



July 2023

Chief Executive's Report

New Mayor and Deputy Mayor Elected
at Annual Meeting

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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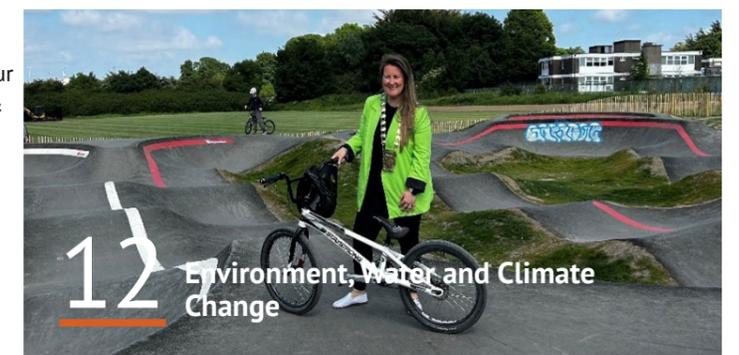
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Work has Started on a New Heritage Plan

The Council's Heritage Officer has started work to review and prepare a new, updated Heritage Plan for the County. As part of this, a series of external stakeholder workshops were hosted in Tallaght Library in March 2023. A Public Consultation Survey for the Review of the Plan was also live on the Council's Consultation Portal between March 10th and April 11th 2023.

As part of this consultation process, we received some 43 submissions through the on-line consultation survey. A review of the submissions and outputs from both the external consultation workshops and the on-line survey is currently being done. This valuable input from the public, stakeholders and Councillors will be used to inform the preparation of the Draft Heritage Plan for the County which will be available for a full public consultation that is set to take place in Q4 2023.

The SDCC Heritage Plan will provide a measurable and implementation-based plan for archaeology and natural, built & cultural heritage.

SDCC was successful in securing grant funding of €12,000 from the Heritage Council for 2023 to support the review of the Heritage Plan.



Progressing the Castletymon District Centre Enhancement Project

Construction work at Castletymon, under the District Centre Enhancement Programme is now at the half way stage and works continue to progress well.

Public realm upgrades at the entrance to Bancroft Park and adjacent to Castletymon Library are substantially complete and good progress has been made on the Tymon Park side of the road.

Works have also commenced within the shopping centre carpark with the installation of drainage, ducting and laying of new paving to front the shop units. Engagement with the traders is ongoing and we are receiving great co-operation from them to date.

The construction element of the scheme is programmed to be completed in October and following that, an artist has been appointed to provide some artwork on sections of walls at the district centre.

Progressing the Design for District Centre Enhancements to Rosemount, Bawnogue, Dodsboro

Work has commenced on the design of the next three District Centre Enhancement Projects which are Rosemount, Bawnogue and Dodsboro.

In May, Civic Engineers were appointed as the design consultant for all three schemes and they bring a very strong track record of delivering innovative and effective public realm schemes across the UK and Ireland.

At the beginning of June, individual workshops were held with the key stakeholders including the traders, local resident associations and Councillors at each district centre.

At these workshops there was a short presentation on the objectives of these schemes but they were primarily used to get feedback from stakeholders on what they perceive as the issues. As expected, traffic and parking are

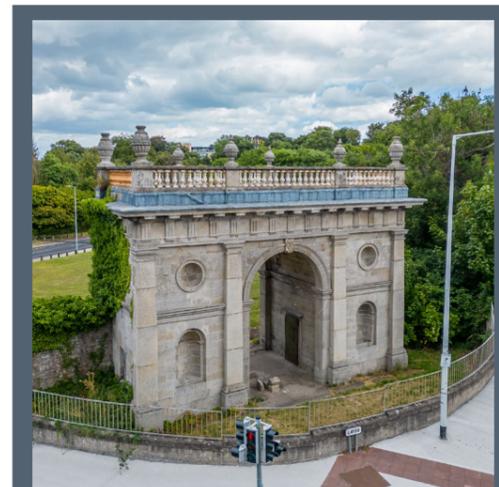
some of the main issues at each site, but it is very important that these schemes deliver more than traffic improvements and provide a social, environmental and aesthetic improvement to the area.

Based on the feedback, Civic Engineers have now developed a number of concept designs for each site. A second round of public workshops was held at the end of June, and this provided stakeholders with an opportunity to submit comments and direction on how the projects are developing.

Using this information Civic Engineers will develop a final design concept and the team will then progress, with full consultations on each of the schemes for Aug/Sept 2023.

The intention is to secure approval for the schemes in 2023 and then to finalise design and appoint contractors

in late 2024 with the schemes set to be completed in 2025.



Lord Ely's Arch in Rathfarnham

Local Biodiversity Action Fund (LBAF)

The Council's Heritage Officer working with our planning and parks teams are delighted to confirm that following a review of the SDCC Local Biodiversity Action Fund applications, the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) in the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage has agreed to grant €52,500 funding to South Dublin County Council for 2023 to support 4 projects.

The funding will support a pilot project in Waterstown Park for ground nesting birds, surveying of the Pollinator areas in Tymon Park, Waterstown and Lucan Demesne, a Woodland Orchid Survey and a survey of selected waterbodies & ponds in the County. These projects will build on the ongoing implementation of the SDCC Biodiversity Action Plan, led by the SDCC Heritage Officer and supported by the Biodiversity Action Plan Steering Group and the Joint EWCC/ LUPT SPC Sub Committee for Biodiversity.



Orchard at Waterstown Park



Housing, Social and Community Development

Knockmitten Youth & Community Family Fun

The inaugural Knockmitten Youth & Community Family Fun Sports Day took place on Saturday 17th June. This event was to provide a day full of inclusive physical activity and fun for local children of all abilities and backgrounds.

100 children were registered online and attended the event with their parents and siblings in tow. Agencies that were also invited to the event included the South Dublin Volunteer Centre, South Dublin County Sports Partnership, Rowing Ireland, Bluebell Knockmitten United FC, HSE Slaintecare, South Dublin County Partnership, High Five Boxing Academy, Special Olympics, SDCC Mobile Libraries, Clondalkin Gardai, local politicians, Cllr William Carey, Deputy Emer Higgins TD and Tokyo 2020 Olympian Swimmer Ellen

Walshe.

There were 10 events on the day which contributed to the children being physically active, an important tool in Community Health & Wellbeing. After the children completed their events, a Volunteer/Parents/Leaders tug-of-war and sprint relay was hosted which led to many happy faces.

To complete the event, the top 3 teams who scored the highest points on the day, received medals from Cllr Kenneth Egan OLY and Ellen Walshe OLY on the podium. Medals and certificates were also awarded to the rest of the groups in recognition of their efforts during the day.

The feedback from this event has been

extremely positive and we will look to make this event bigger and better for 2024.



Relay Race at Knockmitten Family Fun Sports Day

Agresso Loans Management System

The Council have launched a new Loans Management System. The transition from the existing system was completed with minimum disruption to our borrowers.

This new system is a more efficient way for the Council to process existing loans and new applications.

As part of the ongoing digital transformation of the Council's services, this will enable the introduction of a new secure online Mobile App which will allow customers to view their payment history, outstanding account balance and make payments online 24/7

Fire Safety Training in Clondalkin and Tallaght

Dublin Fire Brigade successfully completed Fire Safety Training in Clondalkin and Tallaght on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th June 2023 to promote a culture of fire safety awareness and responsibility.

The training aimed to bolster safety measures and ensure preparedness in the event of a fire emergency within Traveller communities. The programme covered a wide range of essential fire safety topics and included advice on how to identify fire hazards, what to do in the event of a fire, how to use equipment appropriately and how to recognise a suspected carbon monoxide leak.

Participants gained valuable knowledge to effectively respond to fire incidents and protect themselves, their families, and their communities.



Active South Dublin in Focus

On May 8th, the Council formally ratified a new Sport and Physical Activity Plan, 'Active South Dublin 2023-2028'. The plan delivers on the National Sports Policy 2018-2027 which requested that all local authorities should have Local Sports Plans. In this respect, South Dublin County Council is a national leader being the first local authority to deliver such a plan.

The Active South Dublin plan encompasses an array of ambitious objectives and actions aimed at providing participation opportunities, developing facilities, supporting local clubs and offering leader training. Its overarching goal is to inspire and motivate every citizen in the county, regardless of age, background, or ability, to lead active and healthy lives.



Fire Safety Training in Clondalkin & Tallaght



LEO South Dublin Success at National Enterprise Awards

High Res Lighting, supported by Local Enterprise Office South Dublin, were winners at this year's National Enterprise Awards, which took place in the Mansion House in Dublin.

High Res Lighting are an award-winning, highly experienced, full service Creative Production company, specialising in Virtual Production for the global tv and film industry, including major international streaming platforms and film studios such as Netflix, Amazon Prime Video and Apple TV+.

The Ballymount based company took home the Dublin Region Winner and Runner Up award due to the expertise of the team and the exceptional success that they have already achieved globally.

The future couldn't be any brighter for one of LEO South Dublin's most successful clients.



Woman's National Team World Cup Send Off at Tallaght Stadium

South Dublin County Council are delighted to welcome the Ireland Women's National Team to Tallaght Stadium before they head off to take part in the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 in Australia and New Zealand.

It is expected that Tallaght Stadium will be packed for two International Friendlies against Zambia (June 22) & France (July 6) before their World Cup tournament kicks off on July 20 against the co-hosts Australia.

The Team will get a great send off at a sold out Tallaght Stadium and will go on to do the country proud at the tournament. We all look forward to following the team on the pitch during the World Cup. The Elected Members and Staff of the Council, wish the Team and their Management all the best for the two games in Tallaght Stadium, and especially for the tournament itself.

South Dublin Libraries Celebrate Pride Month!

South Dublin Libraries held a vibrant programme of events in celebration of Pride Month throughout June.

The highlight of the month was undoubtedly the involvement of our mobile library and staff in the Dublin Pride Parade on 24th June, showing our support for our LGBTQ+ colleagues and the wider community.

Library staff marched alongside the Mayor of South Dublin County, Cllr. Emma Murphy, councillors, SDCC colleagues and members of Comhairle na nÓg, and the city was a sea of colour as the parade made its way from O'Connell Street to Merrion Square on a gloriously sunny day in Dublin. South Dublin Libraries' active participation in the parade aimed to show solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community and reinforced the message that 'libraries are for everyone'.

South Dublin Libraries organised a variety of Pride Month events, including film screenings, Drag Bingo, a talk with historian Tonie Walsh on the 'Queer History of Dublin', the 'Living with Pride' exhibition of photographs by Christopher Robson, and inclusive story times.

Pride Month also allowed us to highlight our diverse collection of LGBTQ+ books, films, and other materials which serve as a valuable resource for individuals seeking knowledge and representation, and affirm the role of libraries as inclusive spaces that support all members of our community.

The Pin Your Pride programme returned for 2023, where patrons could collect a different Pride themed badge at their library each week for the month of June, and we were also delighted to distribute these at the Pride Parade.

proudly alongside the LGBTQ+ community, promoting the principles of diversity and inclusivity that are at the heart of the public library service.



Outgoing Mayor, Cllr. Emma Murphy with the incoming Mayor Cllr. Alan Edge

In addition to participation in the parade, South Dublin Libraries will continue to stand

Mobile Libraries Bring Family Fun to Parks this Summer

Grab a blanket, pack a picnic, and join South Dublin Libraries in the parks this summer! This July, the mobile library service will be visiting local parks for a series of fun activity mornings. Equipped with games, activities, story tellers and of course a wide range of books for all ages, our mobile library will set up in Tymon, Corkagh, Griffeen, Collinstown and Rathfarnham Castle parks throughout the month of July.

Parents can take the opportunity to sign their child up for the Summer Stars national summer reading programme at these events. All children throughout the country are invited to participate and track their reading progress over the summer. They'll pick up little rewards along the way and every child who reads even one book is regarded as having completed the programme.

Do you have a child starting school this autumn? 'My Little Library Book Bag' is available free for every child starting school in 2023 to help them to prepare for this big step. Children and their parents or guardians can collect the bags at any of our mobile library park events throughout the summer, or at their local library.

The Mobile Libraries parks events are free and open to all. Check

out www.southdublinlibraries.ie/ and follow South Dublin Mobile Libraries on Facebook for the full schedule and updates.



South Dublin Mobile Libraries Visiting Local Parks



Corporate Performance and Change Management

Recruitment - Opportunities to work in SDCC!

The first 5 months of 2023 was a busy and challenging period for the organisation in terms of the recruitment and retention of staff. The period from 1 Jan – 31 May 23 saw 48 new staff commence employment while a further 28 staff were promoted. Conversely the first 6 months of the year saw 42 resignations and 14 retirements. Over the same period, the recruitment section advertised 30 competitions and dealt with 666 applicants while interview boards interviewed 314 candidates over 57 days.

Despite the above activity the job vacancy rate in the Council remains high and our staff are working hard to continue the delivery of quality services to the public.

In good news, 25 new Clerical Officers took up their positions within the Council in June. A new Clerical Officer panel has also been formed for more new starts to commence

in August. To support the organisation with the pressures that arise from the increase in annual leave over the summer months, we have re-commenced the Summer Student Programme after a hiatus of over 10 years and we hope to employ 14 students for the summer period. If successful, this Programme will be scaled up in 2024.

We continue to work with the universities in the Dublin region to promote South Dublin County Council as an employer of choice and to support students in gaining practical and meaningful work experience through internship programmes. Currently we have a number of internships working across Business, Landscape Architecture, Planning and Communications disciplines, with students coming from TU Dublin and UCD, and good partnerships are forming with those universities.

The Council is entering into the WAM (Willing Able Mentoring) Programme which

partners AHEAD (an independent non-profit organisation creating inclusive environments in education and employment for people with disabilities) with Local Authorities who offer paid, mentored, work placements exclusively for graduates with disabilities.

The Council is currently assessing the graduate disciplines required and possible assignments and the programme will progress to recruitment soon.

Information on all career opportunities and South Dublin County Council's offering as an Employer of Choice is available at www.sdcc.ie/en/careers/

New Mayor and Deputy Mayor Elected

Councillor Alan Edge representing the Firhouse - Bohernabreena Electoral Area was elected Mayor of South Dublin County on Friday 30 June.

The election of Councillor Edge was proposed by his colleagues in the chamber Councillor Mick Duff and was seconded by Councillor Lyn Hagin-Meade. Following a vote, Councillor Edge was deemed elected to the Office of Mayor.

Councillor Yvonne Collins representing Rathfarnham - Templeogue was elected Deputy Mayor.

Tributes were also paid to the outgoing Mayor, Cllr. Emma Murphy and Deputy Mayor Cllr. Joanna Tuffy, who thanked their fellow Councillors, Chief Executive Colm Ward, the management and staff of the Council, for their help and support during their term in office.

The New Mayor and Deputy Mayor now take up their roles for the coming Council year, which will run up until the local elections, which will take place until 2024, on the same day as the 2024 European Parliament Election.



#YourCouncilDay

#YourCouncilDay took place on Friday 23rd of June. Across social media, #YourCouncilDay highlights the work of our committed and passionate Council Workers with the aim of getting the public engaged in celebrating the brilliant work of local authorities across Ireland.

"This year, SDCC highlighted areas of work within the Council that may not be well known, as well as the people who are currently working on projects which they have a passion in, including our Steel Workers, Mobile Libraries staff, one of our porters Gerry Gallagher and Gerry Horan; our in-house sound engineer as well as highlighting ongoing work including the recent announcement of grant funding.

You can see our #YourCouncilDay content on our social media channels. We wish to thank the Elected Members who supported #YourCouncilDay 2023.

SDCC host NDA / CEUD consultation on Changing Places Toilets

On Wednesday, 21 June, SDCC hosted the Centre for Excellence in Universal Design (CEUD) / National Disability Authority (NDA) consultation event to inform the new Universal Design Guidelines for Changing Places toilets. The purpose of the Guidelines will be to assist public bodies to implement the new Changing Places requirements contained in Part M Amendment Regulations 2022 and TGD M 2022 which will come into effect on 1 January 2024.

Changing Places toilets goes beyond a conventional wheelchair-accessible toilet, to include additional assistive technology of a hoist, height adjustable adult-sized changing bench, and peninsular toilet (a toilet with enough space on both sides for assistants).

The SDCC Changing Places facilities in both County Hall and North Clondalkin Library (NCL), and the pre-visit information, provided on both the Council's website and NCL's webpage, were highlighted during the event as examples of good practice. SDCC will provide a further two Changing Places toilets during 2023, in the new Lucan Swimming Pool, and as part of the Tallaght Stadium upgrade.



New Mayor of South Dublin County Council, Cllr. Alan Edge



Environment, Water Climate Change

BMX Pump Track and Playspaces open at Dodder Valley Park, Mt Carmel

The Mayor of South Dublin County Council, Cllr. Emma Murphy was joined by local Councillors, Ms. Teresa Walsh, Director of Services, staff of South Dublin County Council, Scoil Treasa's Student Council, and guests, in the Dodder Valley Park on Wednesday 31st May 2023, to cut the ribbon and officially open the new BMX pump track. Aecom Ltd carried out the planning and delivery of the BMX pumptrack.

The pumptrack was constructed by Trailbreaker Ltd in collaboration with Velosolutions Ltd. The BMX pump track is a very welcome addition to the park and complements the nearby Dodder Greenway and enlivens this part of the park since its opening.

The playspace is one of three playspaces funded by SDCC's capital budget being built in Dodder Valley Park. Dodder Valley Old Bawn was officially opened by the Mayor earlier this month and the third playspace at Dodder valley Cherryfield will be officially opened by the end of the month.

Gum Litter Taskforce Roadshow visits Tallaght

The Gum Litter Taskforce (GLT) took to the streets of Tallaght on June 13th as a part of its Summer Roadshow. The interactive Roadshow works with local authorities and communities across the country to carry out fun and engaging education and awareness initiatives that demonstrate the proper means of gum disposal and raise awareness of the environmental and fiscal impacts of gum litter.

Research published recently revealed that 87% of people now report proper gum disposal, versus 49% when the campaign began in 2007 – an increase of 77.5%, demonstrating the positive impact the campaign has had on attitudes towards gum litter. Peer pressure was found to be the key contributor to this shift in attitudes, followed by knowledge of the €150 fine.

However, work remains to be done to further reduce this figure, as still only 46% of people can claim to have never dropped gum on the ground, demonstrating the continued importance of the awareness and behavioural change campaign.

Dublin Urban Rivers LIFE Project sees Good Water Quality Improvements.

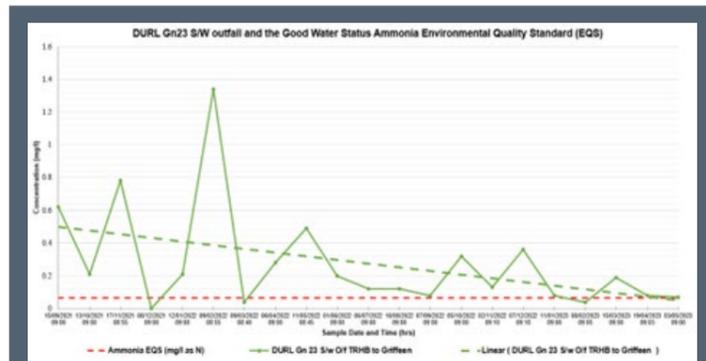
The Dublin Urban Rivers LIFE project has been working with householders in the River Griffeen catchment area for the past two years to identify stormwater drains and gullies polluted with wastewater from appliances such as washing machines, dishwashers and kitchen sinks. These have been in-correctly plumbed to rainwater drainage pipes rather than the foul sewer thereby causing pollution of the local river.

The upshot of finding and fixing these misconnections is a significant reduction in pollution of stormwater flowing into the River Griffeen. The project team have recorded typical pollution reduction rates of 75% for phosphate and 85% for ammonia which cause excess algal growth and clog up our waterways. The repair of misconnections and consequent reduction of these pollutants means stormwater outfall quality can now reach national

Environmental Quality Standards.

The project team will continue to find misconnections in the Lucan area and expect to see further improvements in water quality over the next 12 months. For more information see the project website www.dublinriverlife.ie

A typical stormwater outfall before misconnections have been found and after homeowners make repairs.



Dublin Urban Rivers LIFE Analysis

During the past two years the project has assessed water quality at over 3,800 houses in the River Griffeen catchment and found approximately 400 misconnected appliances - most of which have been repaired by homeowners, with a small number awaiting repair.

Access to houses has been tremendous with 98.5% of the homeowners approached participating, and the rate of repair shows a genuine willingness by homeowners to contribute to a better environment.

Urban Planting attracting Pollinators

As part of the ongoing Public Realm Improvement Works Programme, several urban areas have been transformed into pollinator-friendly environments. These projects were successfully completed in 2022/2023.

The locations where these schemes have been implemented include the entrances of Sean Walsh and Tymon Park, the junction of Belgard Square North/East, the roundabout beside TU on Belgard Road, Whitestown Way, Stocking Wood, Rathfarnham Village and Tallaght Village. By utilizing pollinator-friendly perennial plants, the schemes have been carefully designed to serve as excellent sources of pollen and nectar.

The planting plan focuses on creating dense vegetation, not only for its visual appearance but also to attract and support pollinators. The arrangement of plants ensures a consistent food supply for pollinators from spring to autumn. In addition to this, these plantings provide essential habitats and nesting materials for birds and insects, enhancing their overall value and contribution to the ecosystem.



Pollinator Friendly Environment in Tallaght Village

Killinarden Park

Work to Begin on Significant Upgrade



Nicholas de Jong Associates Urban Design to Lead Upgrade of Killinarden Park

Killinarden Park is a large Neighbourhood Park located around 1.5km south-west from Tallaght Town Centre. The area was laid out in the late 1970's/ early 1980's as part of the development of the Donomore and Knockmore estates in the Killinarden suburb.

South Dublin County Council (SDCC) appointed Nicholas de Jong Associates Urban Design, to lead and manage a multi-disciplinary

team for the redesign and upgrade of Killinarden Park and associated Greenway, connecting with Sean Walsh Park. The vision for the project is to create an inviting, safe, and engaging space for the community, while ensuring that it connects to the wider open space network of the county.

Following extensive public consultation, the Part 8 masterplan proposals for the park upgrade were

approved by Council. The proposed works will include:

- A walk/cycleway to north side of park, along Whitestown Stream; enhanced entrances, including new road crossings at Killinarden Way to the north-east, Killinarden Heights to the south and Whitestown Way.
- Feature areas at primary and secondary accesses, for gathering, seating and orientation; a fully

Playground

Natural Play



Linear Play Area



Sports & Active Recreation

Muti Use Games Area (MUGA)



Skate Area



accessible Primary Oval footpath and walking/exercise circuit and existing secondary footpath network resurfaced.

- Replacement and new park perimeter, walls & railings where required.
- Play trails along main walkways, with natural play equipment, sculptures, and informal seating, two natural play areas with nearby seating/social areas, a multi-use games area and skate ramp, with teenager social space; and upgrade of existing grass sports pitches.

- Biodiversity and landscape improvements, including wildflower meadow management along parts of Whitestown Stream; a community orchard; informal tree groups; semi-mature signature trees and retention of existing tree groups.

- Installation of CCTV Cameras for monitoring by An Garda Síochána and SDDC.

The importance of the proposed walk/cycleway through the northern part of the park was recognised by the National Transport Authority as fulfilling a significant section of the

Proposed additions in the upgrade to Killinarden Park

Cycle South Dublin Plan, linking with other existing and future cycle routes on the N81 and Whitestown Way, and forming part of a wider cycle network between Citywest and Rathfarnham. The NTA has committed funding to enable delivery of the sustainable travel element of the masterplan proposals. The project budget overall is €5.8m.

Tenders were invited for the scheme and contracts will be signed in July with works scheduled to start in July/August. The contract period is 12 months, with completion of the parks works in July 2024.

New Mayor and Deputy Mayor Elected at the Annual Meeting



The New Mayor and Deputy Mayor were elected at the Annual Meeting of South Dublin County Council held on Friday 30 June 2023 in County Hall, Tallaght.

Councillor Alan Edge (Non-Party), representing the Firhouse - Bohernabreena Electoral Area was elected Mayor of South Dublin County.

Councillor Edge was proposed for Mayor by Councillor Mick Duff (Non-Party) and was seconded by Councillor Lyn Hagin-Meade (Green Party). Following a roll call vote, Councillor Edge was deemed elected to the Office of Mayor.

Councillor Edge joined South Dublin County Council in 2019 as a first-time election candidate. Prior to this, he was a barrister in London, specialising in criminal law and also a campaigner for Marriage Equality and Together for Yes. He is a strong advocate for the LGBTQ+ community and led the campaign to ban conversion practices for LGBT Ireland.

He is passionate about tackling the climate and biodiversity

emergencies. He was formerly the Chair of the Arts, Culture, Gaelige, Heritage and Libraries Strategic Policy Committee and Rua Red.

Councillor Yvonne Collins (Fianna Fáil), representing Rathfarnham-Templeogue was elected Deputy Mayor, having been proposed by her party colleague Councillor Charlie O'Connor and seconded by Councillor Pamela Kearns. (Labour) Councillor Collins, who also joined the council in 2019, is

a practising solicitor who has run an office in Rathfarnham for the past twenty years and has close ties to her community through several community organisations. A strong advocate for inclusivity and accessible infrastructure, she also campaigns for a sustainable public transport system, particularly a Metro for Dublin Southwest.

Councillor Collins has close ties to her community through several community organisations and is a member of the Land Use, Transportation and Planning Strategic Policy Committee.

Tributes were also paid to the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Emma Murphy (Fianna Fáil) and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Joanna Tuffy (Labour), who thanked their fellow Councillors, Chief Executive Colm Ward, the management and staff of the Council for their help and support during their term in office.

Addressing the Chamber, the new Mayor, Councillor Edge said; *"In setting out my core priorities for my year as Mayor, I have at the centre the values of equality, diversity and fairness. I wish to pledge my ambition*

to visit every community centre in the county as part of a campaign to encourage people to their local centre and to support the introduction of Sláintecare initiatives in them all."

He promised to highlight rural communities during the year and the importance of ensuring their sustainability. He committed to tackle discrimination in all forms through a Mayor's Charter for local groups and organisations. He added, *"I pledge to work collaboratively and collegiately with all of the Councillors in the chamber, to improve the lot of all the people we represent."*

The following Councillors were also elected as Chairs of the Area Committees at the meeting:

- Councillor Francis Timmons was elected chair of the Clondalkin Area Committee.
- Councillor Vicki Casserly was elected chair of the Lucan/ Palmerstown/ North Clondalkin Area Committee.
- Councillor Pamela Kearns was elected chair of the Rathfarnham/ Templeogue/ Firhouse/ Bohernabreena Area Committee.
- Councillor Louise Dunne was elected chair of the Tallaght Area Committee.



Mayor & Deputy Mayor with newly elected Area Committee Chairs, Councillors' Vicki Casserly, Louise Dunne & Pamela Kearns

Results Night 300K Have Your Say



Results announced for 300k - Have Your Say Tallaght South and Saggart

The Mayor of South Dublin County Council, Cllr. Emma Murphy announced the winning projects for this year's €300K – Have Your Say campaign at a results ceremony in the Fettercairn Community and Youth Centre, Tallaght at 7pm on the 8th June.

Speaking at the event, Mayor Murphy said;

“Congratulations to those 10 projects which now receive the allocated funding. The projects will now go to the relevant department within the Council to be actioned over the coming year.”

The €300K Have Your Say initiative has now been run in all South Dublin electoral areas and over its lifetime, projects have been completed such as



Cllr. Emma Murphy, Mayor of South Dublin with members of the Saggart Village Residential Association

the multi games wall in Lucan, the native tree trail in Sean Walsh Park and now 10 more projects will be delivered over the coming year.

Over the coming year you will hopefully start to see the benefits in your local area.”

187 submissions were received during the consultation process with 22 projects shortlisted for the public vote. The voting took place between the 15th and the 28th of May and over 9,952 digital & paper ballot votes were cast. We are pleased to announce the 10 winning projects below.

- Solar Panels on Killinarden Community Centre and CARP Killinarden (832 votes)
- Foraging and land-based skills workshops in parks (824 votes)
- Community Wellbeing Garden at Killinarden Community Centre (800 votes)
- Bicycle Repair Station Next to the Saggart Luas Stop (710 votes)
- Christmas Lights for Saggart Village (649 votes)
- Heritage Trail App for Saggart Village (579 votes)
- New Park Benches in Carrigmore Park (554 votes)

- A Public Drinking Water Pump in Saggart Village (546 votes)
- Native Tree Trail in Carrigmore Park, Citywest (542 votes)
- Mens Shed upgrade at Fettercairn Youth and Community Centre (469 votes)

Participatory Budgeting has now been run in all South Dublin electoral areas, it is a local democratic process that facilitates citizens in a local community to directly decide how to spend a portion of a public budget in their area and over its lifetime, 104 community developed projects have been financed.

We would like to thank everyone from the Tallaght South and Saggart electoral areas who submitted ideas and those who voted for the various projects in this year's campaign.

The successful projects will be completed by South Dublin County Council in 2024.

For further information on how the €300k Have Your Say participatory Budgeting process works, visit <https://haveyoursay.southdublin.ie/>.



Representatives and Elected Members from some of the Winning Projects



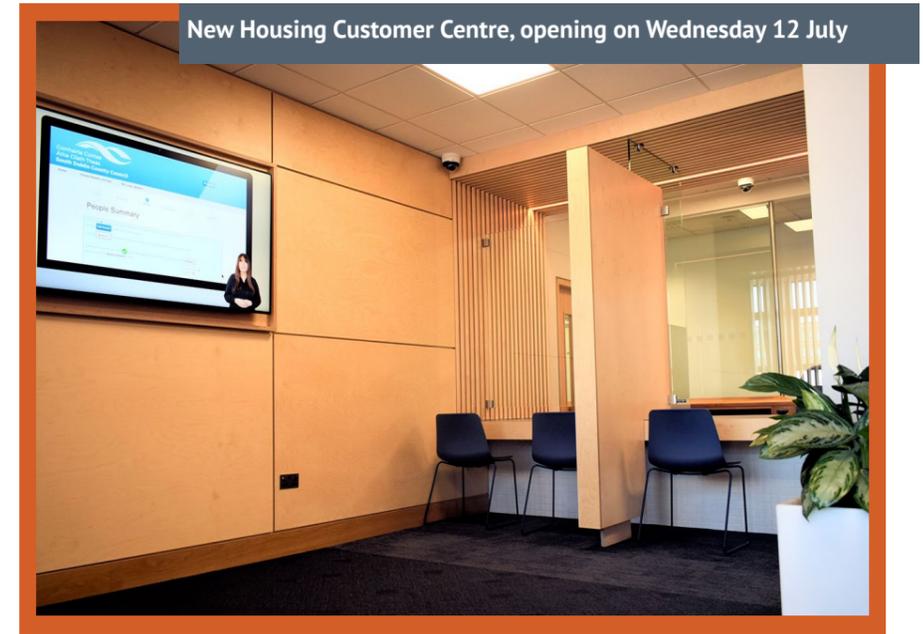
Communications

A communications campaign has commenced to ensure our customers, councillors, staff and the general public are aware of this significant change, and the new Housing Customer Centre. This will include information and advertising on our website www.sdcc.ie, social media, print media, press release and flyers for current customers in Clondalkin and Tallaght.

Direction signage is being arranged around County Hall to direct customers to the new Housing Customer Centre. Porters and Security personnel will also be present to advise.

This area will consist of a public counter area with interactive screens, a number of meeting rooms and a family specific area.

These measures reflect a significant investment by South Dublin County Council in improving our customer



New Housing Customer Centre, opening on Wednesday 12 July

services by significantly improving the customer experience and re-imagining the concourse in County Hall to be a more open and engaging public space

of a modern service provider.

We would like to acknowledge the work of all staff involved and thank you for your patience and support in this exciting development.

A Focus On Housing Customer Centre & Customer Service Redesign

Housing Customer Centre opening and Concourse Refurbishment

A new Housing Customer Centre has been designed to be comfortable for customers while offering greater privacy and quality of service to attendees.

This area will consist of a public counter area with interactive screens, a number of meeting rooms and a family specific area. This work significantly progresses the core strategy of the Customer Services and Digital Transformation Strategy which launched in 2021.

Opening Dates

A soft launch commenced from Monday, 19th June where the housing department have been arranging appointments with customers in the new facility in order to test systems, arrangements, processes etc. prior to the formal opening.

The Housing Customer Centre will officially open on Wednesday, 12th July. This will include a ribbon-cutting

ceremony with the Mayor.

Contacting the Housing Customer Centre to make an appointment.

Access to the Housing Customer Centre will be by appointment only. Members of the public can continue to contact the Council at 01-4149000 to request an appointment.

An outward-facing digital display will be placed at the entrance of the Housing Customer Centre containing useful information and a QR code linking directly to the Housing Online Portal.

Customer Care Counters

The existing customer service counters will remain open until Friday, 14th July. These will then close in preparation for refurbishment works that are scheduled to commence in September.

The Cash Offices in both Clondalkin and Tallaght will continue to operate and both will remain accessible as public buildings.

Our Porters will continue to assist and direct members of the public visiting Council Hall as appropriate.



New Housing Customer Centre in County Hall

Images of the Month



Outgoing Mayor, Cllr. Emma Murphy passes over the Mayoral chains at Annual Meeting

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Councillors and SDCC staff at Dublin Pride



Active Cities Sports Day



Pride Flag Raising at Clondalkin County Buildings

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Knockmitten Family Fun Day

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New Staff Intake at SDCC



Pollinator Friendly Roundabout outside County Hall

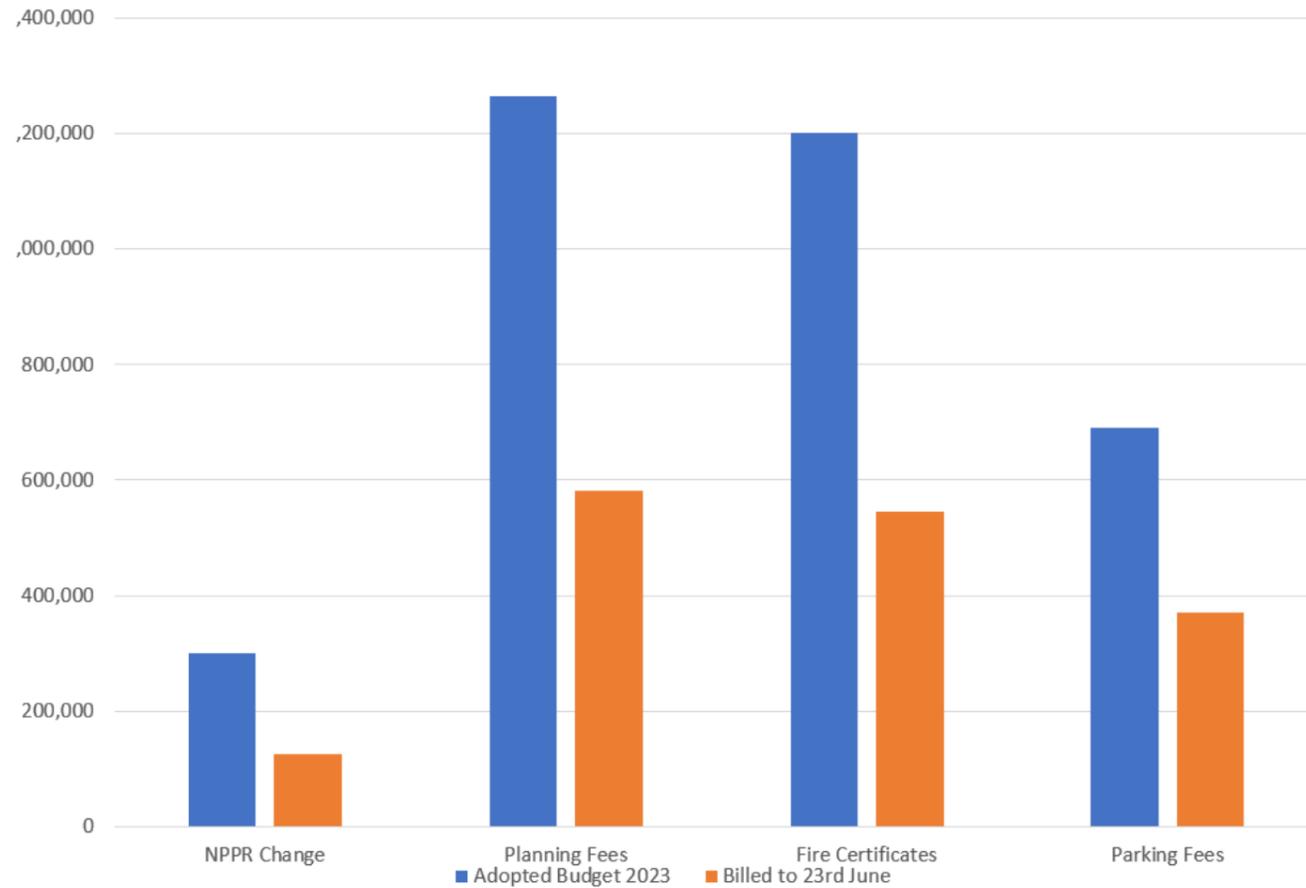


Playspace Opening at Dodder Valley Park, Mt Carmel

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