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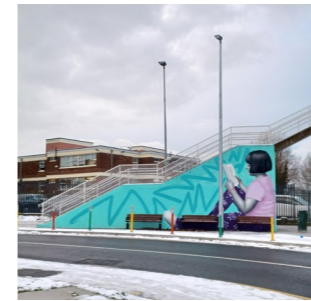
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About the Chief Executive's Report

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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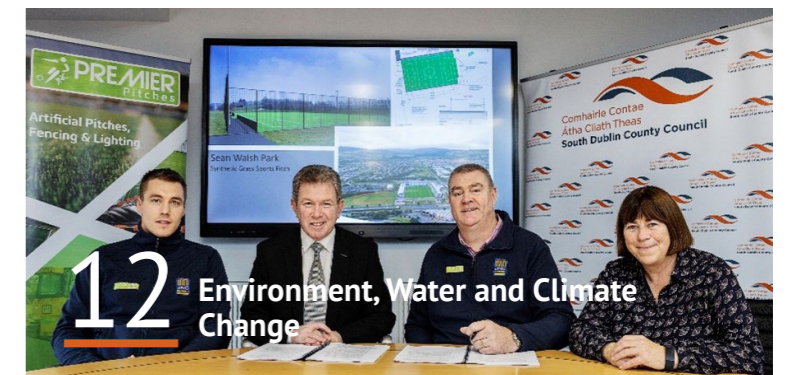
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Land Use, Planning and Transportation

Launch of the Council's Vision Zero, Road Safety Action Plan 2022 – 2024 – Our Journey Towards Vision Zero

The Mayor of South Dublin County Council Councillor Emma Murphy launched the Road Safety Action Plan 2022 – 2024 on Friday 9th December, 2022 at the new Avonbeg Cycle track in Tallaght.

The plan which outlines 27 key actions that supports the work of the 5th Government Road Safety Strategy (GRSS) 2012 – 2030 "Our Journey Towards Vision Zero."

Vision Zero is Ireland's long-term goal of achieving zero road deaths or serious injuries by 2050. SDCC recognises that while a combined national approach is required to make a noticeable and long-lasting change to our roads, Local Authorities have a responsibility to work at the local level to bring about this change.

We have statutory obligations under the Roads Act 1993, but we also have a social obligation to the people of South Dublin County and all those who traverse our roads network.

Creating the safest roads possible and raising awareness among road users of the risks associated with roads and promoting responsible behavior when using them is an extremely high priority for SDCC.

The Council's action plan aims to identify areas where we can promote and improve road safety within our County. In addition, we will create and publish annual action plans to help support our 2022 – 2024 plan and use 11 Safety Performance Indicators (SPIs) to help monitor our road safety performance.



Clonburris Southern Link Street Started

Artwork at St. Dominic's Community Centre

As part of the Avonbeg Road Cycle Scheme, the corner of St Dominic's Road and Avonbeg Road has been transformed from an unused section of the roadway into a plaza that pedestrians and cyclists can use and enjoy.

To increase the positive experience of Active Travel, several areas were identified as potential places for art within this new plaza. Emmalene Blake was appointed as the site artist in September, and as of December 2022, has completed one of three art pieces on the site.

All of the pieces are inspired by the concept of learning and the imagination of children. The aim is that this plaza will be an enjoyable area which locals helped create and for everyone to use on their journey.



Artwork at St. Dominic's created by Graffiti Artist Emmalene Blake

Works start on site at Clonburris

The Planning Scheme for the Clonburris Strategic Development Zone was approved in early 2019. Since then, the Council has been progressing work that would enable works to start on site. A series of detailed pre-commencement strategies for a Parks and Landscape, Water Management and Infrastructure costings and delivery plans.

These strategies have been completed and have enabled the Council to successfully secure Business Case approval for over 200m or URDF funding for the delivery of much needed new strategic infrastructure.

The first such strategic infrastructure project to be progressed is the Southern Link Street. At 4.5km this new link street will open-up the lands to the south of the rail line in Clonburris and will enable the delivery of much needed new homes on these lands. The Southern Link Street received planning permission in 2021 and a contractor has now been appointed to commence delivery of the first section of this new street.

Works have commenced on site and this first section of the street will be completed in late 2023.



Light Up Your Bike

South Dublin County Council, in partnership with other Dublin Local Authorities, An Garda Síochána, the Road Safety Authority, and the Dublin Cycling Campaign are delivering the 'Light Up Your Bike' initiative during the darker commutes. The use of bike lights helps increase your visibility to other road users.

For those that cycle they are reminded that the use of bike lights is a legal requirement when cycling during lighting up periods, which is from 30 minutes after sunset until 30 minutes before sunrise. If you choose to cycle without lights, or your lights fail when on the road, you become less visible, as well as running the risk of a €40 fixed penalty notice 'Light Up Your Bike' is a Dublin Cycling Campaign initiative which promotes the legal requirement to have properly working bike lights and to use them during lighting up periods.

Housing, Social and Community Development



Community Centre Management Support Grants Open for Applications

A new Community Centre Management Support Fund has now been launched, which follows a review by the Council's Community team of the financial supports offered to boards of local community centres together with the opportunity to support enhanced governance and strategic planning by community centres with the enhanced funding provided in the Council's 2022 Budget.

The Management Support Fund consolidates and enhances existing funding streams for community centres (including the annual management assistance grant and community event grants) into a new annual fund that will support and reward strategic planning and good

governance as well as reducing the administrative burden on centres. Under the fund, one application process per year will be made by community centres to apply across three funding areas:

- Annual Centre Running Costs,
- Employment and Staff Training Costs
- Community Events

A new online application form has been circulated to the boards of the multi-purpose community centre within the County and all asked to have completed applications returned by 4pm on Friday, 13th January 2023.



Avonbeg Community Centre Tallaght

The local Community Development Teams are available to assist with advice on completing the applications with boards of management also having been invited to an online information webinar about this grant process during December.

Housing Grants

Grant funding is available to private homeowners for a range of adaptations grants for older people and people with a disability. These include housing adaptation grants, mobility aids grants and the housing aid for older people grants.

In 2022, the Council approved over 450 private housing grant applications amounting to approximately €4 million in funding and we will be introducing an online grants application process early in 2023 as part of our housing online services.

Further information on the grant amounts available and how to apply are available on www.sdcc.ie.

Housing Grants for Homeowners



Social Housing Income Limits Increase from 1st January 2023

The social housing income thresholds will increase by €5,000 with effect from 1st January 2023 following the Social Housing Assessment (Amendment) (No.3) Regulations 2022. The revised thresholds for applications in South Dublin will now be as outlined in the below.

This will ensure social housing support is available to vulnerable households and will help protect those most at risk from the recent increase in the cost of living, in advance of the development of a revised income eligibility model (and income thresholds) in 2023.

Household Size	1 Ad	2 Ad	1 Ad/1 Ch	1 Ad/2 Ch	2 Ad/1 Ch	2 Ad/3 Ch	3 Ad/4 Ch
Maximum income	€40,000	€42,000	€41,000	€42,000	€43,000	€45,000	€48,000

Clondalkin Sláintecare Programme Launch

The Clondalkin Sláintecare Health Communities Programme was officially launched at a ceremony in Rowlagh Community Centre during December. Minister of State, Frank Feighan TD formally launched the event via video link while South Dublin Deputy Mayor Joanna Tuffy soke at the event along with representatives from the Department of Health, the HSE and the Council. The programme sees close collaboration these agencies and South Dublin County Partnership and Deansrath Family Centre in Clondalkin and will be coordinated by the Council's Sláintecare Implementation Officer, David Morrissey. It builds on the national Sláintecare Healthy Communities initiative introduced nationally in 2021 to deliver increased health and wellbeing services in 19 areas of greatest need across Ireland.



Sláintecare Programme Launch at Rowlagh Community Centre



Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

New Podcast on Corkagh

Corkagh – the life and times of a South Dublin Demesne is a new podcast from South Dublin Libraries, supported by the Heritage Council under the Heritage Stewardship Fund which aims to facilitate increased access to heritage.

Written and presented by Turtle Bunbury, the five-episode podcast is an entertaining journey through the compelling 700-year story of Corkagh, from the earliest reference we have in 1326, through to the story of the Huguenot exodus from France and the establishment of the gunpowder mills at Corkagh.

The final episodes focus on the era of the Finlay-Colley family at Corkagh, their links to the worlds of literature and Hollywood, the Titanic and motor racing, as well as the impact they had in the area through the establishment of Corkagh Dairies, and of course the mature landscape left behind that our citizens enjoy today at Corkagh Park.

The podcast is available now on Spotify and coming soon to all major platforms.



A Return to Christmas Past

A Return to Christmas Past took place in Tallaght library on December 3rd. It was a full day of free festive events attended by 1200 people.

The day began with a wonderful musical performance by the Christmas Crooners. Face painters and Christmas characters entertained while children created Christmas kites with lights.

Jack Flash performed his magic show, Santa dropped in from the North Pole with an elf and the Grinch and Mrs Claus did special storytimes in the library, in the Civic Theatre and in Rua Red.

Pfizer Announcement - Grange Castle Business Park

It has been a great year for Grange Castle with significant expansion of facilities at a number of businesses including Microsoft, Grifols and Takeda.

Pfizer the first company to locate in the Business Park has announced a very significant investment of €1.2 billion in the construction and development of a new manufacturing plant. This represents a real endorsement of the success of Pfizer in Grange Castle and will yield 400-500 new permanent jobs which is great news for the County and beyond. The development itself will involve the building of a new facility, which when complete will double the manufacturing capacity for biological drug substances made there.

It has been indicated that the inten-

tion is to commence construction in 2024 with the plant due for completion by 2027.

Mike McDermott, Chief Global Supply Officer and Executive Vice President at Pfizer. Stated that "Grange Castle has played a critical role in our global Covid-19 vaccine network, and this investment for non-Covid licensed and pipeline products, will help to further expand the site's broad and robust capabilities."

South Dublin County Council wishes Pfizer every success with the development of the new facility, recognises the continued investment and significant increase in job numbers and will engage supportively with all stages of the project development.



Corkagh – The life and times of a South Dublin Demesne launch at Clondalkin Library

Christmas Craft Fair 2022

The Christmas Craft fair took place at Tallaght library on November 26th. Following two years of Covid restrictions which led to an online fair in 2020 and reduced stall numbers in 2021, it was wonderful to be back with a full house.

46 local crafters took the opportunity to showcase their handmade produce on the day. Music was provided by the Rathfarnham Ukulele Group. 1200 people attended.

Vendors were delighted with the turn out and with the chance to meet up again with other local crafters.



Christmas Craft Fair in Tallaght Library





Corporate Performance and Change Management

South Dublin County Council Publishes 2022 Gender Pay Gap Report

South Dublin County Council has published its Gender Pay Gap Report for 2022. The gender pay gap is the difference in the average hourly wage of men and women across a workforce. Employers with more than 250 employees in Ireland are now required to publish their gender pay gap data every year.

The 2022 report shows that on average, females are paid 3% more than males and that the median rate of pay for females is 12% higher than for males.

Publishing our gender pay gap data helps to reinforce our focus on supporting an open and inclusive workplace. Our organisation is a place where all employees have the same opportunities for recognition and career development and are treated fairly and equitably at work. Many equality, diversity and inclusion initiatives and supports are already in place such as flexible and family friendly arrangements, blended working, and great career progression and educational opportunities.

As an employer, South Dublin County Council is committed to continuing to work in this area, providing a positive and supportive environment for employees. The report can be accessed [HERE](#).



Lighting of the tree

Many areas across the county held Christmas events and markets some for the first time in three years. Mayor Emma Murphy of South Dublin County Council had the pleasure of officiating the official lighting of the Christmas Tree in the following locations:

Walkinstown Roundabout – Templeogue Village – Tallaght Community Council – Clondalkin Village – County Hall Tallaght

The lighting of the tree at County Hall also coincided with the Unwrapped Winter Festival of Lights in conjunction with The Civic Theatre and South Dublin County Libraries.

UN Human Rights Day

South Dublin County Council developed an Equality and Human Rights Framework during 2022.

The 'Duty' sets out the responsibilities for all public bodies in Ireland to promote equality, prevent discrimination and protect the human rights of their employees, customers, service users and everyone affected by their policies and plans.

One of the actions in the first annual Action Plan was to hold an event to highlight the work achieved in meeting this obligation, which took place on Friday, 9 December.

This event celebrated UN Human Rights Day and provided an opportunity to brief

staff on the SDCC's various actions to address human rights and equality both for staff and the communities we serve.

Staff were addressed by Lorna Maxwell, Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management, Bernie Bradley – member of the IHREC Public Sector Duty team, Dr Michael Seifu – SDCC Housing and Disability Steering Group and Validation Group for the Framework, and Cristina Hurson, from the Council's Equality and Human Rights Working Group.

After the event Mayor Emma Murphy officially launched South Dublin County Councils Equality and Human Rights Framework.

Pictured above L-R: (B) Cllr. Eoin Ó Broin, Lorna Maxwell SDCC, Myor Emma Murphy, Cristina Hurson SDCC, Bernie Bradley IHREC, Cllr. Lyn Hagin Meade, Cllr. Madeleine Johansson (F) Selina Bonnie SDCC, Dr. Michael Sifu

Local Election Area	Electors added to the register since 2019	Total number of Electors per LEA
Lucan	1000	21986
Palmerstown- Fonthill	927	24888
Clondalkin	1060	29457
<u>Firhouse- Bohernabreena</u>	912	25900
Tallaght- South	757	22414
Tallaght- Central	635	28835
Rathfarnham- Templeogue	1038	39790
Totals	6329	193270

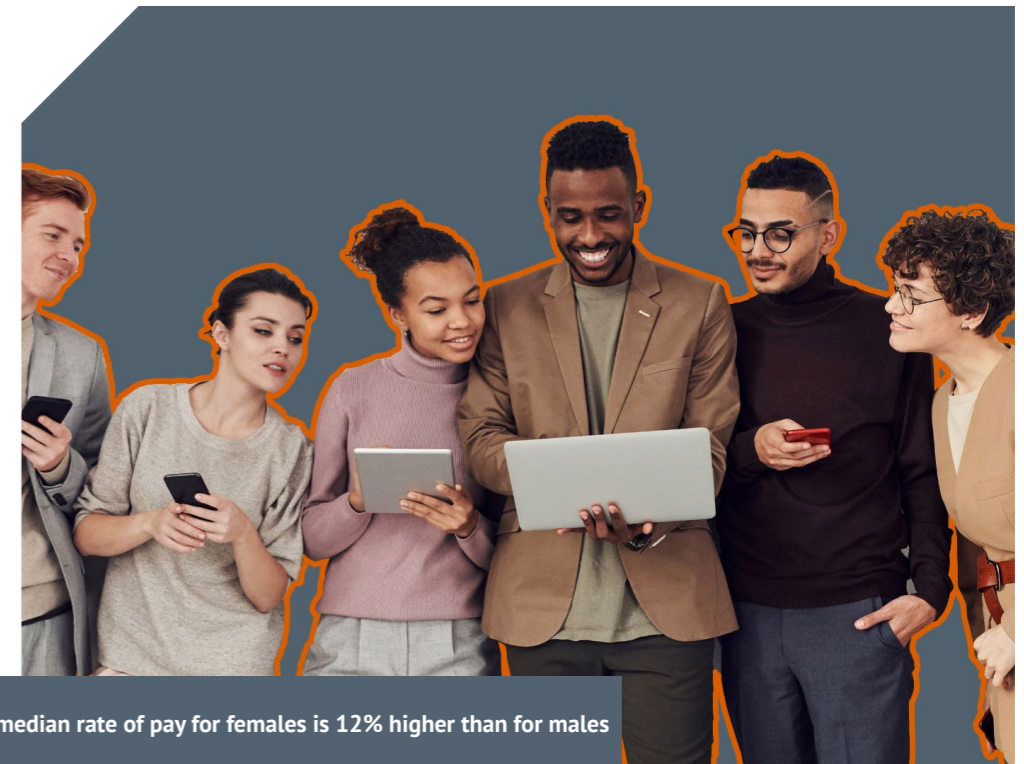
Register of Electors - Electoral Area Breakdown

Register of Electors

There are currently 193,270 people registered to vote in South Dublin across the seven Local Electoral Areas.

Since the last local elections in 2019, 6,329 additional citizens have either registered to vote or come on to the South Dublin register. The table (left) shows the spread of registered electors across each local electoral area.

To find out if you are eligible or registered to vote, visit <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/our-council/elections-and-voting/for-voters/> or contact the Council's Franchise Section at 014149100 or email registrofelectors@sdbulincoco.ie.



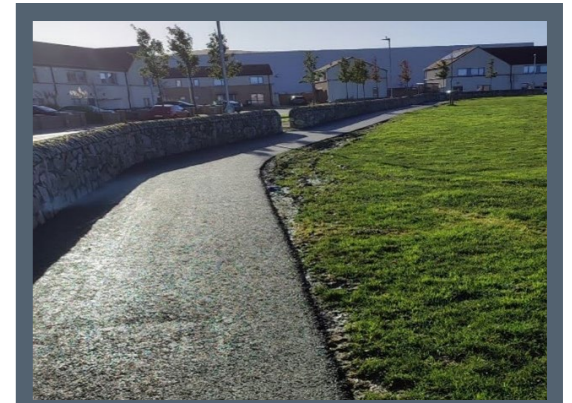
Gender Pay Gap Report shows median rate of pay for females is 12% higher than for males



Astro Pitch for Sean Walsh Park

The Astro pitch for Sean Walsh Park which received Part 8 for the Council in 2021 has progressed to construction stage with the Chief Executive of South Dublin County Council signing a contract with J.N.Cummins & Co. Ltd., trading as Premier Pitches for the construction of the pitch. The pitch is to be built just east of Tallaght Stadium in Sean Walsh Park and will be a welcome addition to sports facilities in South Dublin County.

The pitch in Sean Walsh Park is one of the Astros planned as part of the implementation of South Dublin's Sports Pitch Strategy. The first of these is under construction in Airlie Park in Adamstown and is due to be opened in 2023. Construction on the Sean Walsh Park Astro will start in January 2023 and will be completed within 6 months. Present at the contract signing were; Daniel McLoughlin, Chief Executive and Teresa Walsh, Director of Service, South Dublin County Council and John Cummins, Managing Director and Adrian Cummins, Business Development Manager, J.N.Cummins & Co. Ltd., trading as Premier Pitches.



Sláintecare funding for Public Realm Improvement Projects

During 2022 €300,000 has been provided through the HSE's Sláintecare initiative to deliver several Public Realm improvements in the county. One of these is the creation of a healthy exercise route in MacUilliam Estate in Tallaght which has been completed at a cost of €70,000.

A scheme to realign and provide public lighting at a location known as the black path in Neilstown in North Clondalkin has also been completed at a cost of €50,000. The provision of calisthenics equipment at Balgaddy, which will cost €60,000, is substantially complete. Work to provide outdoor gym equipment and a playspace at Clondalkin Park will commence in early 2023.

Home Energy Improvements

The twin crises of climate change and the cost of living are dominating public discourse both in Ireland and internationally. A special Energy Saving edition of our Climate Change newsletter is now available. It aims to help citizens during these challenging winter months by identifying low/no cost options that will help with both the cost of living and climate crises, as well as higher cost actions that pay you, and our climate, back over time.

Our direct energy spends come from heating our homes and hot water, our appliances and lighting, and transport, if we have a car or motorbike. For example, reducing your thermostat by 1°C could lower your total home energy usage by an estimated 10%, so try 19°C for living areas and lower for bedrooms and halls. Turn radiators them off when not needed, don't block them with furniture, and bleed them to ensure best performance. Heat your hot water

only when you need it and be careful of appliances that create heat (the oven, tumble dryer, kettle, toaster, hair dryer). If you have a car, petrol or diesel represent a major cost. Try switch some journeys to public transport or walking or cycling. This can also have additional positive effects, by reducing air pollution and congestion.

The above changes can be made immediately. But longer term, Insulating our homes, by preventing the heat we make from escaping, is a highly impactful action. When we have looked at insulation, installing heat pumps, are a great way to transition away from expensive, highly polluting, and less efficient gas or oil-fired boilers. For certain homes, solar PV panels represent an excellent choice. The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) manages a range of grants to help with the above – browse them here.

You can rent Home Energy Saving Kits from South Dublin libraries. Whether



Home Energy Saving Kits Available

you own or rent, the kit helps you to understand your energy use, including where energy is lost or wasted at home. Or you can establish a Sustainable Energy Community in South Dublin with likeminded citizens. For further information contact us at climatechange@sdblincoco.ie. You can read the [full newsletter here](#) or view the dedicated energy section of our [climate action website here](#).

Whitechurch Stream Flood Alleviation project gets the green light!

SDCC are pleased to announce that following a Judicial Review process that the Whitechurch Stream Flood Alleviation Scheme is now free to proceed. The Whitechurch Stream was identified under the Dodder CFRAM project as being at risk for flooding during a 1 in 100-year flood event; mainly due to factors such as the low banks, overtopping of existing defences, and insufficient floodplain capacity. In addition, there is insufficient capacity at several bridges and culverts,

which can cause water to back-up and increase the water levels upstream.

The Whitechurch scheme is designed to mitigate this risk for the 1 in 100-year (1% AEP) flood event. The proposed scheme will provide flood protection for over 150 properties in the catchment area and will also prevent fluvial flooding from the Whitechurch Stream for flood events up to, and including, the 100-year Return Period event at St. Enda's Park and down-

stream along the Whitechurch Road.

The scheme is aligned to the Dublin Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024 under the Flood Resilience theme. Construction of the scheme is being undertaken in conjunction with the OPW Construction Section and is expected to commence in 2023, with an estimated 18-24 month works programme.



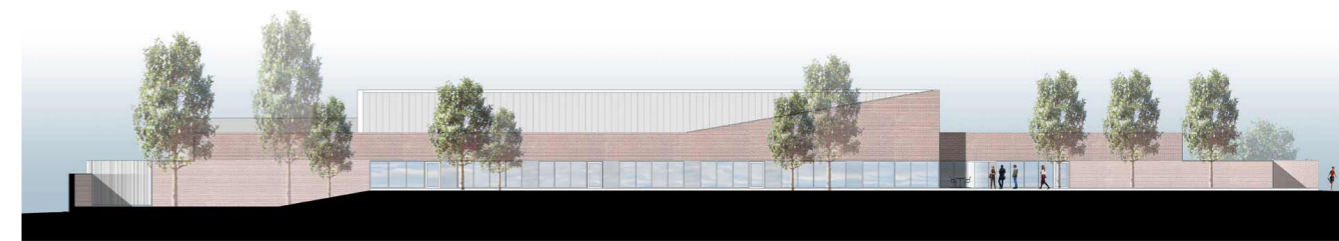
Lucan Leisure Campus Management Contract Signed

Contract Signed with AURA Leisure to Manage New Lucan Leisure Campus

The Council is delighted to announce the signing of a contract with AURA Sports and Leisure Management to manage the new Lucan Leisure Campus for a period of up to nine years, following a competitive dialogue procurement process.

Lucan Leisure Campus which will open in 2023 is located at Griffeen Valley Park, Lucan, Co. Dublin and will comprise a currently under construction new public

swimming pool with a gymnasium and fitness suites, cafeteria, and an existing leisure centre, which closed in August 2021 to facilitate roof replacement and upgrade work, and which has an indoor sports hall and dedicated space for Esker Boxing Club. The campus will also have in excess of 100 car parking spaces including 6 accessible parking spaces and over 70 bicycle parking spaces.



Aura are an Irish company with over 20 years' experience managing and operating local authority leisure centres, swimming pools and fitness gyms, delivering the highest standards of service in operating public leisure facilities. They currently operate sixteen facilities throughout Ireland including ten local authority leisure centres.



Pictured at the contract signing are Chief Executive Danny McLoughlin and Gar Holohan; Company Chairman of the Aura Holohan Group.

Mayors Reception For Shamrock Rovers



Mayor of South Dublin County Council hosts Shamrock Rovers in County Chambers

South Dublin County Council's Mayor, Cllr Emma Murphy held a civic reception for Shamrock Rovers in County Hall on Monday evening to acknowledge Shamrock Rovers three in a row SSE Airtricity League success.

At the event The Mayor presented three stunning photos of Shamrock

Rovers lifting the Airtricity Cup in 2020, 2021 and 2022 to Ciaran Medlar, Chairman of Shamrock Rovers and Stephen Bradley, Manager of Shamrock Rovers.

Player of the Year awards for the senior and junior teams were also presented to Rory Gaffney and Andy Lyons respectively and collected

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Pictured with some of the Shamrock Rovers team are (L-R) Councillors Louise Dunne, Mick Duff, Mayor Emma Murphy, Ed O'Brien, Shamrock Rovers Manager Stephen Bradley, Councillors Charlie O'Connor, Pamela Kearns, Kieran Mahon, Alan Edge & Lyn Hagin Meade



by team Captain Ronan Finn. The event was attended by South Dublin Councillors, the Shamrock Rovers team, and management as well as match day volunteers.

There were many words of admiration and encouragement for the team, the club and Tallaght Stadium from the speakers on the night; Ciaran Medlar - Chairman of Shamrock Rovers, Stephen Bradley - Manager of Shamrock Rovers, Danny Mc Loughlin - Chief Executive of South Dublin County Council, Mayor of South Dublin Cllr Emma Murphy and local

Cllr. and Rovers superfan, Charlie O'Connor. The Mayor said "South Dublin County Council wish to acknowledge and celebrate Shamrock Rovers success; they are an inspiration to our community. They have shown commitment, skill and passion for the game and for their team. Winning the Airtricity once is a huge success but to win three in a row shows the hard work and dedication this team is made of. We are extremely proud of our relationship with Shamrock Rovers and Tallaght Stadium management and hope that this relationship will continue to thrive."



Members of the Shamrock Rovers Team with Mayor Emma Murphy, Councillors, SDCC Staff, Fans & Game Day Volunteers

5-Year Library Development Plan



South Dublin County Council adopted a new 5-year Library Development Plan in December.

The plan, titled "Our Library, Our Future" is ambitious, brave, and innovative in terms of how it was developed, the direction it seeks to bring our libraries, and the impact we believe it will have.

Leaders from across Ireland and around the world have called for organisations to do more when it comes to taking on and responding to the many challenges facing our communities, societies, and

our planet today. The library has always played a vital role in society and in responding to its needs. Now more than ever, our communities and society need the library to innovate, to work harder, and to use its position at the heart of community to understand, facilitate and respond to their needs. "Our Library, Our Future" sets out an innovative approach to using the power of knowledge, community, inspiration, and truth that our

South Dublin County Council Libraries

- County Library, Tallaght
- Ballyroan Library
- Castletymon Library
- Clondalkin Library
- Library HQ
- Lucan Library
- North Clondalkin Library
- John Jennings Library (Stewarts)
- Palmerstown Library
- Digital Hub
- South Dublin Mobile Libraries

sector holds in abundance.

We have identified key challenges and insights, uncovered during our thorough research and consultation work, and have with this plan set out the strategy and work priorities for the library service for the next five years. It includes an ambitious aspiration statement, key development areas in which we will focus, and detail on the capabilities and leadership we will need in place to be successful. The plan is designed to make the library more relevant, more innovative and to put it in a better place to have the impact we know we can have.

In this time of rapid social, cultural, and technological change, with many great challenges facing our communities and our world, we see this as a crucial time for the library service to respond.

Our Library, Our Future covers the period 2023 to 2027, and is one of the most

important we have ever created. It offers a means of rethinking what the library is, why it exists and what it can do to play its part in a time of unprecedented change and opportunity.

It has been developed from the ground up. In its creation we have asked new questions, spoken to new people, sought feedback in new ways and we are presenting our findings in a new format. It is a 'living document,' and across our identified challenges and insights we offer our community an opportunity to submit thoughts and ideas and work with us in the important task ahead.

We passionately believe that our future needs our library, and to deliver, we must evolve and co-create with our community. "Our Library, Our Future" sees us rise to this challenge, with our libraries playing an important part in informing, inspiring and enabling our communities for the future.

Our Library, Our Future
South Dublin Libraries Development Plan 2023 - 2027

Our Aspiration
South Dublin Libraries will become a benchmark for what a public library can be in terms of engagement, relevance, innovation and impact. We will do this by questioning why we exist, what we do and how we can better serve the public. Today, society and communities face many challenges, where accurate information, human connection and inspiration is needed. South Dublin Libraries will use our position in the heart of communities to better serve those communities.

Innovation for the library we need today
Human-Centred Innovation for, with & through the library

The library working for tomorrow
Responding to increasing community, social and global challenges

South Dublin Library Champions

- SDL champion for Environment & Sustainability
- SDL champion for Innovation & Creativity
- SDL champion for Equality, Diversity & Inclusion
- SDL champion for Community & Outreach
- SDL champion for Literacy & the Irish language
- SDL champion for Heritage & Placemaking

Key Development areas

- Expanding Our Community**
 - Attracting teenagers & young adults:
 - Finding our purpose
 - Transition to experiences
 - Adapting to member needs
- Energising Our Collections**
 - Innovative Curation:
 - Wayfinding life:
 - Meaningful partnerships
 - Adapting delivery
 - Literacy & Healthy Ireland:
- Rejuvenating Our Physical & Virtual Spaces**
 - The library as a third+ space
 - Targeted Comfort
- Sharing Our Stories, Making Our Places**
 - New Heritage
 - Technology for all
 - Collect & curate
- Empowering Our Staff**
 - Innovation & improvement
 - Getting out into the community
 - Irish Language

5-year Library Development Plan



gue Intergenerational Centre.

The programme going forward is clearly linked to our strategic objectives. Key themes include:

- Over €700m will be invested in housing as part of our 5-year housing strategy. This goes beyond traditional social housing, with the development of affordable purchase and cost rental housing. Following on the success of the Klicarbery scheme, there is an emphasis on large scale sites at Killinarden, Belgard North and particularly Clonburris SDZ, where our land can accommodate 2,500 homes.
- Our Climate Action Strategy will be updated in 2023, but existing commitments across a range of projects are scheduled, including flood relief schemes, Tallaght District Heating scheme, the expansion of our cycling infrastructure, EV charging,

solar projects and compact growth initiatives. In relation to compact growth, there is particular emphasis on the build out of Adamstown SDZ, the commencement of development in Clonburris SDZ, with the aid of €186m in URDF funding and the progression of plans for the “City Edge” district along the Naas Road.

- Job creation, enterprise and tourism all come within the definition of economic development. In this regard, the expansion of Grange Castle, its master planning and branding, the Tallaght Innovation Centre and the planned enterprise/innovation centres at the 12th Lock and Adamstown, are all targeted at delivering in this regard. Investment in Greenways, the development of our Dublin Mountains Visitor Centre, the refurbishment of Rathfarnham Castle Stables and the works planned at making Lucan a tourism destination village, will all be completed within this

3-year cycle in keeping with our Tourism Strategy. A more recent initiative is the plan for the development of the 12th Lock area, for which a scheme of development will be brought forward in early 2023.

- Community development and quality of life are supported through a comprehensive plan for the roll out of community infrastructure and amenities in support of active and passive recreation, sport, the arts, and recreation generally. These include the final phase of Tallaght Stadium, additional turf and Astro pitches, children’s play and teen spaces, Lucan Sports Centre, new community centres at Newcastle, Killinarden, Kilcarbery, Citywest, Saggart and Ballycullen, new libraries in Citywest and Adamstown, the regeneration of existing parks in Killinarden, Jobstown, Corkagh and Quarryvale and new parks in Adamstown and Clonburris.

The social and economic value of this programme is very significant. It underpins our ambition for the county, delivers for citizens, communities and business. Its delivery will create thousands of jobs locally and provide for a sustainable future for present and future generations.

A Focus On

3 Year Capital Programme: 2023-2025

Investment of €1.2b planned to support the future growth and development of South Dublin County

In addition to the provision of front-line local government services to its 300,000 citizens at an annual cost of over €300m, the primary role of South Dublin County Council is to create the necessary conditions for, and to itself directly invest in the Economic growth and prosperity of the area. This is achieved through its Capital Programme of expenditure on physical and social infrastructure.

The planned 2023 – 2025 €1.142b programme of investment in the county is targeted to support housing, economic development, climate action, quality of life and community wellbeing. It is an investment in present and future generations and accords with our corporate ambition, “to make our county a vibrant and inclusive place for the people who live, visit, work, and do business here now and for the future.”

This is a three-year rolling programme that is updated each year to account for costing revisions, changes to the delivery schedule and to add new projects, as they are approved by the Elected Members. The programme is factual in the sense that all projects have identified sources of funding, in accordance with national and local policy and are understood as part of the broader strategy as set out in our County Development Plan and our Corporate Plan. The project timelines are subject to change as has been in evidence recently due to economic disruption.

Throughout 2022 project delivery across the country, public and private, has had to deal with uncertainty related to supply chain and inflationary impacts, resulting in tender hesitancy, onsite delays and related

cost increases. Notwithstanding these setbacks, this Council has brought a number of important projects to site including Tallaght Stadium, The Innovation Centre, Rathcoole Courthouse and Saggart Community Centre. We will secure the delivery of some 400 social homes, have invested a further €14m in our cycling network, will open a new €5m park in Adamstown together with the Celbridge Link Road and have further expanded our network of child and teen spaces.

A significant number of projects due to commence in quarter three of 2022, have been delayed. They will however start in December or early 2023. These include the Lucan village works, Tallaght civic plaza and pedestrian links, Tallaght Mobility Hub, Killinarden Park, Corkagh Park, Clonburris infrastructural works, Sean Walsh Park Astro pitch, Tymon District Centre and Templeo-



Proposed Dublin Mountains Visitor Centre

Images of the Month



Mayors Reception for Shamrock Rovers

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UN Human Rights Day



Launch of Sláintecare Healthy Communities Clondalkin



Launch of Road Safety Action Plan

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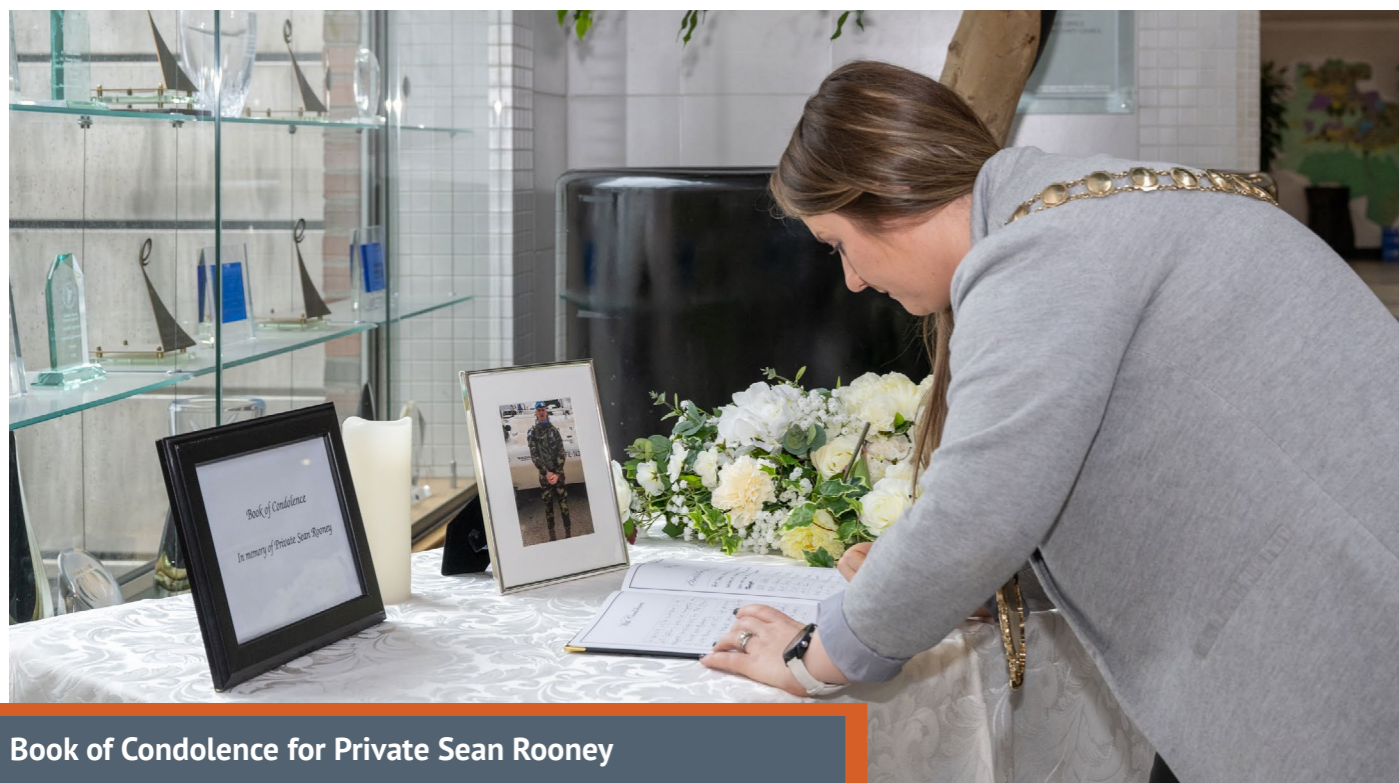


Lighting of the Christmas Tree at County Hall

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Christmas Decoration Competition - Mayors Office



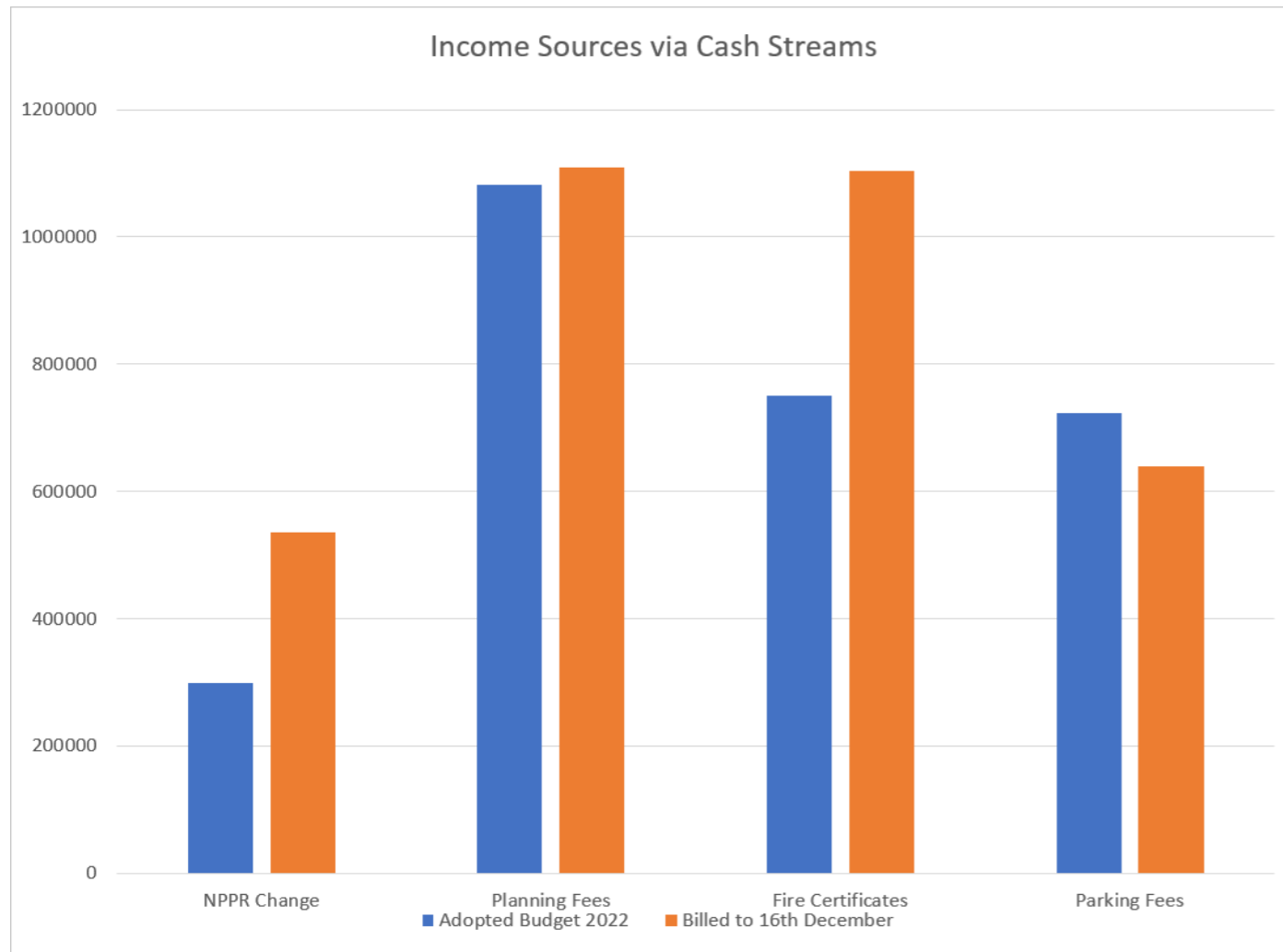
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