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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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Dublin Transport Strategy

The National Transport Authority (NTA) is currently undertaking a statutory review of the Greater Dublin Area (GDA) Transport Strategy (2016-2035). The NTA intends to publish and consult on a draft GDA Transport Strategy during October 2021. This strategy will set out the framework for investment in transport infrastructure and services up to 2042.

A key objective of the draft Transport Strategy will be to significantly reduce carbon emissions caused by transport. It is expected that the draft Transport Strategy will identify a range of rail, luas, bus, and active travel measures, as well as opportunities for some new road infrastructure where it can make the existing network more resilient. There will also be draft proposals and guidance across a range of measures.

The consultation allows the public to have their say on the ongoing implementation of the GDA Transport Strategy and the revisions introduced as part of the review process.



N81 Cycle and Park Scheme

The N81 Cycle and Park improvement scheme is currently five months into the seven-month project duration with an expected project completion date of the end of November 2021. A large portion of the works are complete or are currently in progress. The purpose of the scheme is to improve the existing open space area and provide a safe environment to encourage greater use of sustainable travel modes.

Draft Development Plan 2022 - 2028

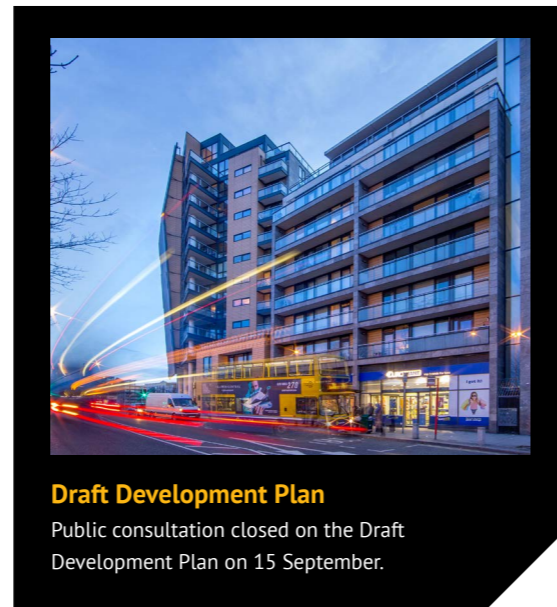
The Draft South Dublin Development Plan 2022-2028 went on public display between 7 July and 15 September 2021.

The public consultation involved all documentation being made available on a dedicated website as well as on the Council's consultation portal and in the Council's libraries and County Hall. Face to face meetings were facilitated with the planners by appointment and through remote meetings. In addition, weekly tweets and articles relating to the different chapters of the Draft Plan were circulated through social media and print media. Bus stop posters

also advertised the consultation and encouraged the public to make submissions.

In total, 300 submissions were received. The Council's Planning Department, with input from all other relevant departments, will assess all of the submissions and produce a Chief Executive's Report which will be provided to the Council's elected members for their consideration on 7 December.

The elected members will have ten weeks to consider the report and the Draft Plan culminating in special development plan meetings at the end of February/early March 2022. At those meetings, Members will adopt or amend the Development Plan.

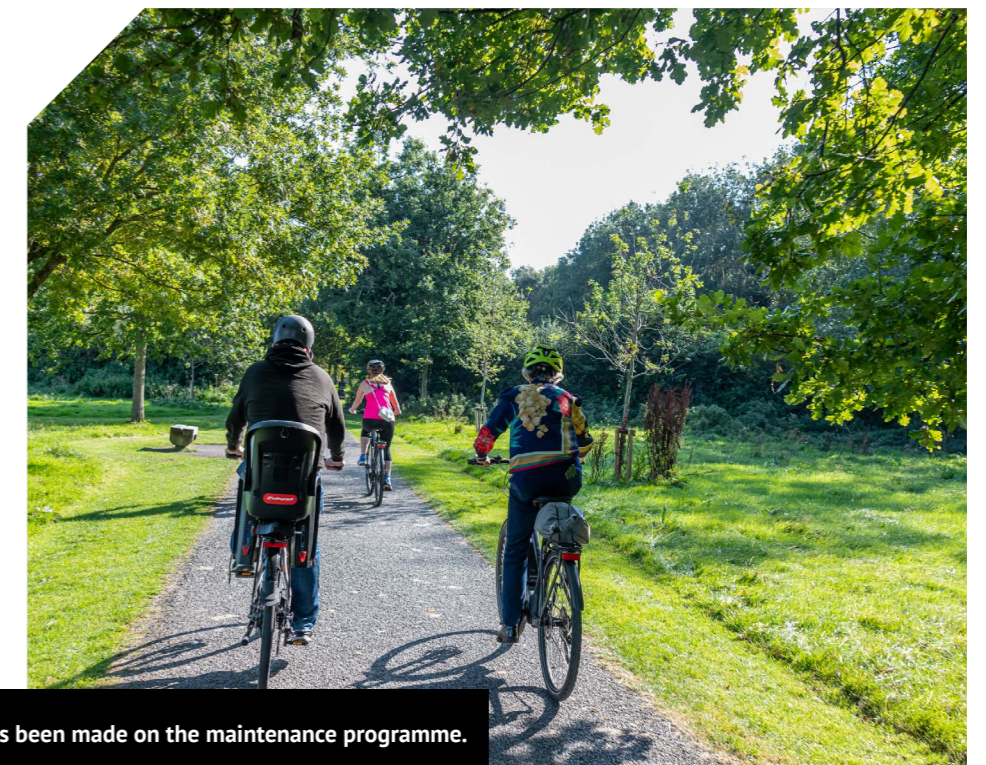


Draft Development Plan
Public consultation closed on the Draft Development Plan on 15 September.

Maintenance Programme

In February of this year, the '2021 - Roadworks, Footpath and Cycle Track maintenance programme' was presented to all four of the Council's Area Committee meetings. The final agreed programme consists of 91 schemes across the Council's seven local electoral areas with a works budget of approximately €2.3m for the year.

There has been excellent progress in recent months with 88 of the 91 schemes tendered and awarded (95% of the total), 52 of these schemes completed (57%) and 39 schemes underway or commencing shortly (43%).



Progress has been made on the maintenance programme.

Housing, Social and Community Development



Support for Care Leavers

The Council's housing welfare team provide ongoing assistance to support the housing needs of aftercare service clients in the County. The team is represented on both the Dublin South West and the Dublin South Central Aftercare Committees and works with various agencies, including TUSLA aftercare workers, who are assisting their clients to submit housing applications. Responses to care leavers' housing needs are explored by the committees and can include allocation of age friendly/medically adapted Council homes and housing adaptation grants from the Council as well as nominations to Approved Housing Body tenancies provided through the Capital Assistance Scheme as well as support from the Council's homeless unit for aftercare clients experiencing accommodation crises.

Further contact details and referral forms for the housing welfare team are available on www.sdcc.ie.



New Athletics Clubs

South Dublin County Sports Partnership (SDCSP) and Athletics Ireland have supported the establishment of three new running clubs in South Dublin County. Bawnogue Running Club, Clondalkin Flyers and North Clondalkin Running Club were officially launched on Sunday 26 September with a 5km Walk/Run event in Corkagh Park. You can find and connect with all three clubs on Twitter.

Community Infrastructure Fund

The Council's 2021 Community Infrastructure Fund, with an overall budget of €350,000, opens for online applications on 11 October. This fund offers community groups, including sports clubs, the opportunity to apply for funding, to assist with the costs of constructing new community/sporting facilities or for the upgrade works to modernise or expand existing premises. Groups can apply for funding from €5,000 up to a maximum of €50,000 with a limit of one application per group or project.

Applications must:

- demonstrate the local need for the proposed project,

- include a fully costed budget plan required funding in place complete all proposed works,
- show evidence of resources and expertise to run the facility,
- include a viable timeline for the completion of the project by the end of 2022,
- provide details of all relevant planning and other permissions required.

Online applications forms are available at www.sdcc.ie. Fully completed applications must be submitted by 4 pm on Friday, 5 November 2021 and advice and assistance on applications is available from our Community Development team who can be contacted by emailing comdevof@sdblincoco.ie.



Community Infrastructure

Online applications for the Community Infrastructure Fund are opening.

Housing Adaptation Grant

In April 2021, the Council received an allocation of €2.9million (including a contribution of €585k from Council resources) from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability in the County for 2021. So far this year, 318 applications have been approved, representing a 13% increase on 2020, with over €2million, or approximately 70% of the allocation, already paid out to applicants for 220 approved grants. Further details on the grant process including application forms are available on www.sdcc.ie.



Housing adaptation grants are available.

Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development



Urban Picnic

A new urban outdoor market is being trialed in Corkagh Park until the end of October. The Urban Picnic started on Saturday 4 September and takes place each Saturday in Corkagh Park from 11 am to 5 pm with something for everyone to enjoy.

Urban Picnic at Corkagh Park hosts street food, crafts, and artisan produce with family entertainment provided to add to the atmosphere. The outdoor market helps to promote the local community while enhancing the attraction of parks and tourism in the County.

Entertainment at the market is provided through the Local Live Performance Scheme funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, the Gaeltacht, Sport and Media. This scheme is designed to kick start the commercial live performance industry and the performances at the Urban Picnic allows the Arts Office to reach new family audiences.



Decade of Centenaries

Eva Kelly has been appointed as the Decade of Centenaries Historian in Residence for South Dublin County. Eva is a Dublin based artist and illustrator and a member of Illustrators Guild of Ireland. The idea of illustration as a visual essay is the focus of Eva's work and through the residency she will document aspects of the County life and culture, revealing aspects of and offering a new perspective in a visual form.

Student Enterprise Programme

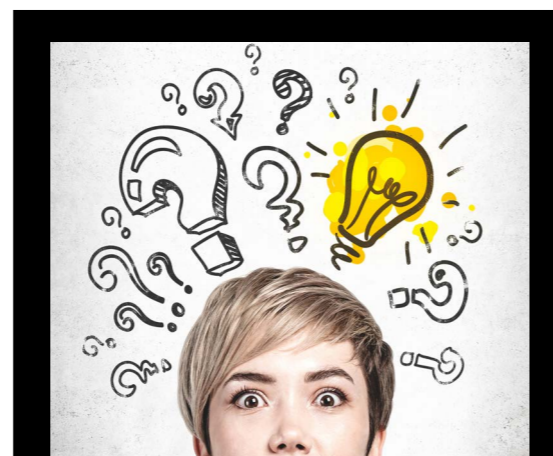
The Mayor of South Dublin County, Cllr Peter Kavanaugh officially launched the 2021 / 2022 Student Enterprise Programme at an online event for teachers at the County's secondary schools on Wednesday 22 September.

The Student Enterprise Programme is an initiative run by the Network of Local Enterprise Offices and is Ireland's largest and most successful student enterprise programme with over 29,000 second level students taking part each year. Students from first year to sixth year get to an opportunity to set up and run their own business and experience what it's really like to be an entrepreneur by taking part

in this eight-month long enterprise education learning programme.

The programme runs from September to May and students get to do everything a real-life entrepreneur would do from coming up with an innovative business idea, to marketing, sales preparing a business plan/business poster and communications.

The overall local South Dublin County winner at Junior, Intermediate and Senior competitions will then get the opportunity to compete at the National Final for the 'Student Enterprise of the Year' event in June 2022.



Student Enterprise Programme

An online event was held on Wednesday 22 September.

Culture Night

Chamber Square was buzzing after dark, on Culture Night on 17 September, as participants, family and friends of the 'Have Pass Will Travel' project gathered to see projections, on the walls and windows of Rua Red, the Civic Theatre and Library Building. The projections documented the journeys of senior citizens and was accompanied by a downloadable podcast.

Children and families visited 'The Museum of Language' a multilingual storytelling installation, and 'Free the Birds' created by artists and children in Syria, Namibia and Ireland, also an installation, in Rua Red arts centre.



A range of events occurred for Culture Night throughout the County.

Corporate Performance and Change Management



Graduate Programme

South Dublin County Council are delighted to welcome seven new graduates to the organisation under the Local Authority Graduate Development Program. We hope that their experience of working in the Council will help inform their future career choices through both their exposure to our culture, staff and way of working as well as the excellent training and mentoring focus of the programme.

This is another element of our 'Employer of Choice' campaign, where we are working to attract and retain a talented and motivated people, from diverse backgrounds and experiences, who will join our existing staff in taking pride in their work and making a positive difference to the lives of citizens in South Dublin County.

If this strikes a cord with you, keep watching our website and social media feeds for new opportunities as they are advertised. as working at the Council you will be making a positive and meaningful contribution to this county's development as the best possible place in which to live, work and do business.



€300k Have Your Say

The submissions stage of €300k Have Your Say closed on 8 October with a huge response from Tallaght Central. Online workshops and a communications campaign were also run following the initiative's launch on 8 September. The project ideas will be assessed during October by senior Council staff and a shortlist will be brought to elected members in November ahead of a public vote.

Make Way Day 2021

South Dublin County Council held a virtual discussion on access issues on Friday 24 September to celebrate Make Way Day 2021.

Make Way Day is a National Public Awareness Campaign to highlight the issues disabled people face getting around their local communities. "Hey, this blocks my way!" is the message. This initiative was created by and is managed nationally by Disability Federation Ireland (DFI). Councillor Peter Kavanagh, Mayor of South Dublin County, provided an opening video message for the discussion, and Councillor Alan Edge chaired the online discussion which included senior staff from South Dublin County Council.

The virtual discussion is the latest in the Council's efforts to increase accessibility throughout the County. The Council recently installed the 'Button by Neatebox' touchless pedestrian crossing control system in two locations.

- Belgard Square North, Tallaght - near the entrance to Tallaght hospital.
- Ninth Lock Road, Clondalkin - at the post office.

With Button, a mobile phone (or other internet-enabled devices) can be used to virtually 'press' the pedestrian crossing button. This free App is available on iOS or Android and allows the user to focus on their surroundings without having to stretch or search for the button.



Women's Caucus

The Council continues its work to promote female participation in politics, and in March of this year the Council voted to establish a Women's Caucus to create a cross-party forum for women councillors, past and present, to discuss and campaign on issues predominantly affecting women. The inaugural meeting of the caucus is held during October.

The establishment of a women's caucus in the County hopes to support women's participation in politics, increase the visibility and profile of women Councillors, and provide opportunities for formal and informal mentoring.



The inaugural Women's Caucus meeting is taking place.

Environment, Water Climate Change



Electrical Recycling

Recycle IT, in association with South Dublin County Council and partnership with WEEE Ireland will be offering free electrical recycling opportunities to households in South Dublin County before and during Halloween 2021. Recycle IT are happy to receive requests from resident associations for recycling collection days in residential areas across South Dublin. These collection days are now annual events and help ensure hazardous electrical equipment and batteries don't find their way onto seasonal Bonfires.

Households can also drop off appliances free in the weeks leading up to Halloween. Recycle IT will accept all types of electrical, electronic, and battery-operated equipment including old heaters, electronic toys, TV's washing machines, cookers, kettles, phones, and computers.

If you or your group wish to arrange a collection in September, October or at another time during the year you can call 01 4578321 or email info@recycleit.ie.



Bulbs not Bonfires

Bulbs not Bonfires is a reward provided through South Dublin County Council's Social Credit Scheme. This initiative provides communities with flowers in the Spring instead of scarred open space throughout the year. Last year we spent €2,600 on bulbs for this popular scheme and similar will be spent again this year. For more information please visit www.sdcc.ie or contact envawareness@sdblincoco.ie.

Dublin Climate Action Week 2021

Dublin Climate Action Regional Office (CARO).

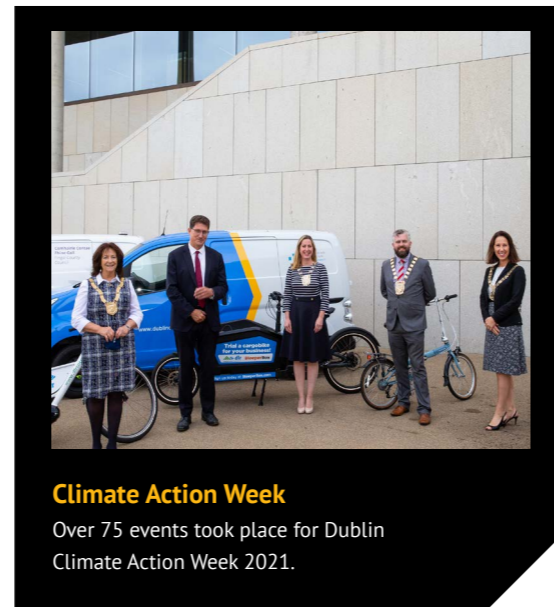
Over 75 online and in-person events were delivered as part of Dublin Climate Action Week 2021, which took place 13-19 September.

Events covered the themes of Energy and Buildings, Flood Resilience, Transport, Resource Management, Nature-Based Solutions and Citizen Engagement.

The week was launched on Monday 13 September by Eamon Ryan TD, Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications and Minister for Transport, and the Mayors of the four Dublin Local Authorities.

For more information on Dublin Climate Action Week visit www.dublinclimateactionweek.ie.

South Dublin County Council delivered this initiative in partnership with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, South Dublin County Council, Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council, Codema – Dublin's Energy Agency and the



Climate Action Week

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Wildflower Meadows

Over the coming weeks, the Council will be undertaking wildflower meadow mowing and collecting across the County. This work is an essential part of the Council's actions to improve habitats for pollinators. All wildflower meadows need management, this usually involves cutting the meadows once a year and removing all the cuttings.

This work is usually carried out by specialist agricultural contractors on behalf of the Council. As signatories to the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan, we are committed to creating sustainable natural meadows across the County.



Wildflower meadow mowing will soon take place.

620 New Homes set for Tallaght



Elected members of the Council have approved the disposal of Council owned land to a new consortium, the Arden team, to develop 620 new homes at Killinarden, Tallaght.

The new Killinarden housing development will deliver a tenure mix heavily weighted towards affordable purchase homes with 60% of the new homes projected to be offered for sale to applicants under the Council's Affordable Purchase Scheme at an average price of approximately €250,000. The affordable homes sale price will be supported by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage through

the Served Sites Fund/Affordable Housing Fund. An additional 20% of the development will be delivered as social housing with the remaining 20% as developer homes for sale.

These homes will be in a fully tenure blind development maximising integration and complemented with a community/sporting facility, creche, new parkland and infrastructure across a wider development site of

Affordable Homes

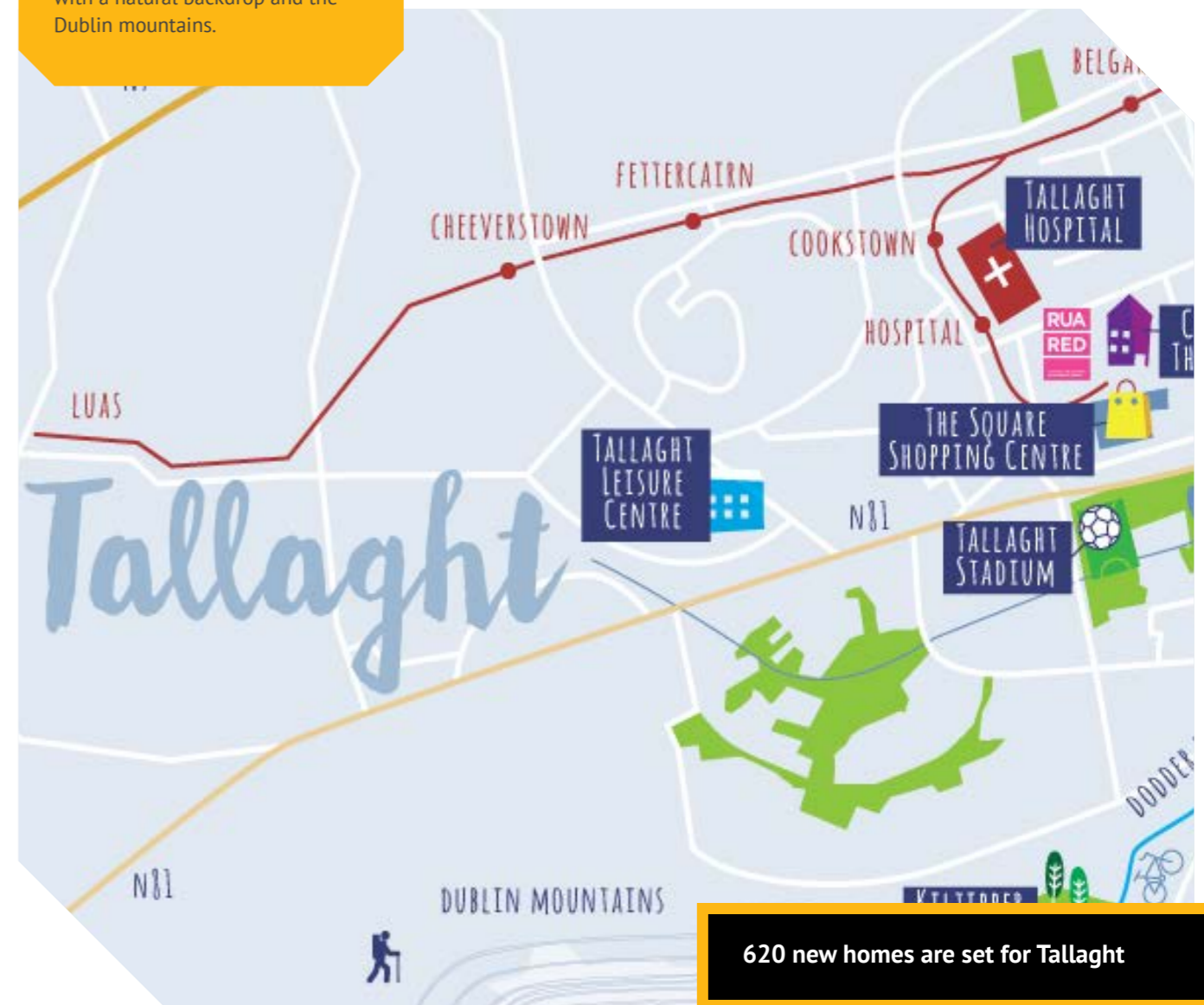
The Killinarden, Tallaght proposal is a key part of the Council's housing strategy to deliver affordable homes for low to middle-income households in the County. We have identified significant demand for affordable purchase homes in the County with 2,700 people expressing an interest in purchasing an affordable home in Killinarden through our "Affordable Homes Portal". The approval by the Elected Members follows a masterplan prepared by the Council to create a sustainable, quality neighbourhood with links to local communities, amenities and urban connectivity with a natural backdrop and the Dublin mountains.

some 16 hectares. It will feature early completion of the community/sports facility (which Sacred Heart FC will be key stakeholders in) which is prioritised for delivery in the first phase of the development. The recently approved major upgrade works for the nearby Killinarden Park will further enhance local recreation and amenity opportunities for residents of the new development.

The Council undertook a comprehensive competitive dialogue procurement process to select an economic operator to deliver on the masterplan vision for the project, with the Arden team, comprising O'Cualann Cohousing Alliance, Sisk Living and Kelland, successful in that process. Their success was based on the combined experience and track record of deliv-

ery as well as their outstanding vision for a worthy legacy for existing and future generations in Killinarden in a development called "The Foothills" creating a thriving new community at the foothills of the Dublin mountains.

Subject to planning permission, the project will deliver 278 homes in 2024, a further 217 homes in 2025 and the final 125 homes in 2026 with considered phasing and completions of home zones in conjunction with amenities as the project progresses. This will ensure that the project realises the objective of a new neighbourhood embedded in community engagement and integration, living in high-quality lifelong energy-efficient homes with quality amenities and facilities, connected to existing neighbourhoods and residents.



620 new homes are set for Tallaght

Tandy's Lane Opening



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Locally elected representatives and officials from the Council were in attendance at the opening along with

representatives of the design team, DHB Architects and the construction team, Clonmel Enterprises Ltd.

The approved Planning Scheme for the Adamstown SDZ requires the provision of approximately 30 hectares of open space within the overall development. This is being provided in a hierarchy consisting of four main parks contributing approximately 23 hectares and the balance being

Adamstown SDZ

Tandy's Lane Park is one of three significant infrastructure projects being delivered at the Adamstown Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) with Airlie Park and the Celbridge Link Road to follow.

A combined €15 million was allocated for the three projects by the then Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government through the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Funds (LIHAF) with South Dublin County Council providing an additional €5 million in funding.

LIHAF is a key element of the Government's drive to build more homes. The objective of the fund is to provide public off-site infrastructure to relieve critical infrastructure blockages. This enables the accelerated delivery of housing

South Dublin County Council's successful LIHAF funding bid for financial support was linked to the delivery of 2,000 new homes within the Adamstown SDZ. Within the large-scale delivery of homes, there are 300 homes at or below a cost of €300,000 and a further 500 at or below €320,000. It is expected that work on all three projects will be completed in 2022.

Tandy's Lane Park construction commenced in 2019 and was opened in phases to support an outdoor summer in the Lucan area in 2021.

Tandy's Lane Park has extensive lengths of footpaths with informal seating, surrounded by flower meadows and allowing views of the retained, mature hedgerows and woodland areas. The new park also

includes newly planted areas with native and ornamental trees, including a newly planted orchard area. The larger of the playspaces has an adjacent picnic area and, further into the park, a parkour / teenage area is also available.

Minister O'Brien, said, "I really want to compliment South Dublin County Council on completing this project, one of a number of strategic infrastructure projects across the Adamstown SDZ lands under their Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF). The Tandy's Lane Park project has delivered a large-scale public park within Adamstown for the use of residents and visitors of all ages, including a range of amenities such as playgrounds and playing pitches."



Tandy's Lane Park opening

City Edge Project



As part of a national strategy to regenerate our city, South Dublin County Council and Dublin City Council have come together in joint urban regeneration effort known as the City Edge Project.

A non-statutory four week public consultation programme closed on 6 October 2021 for the innovative City Edge Project.

Located at the western edge of Dublin City Centre in the Naas Road, Ballymount and Park West areas and covering an area of 700 hectares, the City Edge project is set to become one of Europe's largest urban regeneration projects.

An international masterplan team has been selected to carry out a detailed study of the area and to produce an exciting Vision for the future of this part of Dublin.

As part of the public consultation, a two-day International Conference was held on 29 and 30 September that provided a unique opportunity to discuss and learn about best practice approaches to designing and

Emerging Vision

The emerging vision of the City Edge project is to create a new mixed use and climate resilient high density urban quarter in the city, where the citizens of the Greater Dublin Area will be able to access affordable homes, live close to where they work, in an area home to outstanding public amenities and public transport services.

Building upon its rich history of employment, the area will support the retention, consolidation and the creation of new employment opportunities, culminating in the creation of a self-sustaining and integrated part of the city, where family, community, visitors and the economy can prosper in a distinctive Dublin setting.

delivering large scale regeneration projects.

Hosted by Newstalk's Shane Coleman, a range of national and international speakers from Dublin, London, Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Singapore and Rotterdam discussed their experiences and lessons from similar initiatives to the City Edge Project. Day one of the conference focused on the topic of 'Delivering Regeneration on complex Brownfield land' whilst day two looked at 'Placemaking'.

The City Edge team also held two online presentations with questions and answer sessions. These provided the public with the opportunity to get a further understanding and detail of the City Edge Project from the project team and pose some questions about

the project including on the emerging objectives, vision and concept scenario.

You can still watch back the presentations and gain a better understanding of the project on the dedicated City Edge website at www.cityedge.ie.



Promoting the City Edge Project on RTÉ



Castletymon Library opened its door to the public in September on the same day the Council launched two new mobile buses.

On 16 September, the Mayor of South Dublin County, Cllr Peter Kavanagh, launched two new South Dublin library services; Castletymon branch library and two new mobile library buses. These services play an important role in the development and expansion of public libraries throughout the county and will contribute greatly to the cultural, educational and social well-being of the community.

The previous branch library in Castletymon opened in 1984 but closed its doors in December 2017 as it required significant investment and modernisation. South Dublin County Council invested €2.8 million into a new library for the area, with construction beginning in January 2019 and the handover of the new

building taking place in June 2021.

The new Castletymon Library is a bright, bold, state of the art facility designed for the community it serves. Featuring free Wi-Fi throughout the building, self-service kiosks, PCs, study areas, tablets for adults and children, audiobooks, DVDs, a 3D printer and thousands of books for readers of all ages, it is set to be a vital resource for the community. Storytime sessions, coding classes, book clubs, language classes, workshops and other events are set to resume in-branch as Covid restrictions ease further. The new library also features ample parking, disability access and is easily reached by public transport.

A Focus on Castletymon Library



Also launched on the day were South Dublin Libraries' two newest mobile buses. The acquisition process for two new buses began in November 2019 and following some delays due to Covid, were delivered in August 2021. These two new additions to the mobile fleet are in full service from September.

South Dublin mobile libraries ensure access to libraries in communities that are not currently served by a library branch. In addition to library access, these mobile libraries are an essential component of South Dublin Libraries' home delivery service, which sees books delivered to library patrons who are unable to physically come to the library themselves. This service saw significant expansion during the Covid 19 pandemic, particularly as vulnerable members of the community self-isolated and stayed at home.

Both the mobile libraries and Castletymon library are key community services providing resources, education, technology and comfortable spaces for everyone who walks through their doors.

Speaking at the launch, which took place at Castletymon Library, Mayor Peter Kavanagh said:

"Public libraries play a vitally important part in our community. They are centres of civic participation and social inclusion; they provide spaces and equality of access for all. The community of Castletymon and surrounding areas have waited patiently for their new library and it is a joy to see the excitement on people's faces when they walk through these doors. No matter where you are in South Dublin County, we aim to ensure you have access to a library service."

October Statistics Report Highlights



Corporate Performance and Change Management

Number of Customer Care queries received	5,634
Number of Customer Care queries closed within deadline	4,679
Web pages opened on Council websites	162,701
Social media reach	1,072,171
Social media engagement	22,659



Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

LEO - Number of mentoring sessions	47
Grange Castle jobs sustained	5,328
Business support grants paid	9,306
Rua Red visitors	8,309



Environment, Water and Climate Change

Trees pruned	588
Kilometers of road swept monthly	994
Derelict site/dangerous buildings inspections	6
Litter - Fines Issued	9
Tonnes of waste collected - litter and illegal dumping	519
Tonnes of waste collected from street bins	44



Housing, Social and Community Development

Total Housing Stock	9,687
Total housing needs assessed	6,943
Visitors to leisure centers	52,738
Allocations - New Tenancies	17
Number of sports programme participants	768
Number of actions taken in response to anti-social reports	361
Electrical inspections completed	58

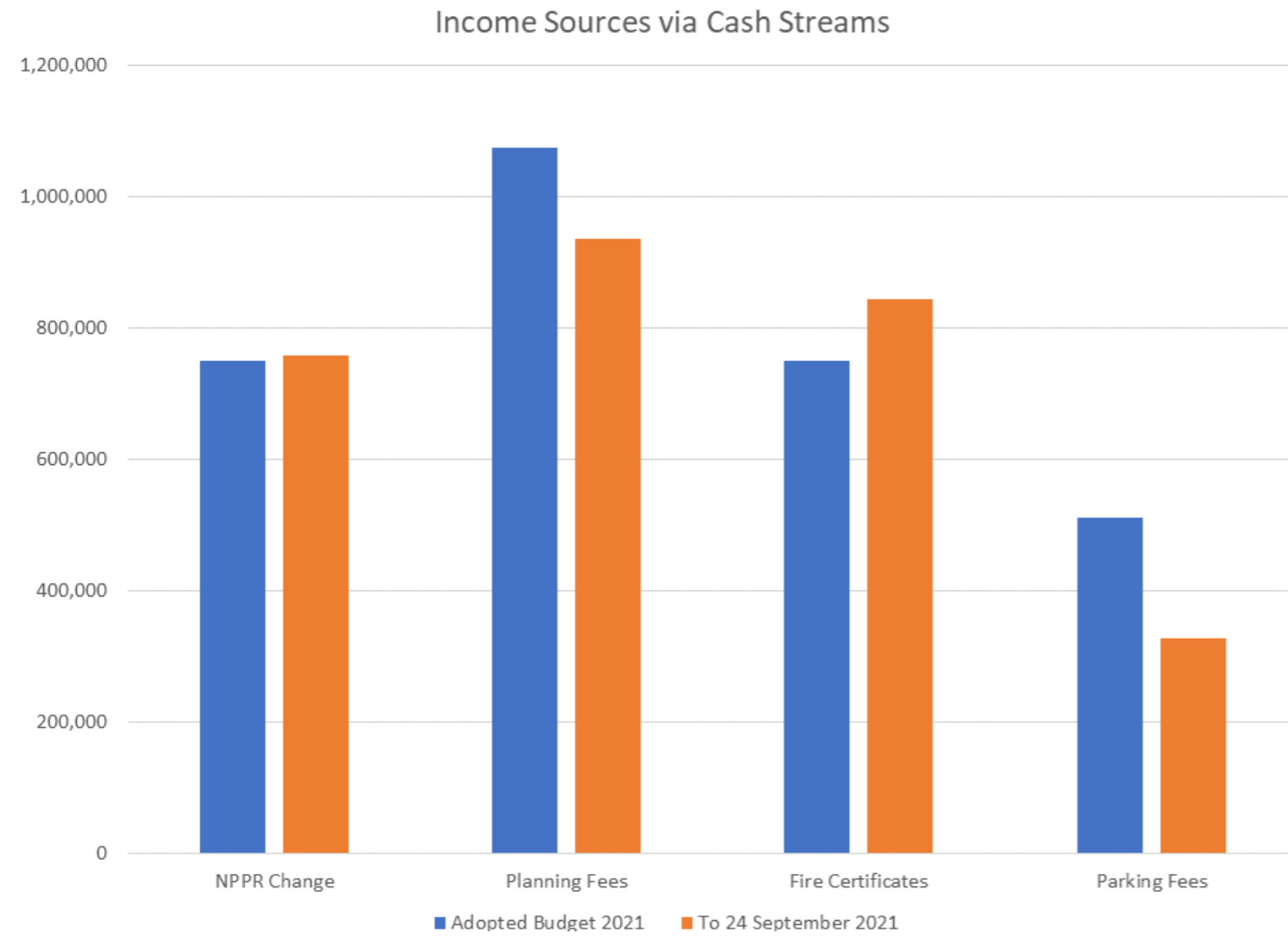


Land Use, Planning and Transportation

Planning applications received - new housing units	45
Area of road repaired in m2	3,480
Planning enforcements initiated	13
Number of public lights in charge	30,377
Number of traffic lights repaired within 24 hours	106

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



5km park run in Corkagh Park



16 Bars gig at North Clondalkin Library



Opening of Tandy's Lane Park

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