5 years) and LATER (within eight years). There would also be a fifth and separate phase of works to be delivered by the NTA via Bus Connects.

The Council has been working closely with the National Transport Authority (NTA) and the Department of Transport and the NTA has advised that they are prepared to fund the majority of projects included over the next five years. This has been demonstrated in their commitment to increase the Council's active travel fund from €8.9m in 2020 to €20.7m for 2021.



Cycle South Dublin has been approved.

Tourism Plans For Lucan



South Dublin County Council has engaged tourism development consultancy firm CHL Consulting Company Ltd to develop a plan for Lucan.

South Dublin County Council has engaged tourism development consultancy firm CHL Consulting Company Ltd to develop a tourism product and proposition development plan for Lucan. Lucan, as a gateway to the Liffey Valley, has been designated as a 'destination town' by Fáilte Ireland under its destination development programme.

The plan will produce a roadmap

to help the tourism and hospitality sector in Lucan and environs to attract more visitors to the town. CHL have also been tasked with developing a number of themes for Lucan reflecting the uniqueness and appeal of the area which will help to market this part of South Dublin County to visitors.

This engagement is the latest in a series of recent announcements for

CHL Consulting Company Limited

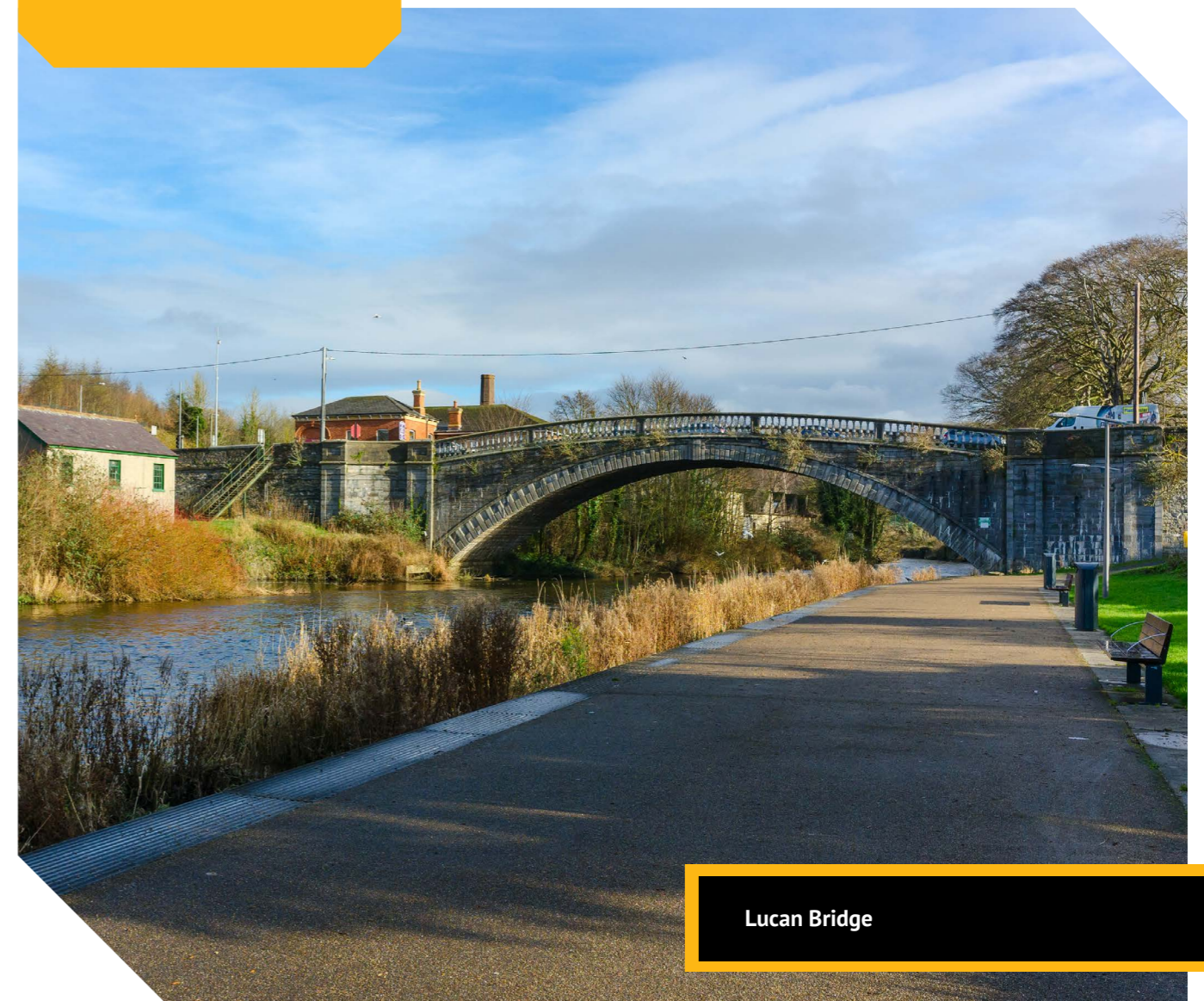
CHL Consulting Company Limited was established in 1984 and is a specialist destination planning, management and research consultancy, providing a range of consulting and project management services to the arts, tourism, hospitality, cultural heritage and education sectors.

The company has extensive experience in product development planning, feasibility analyses and business planning throughout Ireland, and in more than 60 countries overseas.

Lucan. In January 2021, South Dublin County Council appointed DHB Architects to design public realm enhancements in Lucan Village allocating funding of €2,000,000 for public realm improvements to the riverside and village green areas. Separately the Council is advancing plans for the development of a greenway linking the two canals via Lucan village which will further enhance its destination status. The overall objective in keeping with the County Tourism Strategy is the promotion of Lucan as a tourism destination of note within the Dublin region.

Welcoming the appointment, Mayor of South Dublin County Council, Cllr Ed O'Brien said, "This is another example of the benefit which has derived from Lucan's designation as a 'destination

town' by Fáilte Ireland last year and will ultimately furnish visitors with more reasons to visit Lucan. The Council has invested significantly in reinforcing the County's tourism strength to help create a range of recreational and leisure activities and attractions all within a short journey time from the centre of Dublin and this latest news underlines that commitment and investment."



Lucan Bridge

Take part in Bealtaine Festival



South Dublin County Council has organised a varied programme of virtual events for the over 55's in the County for the Bealtaine Festival this May.

Every year South Dublin County Council promotes and celebrates the Bealtaine Festival during the month of May and there has never been a better time to get involved and stay connected. To celebrate Bealtaine this year, the Council has produced a wide variety of events.

Each year, Age and Opportunity invites local authorities, arts centres, libraries, active retirement groups,

care settings, community groups and clubs, associations from every part of the country to run Bealtaine events that celebrate creativity as we age.

The theme of this year's Bealtaine Festival is "Keep yourself connected with the world from your home". This year, our aim is to include as many people as possible from the comfort of their own homes, especially to include those without access to

A national festival

Bealtaine is Ireland's national festival which celebrates the arts and creativity as we age. The festival is run by Age and Opportunity, the leading national development organisation improving the quality of life of people aged 50 to 100 plus. It aims to:

- encourage more older people to participate in the arts and to increase the quality and opportunities of existing participants;
- support the careers of older professional artists and offer them more opportunities to develop and show work;
- support arts organisations who prioritise (or wish to prioritise) older people;
- provide opportunities for intergenerational exchange and more.

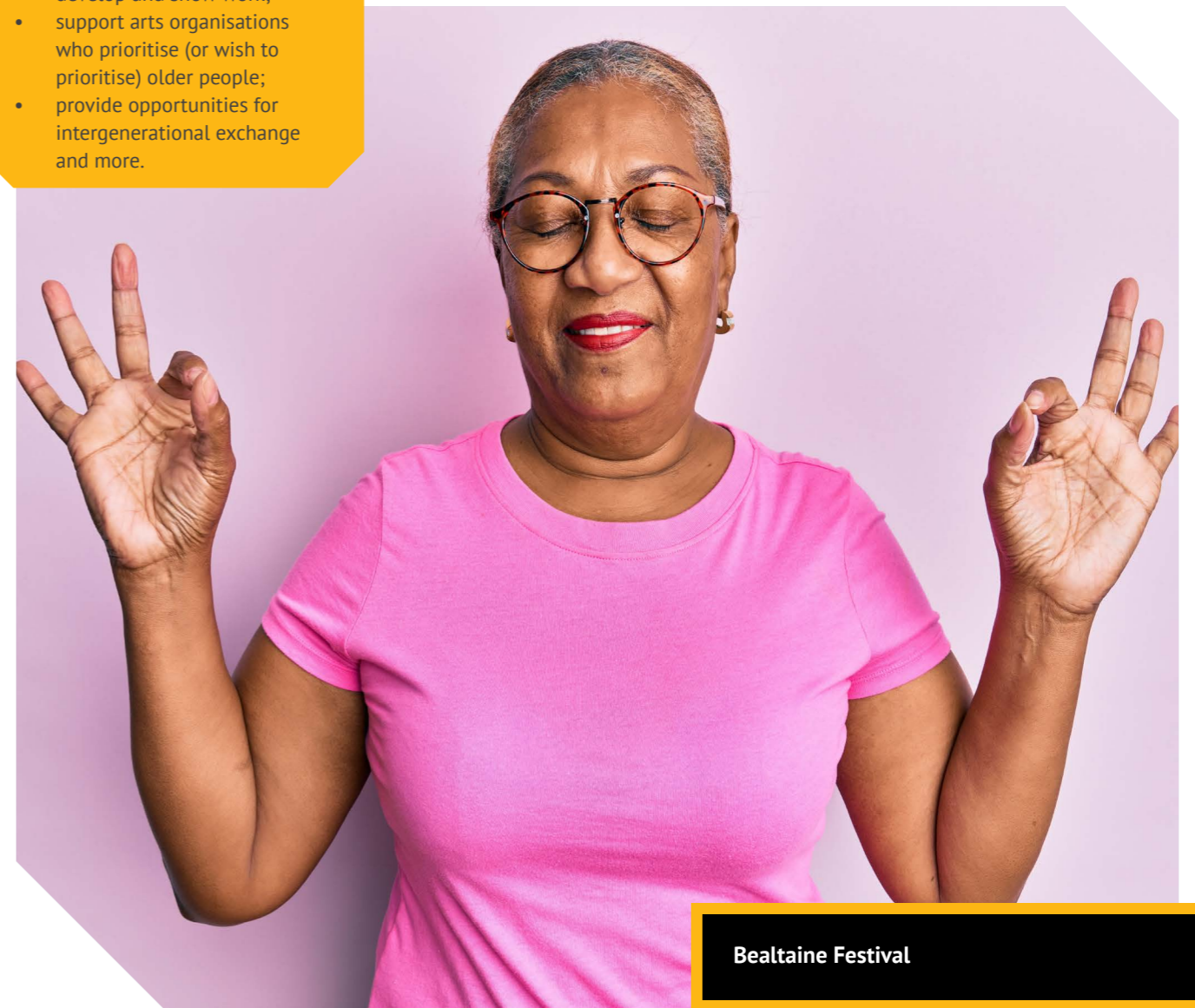
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Bealtaine takes place each May for the entire month. Established nationally in 1995, Bealtaine is one of Ireland's largest co-operative festival and the world's first national celebration of creativity in older age. The Festival brings together people from all over Ireland to foster and inspire creativity among older people and to promote the skills, experiences and exposure that can lead to a rich creative life for all older people.

The Bealtaine Festival improves the quality of life of older people by promoting their greater participation in various aspects of life. South Dublin County Council is fully committed to being an Age Friendly County.

Bealtaine events in South Dublin County kicked off with a virtual tour of Rathfarnham Castle on Sunday 2 May and continues throughout the month. Among the highlights are gardening courses and workshops, mindful chair yoga, a live interactive play from Carnation Theatre, a health and wellbeing talk by Tallaght University Hospital and lots more.

To view and download a full calendar of events, you can go to www.sdcc.ie



Bealtaine Festival



The Council's Sports and Recreation team and the South Dublin County Sports Partnership (SDCSP), deliver a range of supports for sports development and physical activity.

South Dublin County Council has two dedicated Sports Recreational Officers, funded by the Council, who oversee the work of the local Cricket Ireland, GAA, FAI, Basketball Ireland and Leinster Rugby Development Officers, as well as delivering community sports and physical activity programmes alongside our SDCSP team. SDCSP is one of 29 local sports partnerships established for local authority areas nationwide with financial support from Sport Ireland.

Overseen by a management committee with representatives from the Council, HSE, Public Participation Network, South Dublin Chamber, as well as various sports bodies and the schools/education sector, the SDCSP team

comprises a co-ordinator, a community sports officer, a disability sport officer and an administrator as well as a temporary graduate post, with two additional appointments pending for a project manager for the Active City project and an additional community sports officer who will manage communication and evaluation.

Our objective is to promote sports development, recreational opportunities, increase physical activity levels regardless of age, background or ability, promote the importance of play and encourage healthy lifestyles. We do this by:

- Inspiring more physical activity in the community including through events and programmes,

A Focus on Sports in South Dublin County

- especially those who are least active,
- maximising resources including natural and built facilities, clubs and people,
- developing sports leader skills in schools and clubs to enhance introductions and pathways to sport and physical activity, and
- supporting local organisations accessing funding and other supports.

The impact of COVID-19 meant we had to change the way we support physical activities, providing a range of new initiatives including moving our sports development programmes online, including safeguarding courses, fundamentals programmes, coach education for all levels across all sports along with inclusion workshops. Other initiatives have included the delivery of daily online activities for children with a disability, including yoga, dance and fun games, which



has been rolled out by many sports partnerships nationally, mobile tablets for Tallaght University Hospital to allow patients to engage online with physios and downloaded exercise programmes, online children's athletics classes in partnership with Athletics Ireland, age friendly online physical activity classes in partnership with Siel Bleu, supporting the Booklet of Hope initiative with information on at-home exercises for over 5,000 households of mainly older persons and other vulnerable cocooners and more.

This work has been instrumental to community and personal resilience during lockdown providing respite from difficult times and giving many people purpose to their day, as thousands of participants have engaged with the various initiatives with hugely positive feedback.

As society emerges from restrictions in the coming months, we will look to build on the connections and supports developed during lockdown to return to safe, organised outdoor activities, including our multi-sports schools programmes, the OWLS programme (Outdoor, wildlife, learning and survival), free Park Fit/ Park Yoga sessions across our fantastic parks network, glow dance activities for teens in community centres, the walking programmes for adults, and exciting new initiatives including the Dublin wide Active City project and maximising use of new and existing walkways, cycleways and facilities through partnership and collaboration.

For more information, please see www.sdcc.ie and www.sdscsp.ie or follow on Twitter @SDCSP1.

May Statistics Report Highlights



Corporate Performance and Change Management

Number of Customer Care queries received	8,265
Number of Customer Care queries closed within deadline	7,465
Web pages opened on Council websites	199,120
Social media reach	1,756,475
Social media engagement	64,309



Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

LEO - Number of mentoring sessions	51
Grange Castle jobs sustained	5,328
Library items borrowed	26,272
Library visitors online	2,717



Environment, Water and Climate Change

Trees pruned	338
Kilometers of road swept monthly	880
Derelict site/dangerous buildings inspections	15
Litter - Fines Issued	35
Tonnes of waste collected - litter and illegal dumping	561
Tonnes of waste collected from street bins	38



Housing, Social and Community Development

Total Housing Stock	9,737
Total housing needs assessed	6,655
Housing maintenance requests received	1,633
Allocations - New Tenancies	103
Number of sports programme participants	2,444
Number of actions taken in response to anti-social reports	749
Electrical inspections completed	111

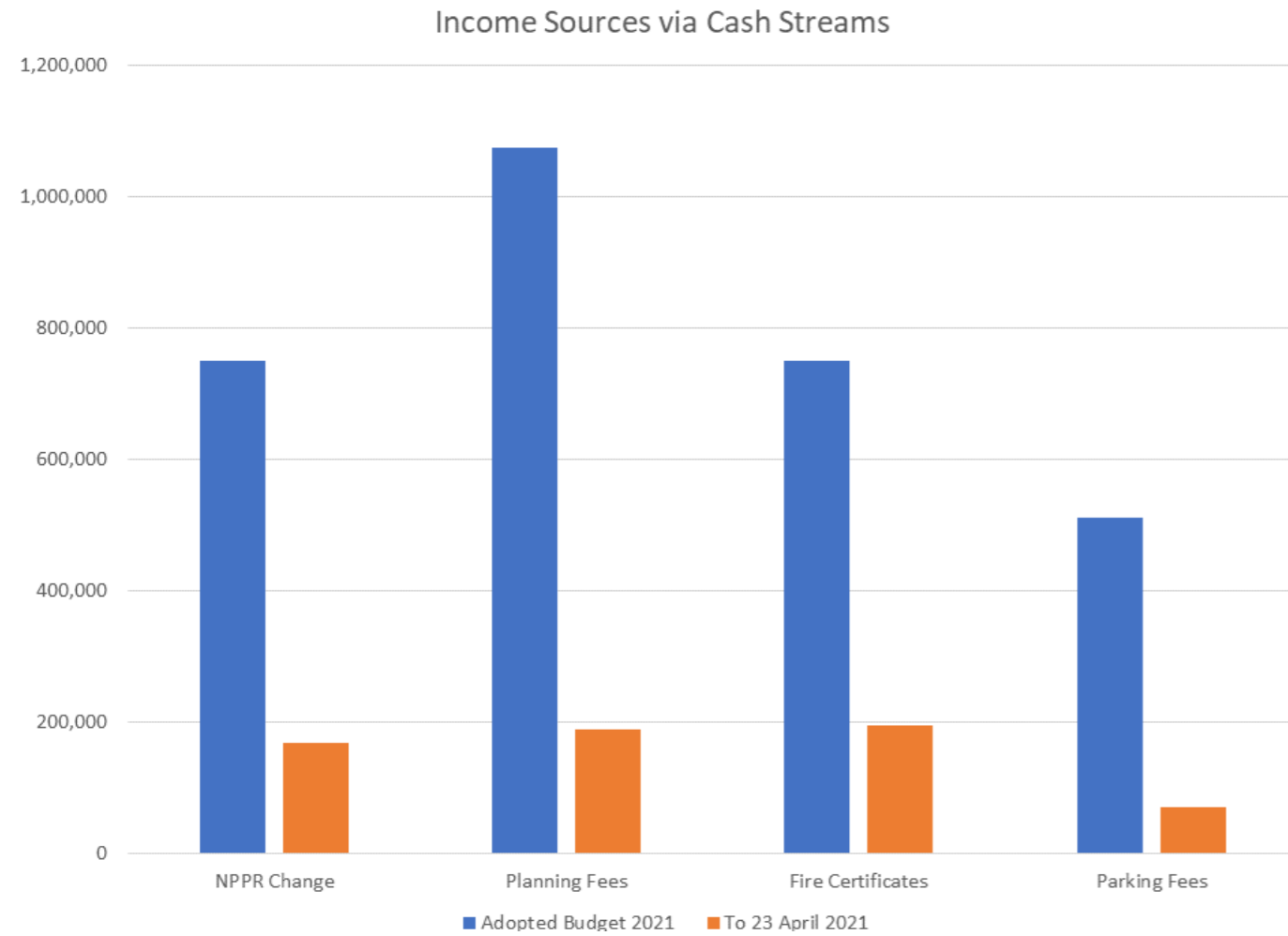


Land Use, Planning and Transportation

Planning applications received - new housing units	151
Area of road repaired in m2	1,140
Planning enforcements initiated	17
Number of public lights in charge	30,245
Number of traffic lights repaired within 24 hours	59

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



Lealand planting day



Bulbs in bloom on the Spawell Roundabout

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