

November 2023

Chief Executive's Report

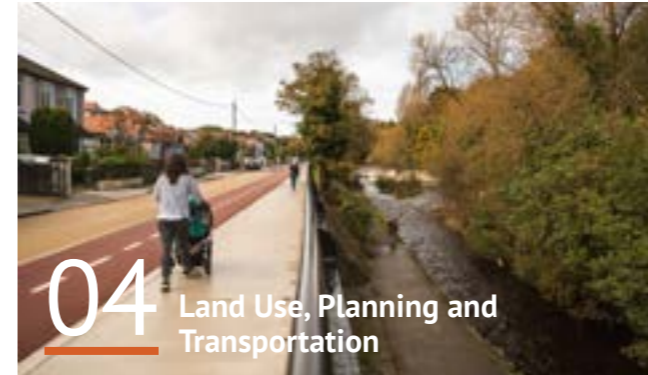
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About the Chief Executive's Report

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.

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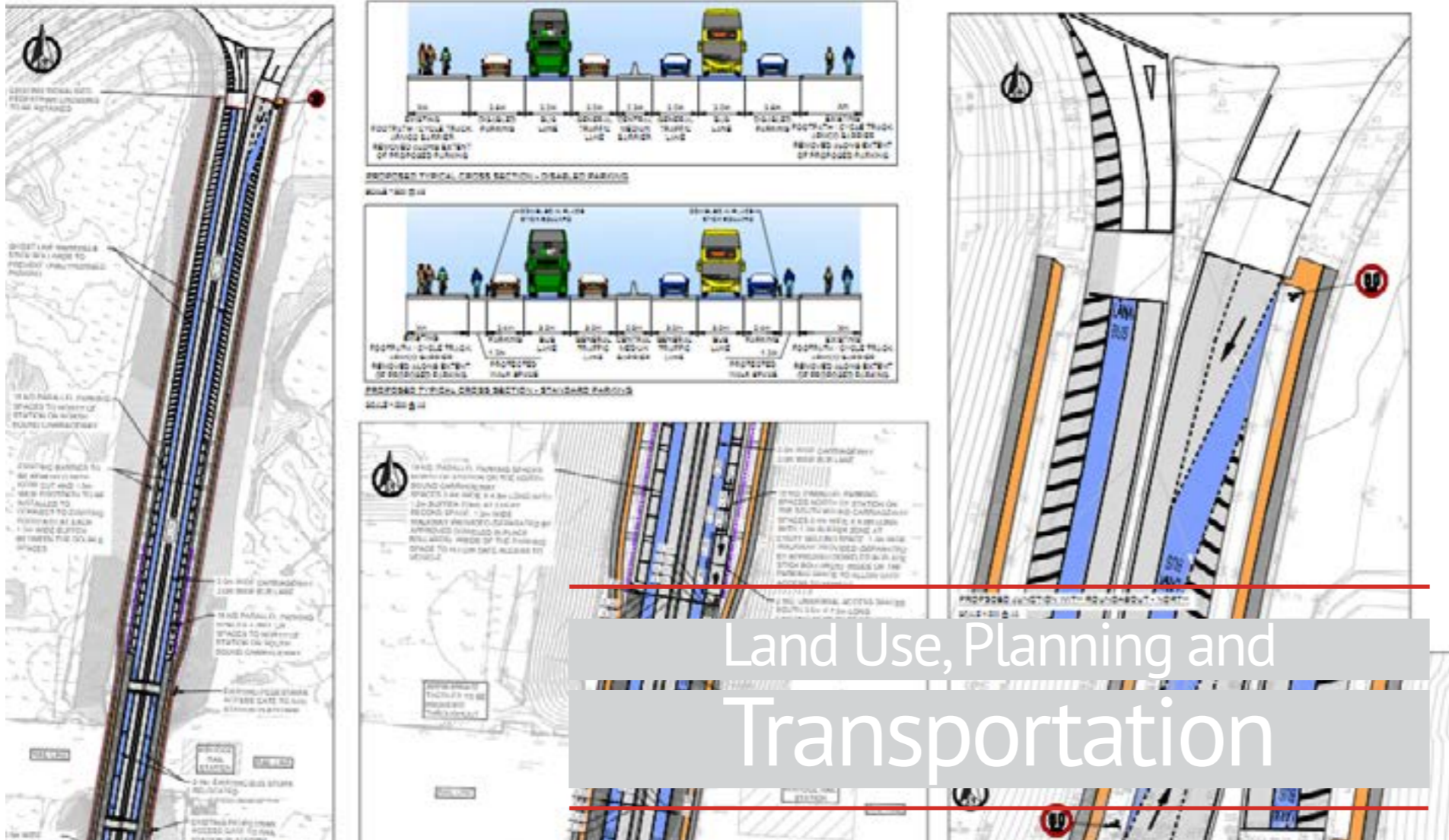
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The Dodder Greenway walking and cycling scheme is well underway with the current phase in Rathfarnham nearing completion and is planned to be finished by the end of the year.

This section will see the milestone achieved of linking Kilvere Park behind Rathfarnham Shopping Center to Elys Arch with the route passing around the perimeter of Bushy Park, through Rathfarnham Junction and down Dodder Road Lower to the County boundary at Ely's Arch (Orwell Park).

The facilities include new pedestrian footpaths, grade separated 2-way cycling with a protective kerb from vehicles as well as traffic calming measures and public realm additions.

Early in the new year work is scheduled to commence on the next phase of the project to link Kilvere Park to Dodder Valley Park along Butterfield Avenue and Firhouse Road West.



Residential Zoned Land Tax

The Government's Housing For All – A New Housing Plan for Ireland, proposed a new tax to activate vacant land for residential purposes as a part of the Pathway to increasing new Housing Supply. The Residential Zoned Land Tax was introduced in the Finance Act 2021. The process to identify land to which the tax applies has been underway since 2022 and a the final map will be published on the 1st December 2023.

The Finance Act 2021 set out that the tax was to be payable from 2024 and collected by the Revenue Commissioners. However, the most recent Budget has changed the liability date so that the tax payable has now been deferred to 2025.

Consultation for works to Grange Castle Road Clonburris SDZ

The public consultation stage of the proposed traffic calming works to the Grange Castle Road at Clonburris are currently progressing. The proposed works are located adjacent to the Kishoge Railway Station and within the wider Clonburris Strategic Development Zone (SDZ). Traffic calming works have been proposed to accommodate the works, under Section 38 of the Roads Act (as amended).

The aim of this scheme is to reduce traffic speeds, provide safe pedestrian crossings accommodate vulnerable road users and those with reduced mobility, Improve accessible car parking for Kishoge Train Station to coincide with the opening of the Train Station and development of this area in line with the Clonburris SDZ Planning Scheme.

The extent of works is over c.480m and primarily consists of:

- Removal of one lane of traffic each way and retention of one lane for traffic and one lane for public transport each way with markings, tactiles and signage for footpaths/cycle tracks on both sides
- New Road Markings, Installation of traffic signals
- Increased concrete footpath build outs, Kerb cuts, ramp accesses and small sections of footpath to connect into existing footpath
- Removal of concrete median barrier at junctions
- Removal of metal vehicle restraint barriers, north and south of the bridge
- Provision of approx. 60no. car parking spaces
- Ducting and Junction Boxes
- Dowelled in bollards
- Modifications to existing drainage

Citizens are invited to take part in the Public Consultation which is open

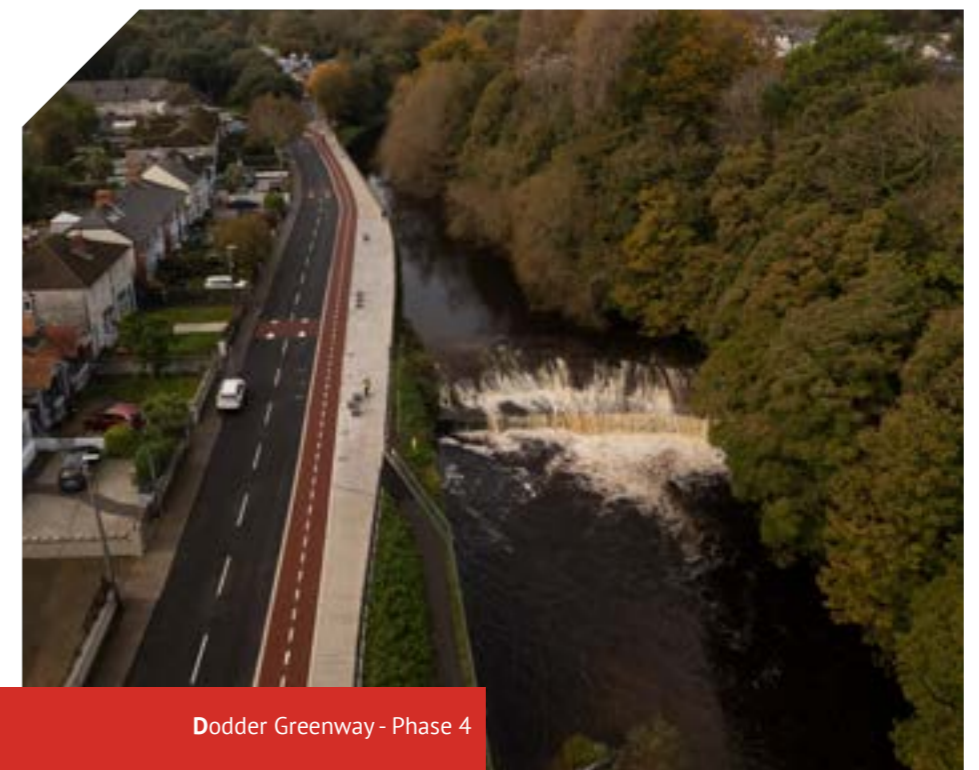
until 15th November 2023 and full details are available on the SDCC Public Consultation Portal which can be accessed [HERE](#)



Bus Connects at Hazelhatch

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Together with the NTA and Kildare, we are working to improve safety and allow the proposed W6 Bus Route to pass through the narrow approaches and across the Hazelhatch railway bridge to increase bus frequency between Tallaght, Citywest, Celbridge and Maynooth. A public consultation was held from Thursday 20th July to Thursday 18th August 2023 and resulted in 23 submissions. 61% of respondents expressed support for the scheme while 26% of respondents expressed support for the scheme with minor amendments. The next step is detailed design and the plan is to commence works in summer 2024



Dodder Greenway - Phase 4



Housing, Social and Community Development

SDCC Health and Wellbeing Initiative

Mayor Cllr Alan Edge launched the Community Services inaugural Health and Wellbeing initiative on Tuesday 17th October in Ballyroan Community and Youth Centre. The initiative is being delivered in community centres in South Dublin County Council's administrative area.

The programme which will run for eight weeks will include activities such as Meditation, Tai Chi, Crime Prevention, Mindfulness, Yoga, Winter Planting, and Nature Walks.

Ballyroan Community and Youth Centre were delighted to host the initial session, which was delivered by Firhouse native Feebee Foran, founder of Forager.ie.

Feebee presented to an audience consisting of members of the Ballyroan Active Age group, men's shed, and Templeogue women's shed. Feebee, an expert in herbal products, delivered a talk on natural remedies made with common plants and weeds, whilst also focusing on the link between nature and wellbeing.

New HAP Tenancy (January 2024)	• Inspection by August 2024 • No inspection needed if inspected since January 2023
Continuing HAP Tenancy in January 2023 (no new tenant)	• Inspection took place by August 2023 at start of tenancy • Next inspection due in 2024
Private Tenant (non HAP)	• Property inspected when first registered with RTB • Property inspected every four years for as long as it is registered with RTB

Private Rental Inspections

Global Home Warranties have been appointed as the inspections company for Private Rented Inspections within the administrative area of South County Dublin. We are dedicated to improving the living standards of tenants in private rented housing in our administrative area through the inspection of private rented properties. These inspections are carried out on a proactive basis and also in response to complaints from members of the public and on properties that are managed by an Approved Housing Body (AHB), are part of the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) or are in receipt of the Housing Assistant Payment (HAP). If a property passes, the next inspection will be in four years (typical inspection cycle) or if a new tenancy begins, whichever is sooner.

Community Recognition Fund - Project updates

Work continues across council departments and our project partners on the delivery of the 19 projects funded under the DRCD community recognition fund for communities impacted by new arrivals.

SDCC Projects

- Public Wi-Fi in Tallaght, Clondalkin & Saggart tender closing 23rd Oct
- Half-court MUGAs 95% complete in Rathcoole Park, Clondalkin Park and in progress in Sean Walsh Park
- Gamer space & sensory supports at County Library, Tallaght - sensory support toys purchased, procurement complete for remaining equipment. Orders to be placed before year end.
- Age Friendly Centre, Clondalkin fit-out works to complete in Nov.
- Saggart Community Centre

enhancement works will commence on external space once construction complete

- Heritage Trail App Language upgrades at final proofing stage
- New playspace & teenspace in Carrigmore Park - procurement complete, works to commence Nov
- Playspace upgrade in Clondalkin Park - procurement complete works to commence Nov.

Partner Projects

- Community Bus for South Dublin Volunteer Centre in operation
- Upgrades at Fettercairn Horse Project in progress with expected completion date of end of October
- Clondalkin Global Garden works in progress, 50% completed and will be finished Q1 2024
- St. Mary's GFC Astro-Pitch - committee have engaged

consultants to develop final plans

- Round Towers Astro-Pitch Upgrade - currently engaging contractor, timeline tbc.

Rathcoole Boys FC clubhouse upgrade painting works to commence Nov. Knockmitten upgrade of half court MUGA and new all-weather pitch - tender to issue Nov.



Affordable Purchase Homes at Parkleigh, Seven Mills

25, three-bedroom houses are being offered for sale under an affordable dwelling purchase arrangement in Parkleigh, Seven Mills, Clonburris. These homes are (subject to exceptions) being made available for first-time buyers only and will be sold for a price lower than market value.

This price will be linked to the applicant(s) income, savings where relevant, and mortgage capacity. The min and max price payable are based on the market value as set out in the table (right). Applicants must register on the Council's Housing Online (HOL) system before applying which is open for new registrations. The portal for applications will be open from 12pm Friday 24th Nov to 4pm Friday 15th Dec.

Description	Unit Type	No of Houses	Market Value	Minimum Purchase Price	Maximum Purchase Price
3 Bed Semi Detached	G3	2	€407,500	€307,500	€346,375
3 Bed End of Terrace	G2	6	€407,500	€307,500	€346,375
3 Bed End of Terrace	F2	5	€435,000	€335,000	€369,750
3 Bed Mid Terrace	F1	6	€425,000	€325,000	€361,250
3 Bed Mid Terrace	G1	6	€402,500	€302,500	€342,125

The minimum and maximum price payable based on the market values



Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

Think Big Space

Our proud tradition of innovation continues through enhancing our Libraries STEAM programs with cutting-edge offerings. Think Big Space, a groundbreaking collaboration between AWS (Amazon Web Services) and South Dublin County Council, launched in 2022, reshaping libraries approach to community engagement in digital education.

Think Big Space has seen 5,000 children pass through workshops in Lego Robotics and Virtual Reality, while 200+ teachers, 30+ schools, and 1,500+ students have availed of follow up visits to Tallaght Library.

Through interactions with local schools we have discovered that for a large percent of school children, that visit will be the first time that

they have been in a public library. This represents a huge opportunity to grow patron numbers amongst young people, but it also allows interaction with children and teachers who may not be familiar with what services the library offers.

This initiative not only introduces youngsters to libraries but also highlights our passion for STEAM education, making South Dublin Libraries a beacon of innovation.

The introduction of 'The Loft,' a tailor-made space for teenagers, stands as a testament to our commitment, marking a significant milestone in our journey. With Think Big Space having recently won the innovation award for Excellence in Local Government Awards, the launch of 'The Loft' space

in County Library and the roll-out of the Libraries Steam programme, the future of library services in the County couldn't be more exciting.



Leadership Development Management Programme in County Hall

LEO Leadership Management Development Programme

Two Leadership Development Management Programmes were delivered last month, with 24 companies participating, with new programmes planned for 2024. Awarding of Certificates also took place in the Council Chamber, which marked a major milestone for all companies involved. The programme, delivered in person, by accredited, leading specialist, Optimum Results Ltd, covered the development of management skills, confidence building and the creation of an appropriate, tailored, Growth & Development Plan, targeted at the optimised business potential of each respective business in the area of export development.

Open House Dublin at the recently renovated Rathcoole Courthouse

Open House Dublin

Incredible locations across South Dublin were open to view as part of Open House Dublin for the first time in the County, which included a Junior Open House event in the Think Big Space on the weekend of the 7th of October that comprised of a series of workshops and an architect led tour.

This was followed by a comprehensive programme of events on the 14th of October, which included:

- A walking tour of Tallaght
- Taking in Rua Red
- The Civic Theatre
- County Hall
- County Library, Tallaght Stadium
- Heatworks Energy Centre
- Ballyroan Library
- Rathcoole's Court of Petty Sessions building, which has recently been renovated.

Given that this was the first year to host the event in the County, the Council looks forward to expanding the programme of events for next year, making it bigger and better.

With large audiences in attendance, the event proved hugely successful and we look forward to hosting Open House Dublin in 2024.



The Night Belongs To Us

The new Night-Time Economy, Youth Initiative that was recently announced have selected South Dublin County as one of the pilot counties. The Night Belongs To Us is a series of music and comedy events for audiences aged 14-18, featuring young DJs, musicians and comedians.

20 events are taking place from September to December in libraries, youth, and community centres throughout the county. The programme is delivered by the NOISE Music and SubSounds youth music programmes and supported by South Dublin Libraries, Crosscare and Killinarden Community Centre.





Corporate Performance and Change Management

WAM Graduate Programme

New graduate roles are being filled through the WAM (Willing Able Mentoring) Programme which will offer paid, mentored, work placements exclusively for Level 6 (on the National Qualification Framework) graduates with disabilities, in partnership with AHEAD. AHEAD is an independent non-profit organisation creating inclusive environments in education and employment for people with disabilities. For graduates, WAM offers valuable experience in a real work setting (relevant to qualifications) and assists in the development of social and networking skills all the while receiving ongoing support and guidance in the form of a mentoring program.

For the Council, the Graduate Placement role is a key support position within the Council and the successful candidates will be assigned to Corporate Performance and Change Management. AHEAD advertised on behalf of SDCC in September 2023 and received applications for Data Analyst and Digital Marketing Graduates. Interviews are scheduled to take place in late November with the onboarding of candidates to commence in January 2024. SDCC look forward to working with AHEAD and hopefully expanding the programme in the years ahead!



Staff Innovation Awards 2023

The Staff Innovation Awards recognise individuals and teams who have demonstrated exceptional creativity, vision, and impact in their respective departments within South Dublin County Council. Now in their third year, the Awards Event was held in the Rua Red Arts Centre and the winners were as follows:

Overall Innovation Award Winner 2023: STEAM events for Children additional needs

- Innovation in Citizen Engagement: The Loft, Tallaght Library
- Innovation in Service Delivery: Teenspace
- Innovation in the Workplace: Active Land Management

Further information is available on page 16

Health and Wellbeing for SDCC Staff

Council staff attended a Safety and Wellbeing Seminar in the Civic Theatre, to coincide with European Week for Safety and Health at Work which runs through the week beginning October 23rd. The event was well attended by staff across the organisation and this year we were delighted to welcome back Theatre at Work (TAW) to apply their theatre-based techniques to real workplace situations. Patricia Murray, Senior Psychologist from the Health and Safety Authority addressed staff and reminded us that mental, as well as physical safety is covered by the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 emphasising that bullying can lead to mental ill-health.

European Week for Safety and Health at Work is an annual event that aims to raise awareness of occupational safety and health issues in Europe. It is part of the Healthy Workplaces Campaigns

organised by the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work and is used as an ideal opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of active, participative workplace safety and health.

The Wellbeing team within the HR Department have also developed a Workplace Mental Health Policy to supplement SDCC's Health and Wellbeing Plan, which is committed to understanding that mental health is impacted on by a range of factors, including the working environment and workplace relationships with others. This policy promotes the values that inform behaviour in relation to mental health and which mirror SDCC's organisational values, including respect, equality and consideration for all. To help support these values, we are delighted to have secured funding from Healthy Ireland to put in place a Workplace Wellbeing Champion programme to support the

Wellbeing Strategy. All of this supports the evidence that a healthy and happy workforce is a more productive workforce.



Citizens Halloween Leaflet

Safe Fun at Halloween

Our information leaflet on how to stay safe at Halloween was published and distributed ahead of Halloween. It also listed the many events hosted by SDCC's Libraries.

"Bulbs Not Bonfires"; delivered through the Social Credit Scheme, is a very popular reward initiative which provides communities with flowers in the spring in return for organising Halloween activities which won't harm our environment.

SDCC is also delighted to offer a free pass to Ballymount Civic Amenity Centre to every Social Credit applicant from 16 October until 24 November to encourage recycling.



Willing Able Mentoring Graduate Programme



Environment, Water Climate Change

Have Your Say on Carrigmore Park

A Part 8 (planning) process is underway for proposed upgrades at Carrigmore Park, Fortunestown.

Carrigmore Park is a medium sized park, that provides active and passive recreation. It has an existing car park, small playground, Multi-Use Games Area and a network of footpaths with existing hedgerows

The proposals include upgrade of existing facilities and biodiversity and provision of new facilities. Included amongst the proposals is bringing the existing sports pitch into use and the provision of a new small-sided sports pitch. Full details are available on SDCC's public consultation portal [HERE](#)

Plans and particulars will be available for viewing on the portal from the 19th of October 2023 to the 30th of November 2023 and submissions can be made via the portal or by post until 5pm on the 30th of November 2023. For full details of the proposals and how to make a submission on the proposals please see SDCC's Public Consultation Portal at the website link.



Teenspace opens at Kingswood

Mayor Cllr. Alan Edge, officially opened the eagerly awaited teenspace at Kingswood on Friday, the 6th of October 2023.

As part of the programme SDCC engaged with teenagers, first at county level, then in the local area to identify the key requirements of the local teenagers.

The teenspace at Kingswood is distinguished by a gigantic-sized bench and the area has proven to be very popular with young people in the area since opening.

For further information please contact communications@sdublincoco.ie

Killinarden Park Masterplan Work Commences

Clonmel Enterprises Ltd have been appointed to construct the works approved by the Council under the Killinarden Masterplan Part 8. The vision for the project is to create an inviting, safe and engaging space for the community, while ensuring the park connects to the wider open space network of the county; the following is planned: A strategic walking and cycling route along the Whitestown Stream, with enhanced entrances, a walking / exercise circuit of 1km in length and retaining and resurfacing the existing secondary footpath network where required.

- Upgrade and replacement of the park perimeter boundary where required.
- A play trail, two natural play areas, nearby seating / social areas, a Multi-Use Games Area with

teenspace and upgrade of existing grass pitches.

- Biodiversity and Landscape improvements.
- Installation of CCTV.

The National Transport Authority have committed substantial funding to enable delivery of the active travel element of the proposals through the park. The remaining budget is being provided through SDCC's capital budget with upgrade of the pitches being part funded through the Government of Ireland's Sports Capital Grant programme. Construction work is expected to take approximately 12 months, with an establishment period thereafter for the pitches. SDCC will seek to minimise impacts to our park users and neighbours and apologise in advance for expected

disruption; please bear with us during the construction stage. Please contact communications@sdublincoco.ie for further details.



Tidy Towns Awards

Tidy Towns Success

We are delighted to announce that Round 3 of the Tidy Towns grant opened in late October for applications!

Thanks must go to all the Tidy Towns groups who work tirelessly to better their communities through hard work and commitment throughout the year.

All of our groups in the county who applied for this year's Tidy Towns competition earned higher marks than they did in 2022, which is an amazing achievement. We would also like to congratulate all our new groups who applied for the first time and to Lucan who earned a bronze medal.



Part 8 Planning Process for Carrigmore Park

National Women's Enterprise Day & South Dublin Business Awards 2023



National Women's Enterprise Day took place in South Dublin this year at the Maldrone Hotel, Tallaght, in collaboration with the 3 other Dublin Regions (DLR, Fingal, and Dublin City Council).

This regional event is part of the wider national initiative, "Empower Business Together", with initiatives taking place right across the Country. Mayor

Cllr. Alan Edge officially opened the event welcoming over 240 female entrepreneurs on the day.

Minister Neale Richmond was also in attendance and congratulated the success of all the Leading Lights and all the female business owners in attendance.

The four Leading Lights were Aine

Kennedy, Denise Cullen, Laura McCarthy and Giselle Makinda.

The event was hosted by Ireland AM's Elaine Crowley and interviews were held with guest speakers:

Ellen Kavanagh Founder of Waxperts and renowned for creating Ireland's beloved waxing brand and co-hosting the "Ask My Mentor" podcast.

South Dublin County Business Awards

Hosted by Marty Whelan, with a packed audience in attendance, local businesses in the County were recognised for their contribution to business life in South Dublin.

Business Award Categories included:

- Best Family Owned Business
- Best Networker Award
- Best Not-for-Profit Organisation
- Best Small Business
- Best Start-up/New Business Award
- Innovation in Business Award
- Sports and Leisure Award
- Employee of the Year Award
- Best Sustainable Business
- Customer Service – Tourism & Hospitality
- Best Place to Eat Award

Site Walsh, an expert in leadership and organisational development and Cathriona Hallahan, with 35 years of

experience as Managing Director for Microsoft in Ireland. The interviews revealed great insights, with all of the attendees extremely inspired by the guest speakers stories of their experience in business.

It was a hugely successful event, with a large attendance, where female entrepreneurs came together to deliver an amazing day of networking, business discussion, innovation and motivation that will live long in the memory for those that attended.

South Dublin County Business Awards

Later in the Evening, the South Dublin County Business Awards were held in the same venue, with South Dublin County Council's Sports and Leisure Centre operators being recognised under the Sports and Leisure award while AWS(Amazon Web Services) received an award for their collaboration with the Council on the

delivery of Think Big Space.

LEO South Dublin client, Kerrie-Ann Keogh, the MD of local company High Res, took home the top prize as she was named Business Person of the Year.

In receiving the award. Kerrie-Ann said that: "...I accept this award on behalf of the entire High Res team; it marks our collective efforts, and as a company it's exciting to be part of such a vibrant business community."

Based in Ballymount, High Res is an award-winning full service Creative Production Company, specialising in virtual production services for the global film and television industry.

Another LEO South Dublin client, My Cloud PA also scooped an award, making it a very successful evening for the Local Enterprise Office.



Kerrie-Ann Keogh from High Res was awarded Business Person of the Year at the South Dublin County Business Awards

New Artificial Grass Pitch at Sean Walsh Park, Tallaght



The 3G Artificial Grass Pitch at Sean Walsh Park, Tallaght has finished construction and is now open and available for use by sports clubs, schools and the local community. The first game took place on the pitch between Greenhills AFC and Balscadden FC in the Leinster Senior League, with Greenhills winning the game 4-3.

The opening of this pitch in Tallaght marks the delivery of the first pitch of the Council's 3G Artificial Grass Pitch Programme, which was informed by SDCC's Sports Pitch Strategy. During the development of this strategy; clubs across the county told us of their growing numbers of teams; including increasing numbers of young people and women, and the struggle to accommodate those teams

Innovation Award Winners 2023

Local Clubs, Schools and Community Groups can book their slots on the Sean Walsh Park 3G facility through SDCC's online booking portal, which you can visit by scanning the QR code below:



with match and training facilities. In the delivery of the strategy, SDCC sought to meet the need for increased active recreation provision across the county; to allow for equity of access, delivery, and to promote sustainable travel and reduces pressure on grass

pitches in parks and open spaces. The 3G programme also aims to deliver Artificial Grass Pitches at the following locations:

- Airlie Park, Adamstown: (construction underway with completion imminent)
- Location east of the M50, planning process currently underway.
- Clonburris SDZ, Clondalkin and Lucan: (planned within SDZ area)
- West of the county (site feasibility study to progress in 2024).

The Council have provided funding for the delivery of this innovative programme and we are supported by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage through the Urban Regeneration Development Fund for the pitch at Sean Walsh Park, and through the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund for Airlie Park.. Funding has also been made available via LIHAF (Airlie Park). Sean Walsh Park 3G Artificial Grass Pitch is funded by the Council and an Urban Form Development Framework grant via the National Planning Framework and the Department of Housing, Local

Government and Heritage.

The pitch booking fee is competitively priced to support our local teams and community and to facilitate an increase in active recreational use.

Local clubs that have indicated an interest in using the pitch have been contacted with a reserved time slots made available to them for booking.

Anyone who is interested in booking time on the pitch; please visit our website or scan the QR code.

The pitch accommodates:

- A full sized 3G soccer pitch. (92m x 52m)
- A rugby training / under-age pitch (80m x 52m)
- A GAA training pitch (92m x 52m)
- Crossfield play for 5-a-side soccer (30m x 52m) (x3).

For further information please contact the Communications Unit, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 on communications@sdublincoco.ie



New 3G Astroturf Pitches in Sean Walsh Park

Innovation Week & SDCC Innovation Awards



Now in its fifth year, South Dublin County Council ran another hugely successful staff innovation week in October.

This week is not just a celebration, but an expression of our collective dedication to improving the lives of our residents, enhancing public services and shaping a brighter future for all. Our staff learned about Combinational Thinking, a technique that generates creative solutions to problems by merging ideas from seemingly unrelated fields. Facilitated by Feargal Brophy,

Innovation Specialist at UCD Innovation Academy, staff were guided through the principals of combinational thinking and how to blend ideas to spark innovative thinking.

This week also provides a platform to highlight some of the remarkable success stories that have emerged from our commitment to innovation.

Innovation Award Winners 2023

- Innovation in Citizen Engagement:**
 Liz Corry and Michael Larkin for The Loft, Tallaght Library.
- Innovation in Service Delivery:**
 Laurence Colleran, Senior Executive Parks Superintendent & team for Teenspace
- Innovation in the Workplace:**
 Active Land Management, developed by Stephen Willoughby, Sinead Geoghegan, Larry McEvoy, Neal Murphy and Leah Clark.
- Overall Innovation Award Winner 2023:**
 STEAM events for Children with additional needs. Rob Jameson, Library Assistant in Castletymon Library

The Staff Innovation Awards recognise individuals and teams who have demonstrated exceptional creativity, vision, and impact in their respective departments. Now in their third year, the Awards were held in the Rua Red Arts Centre and we are delighted to present the winners of the Innovation

Awards 2023 below:

Innovation in Citizen Engagement: The Loft, Tallaght Library

Staff from the South Dublin Libraries team launched The Loft; A Space for Teens in June 2023. This is a “chill out” space for young people with pool tables, charging points and games. It also plays host to DJ workshops and comedy clubs. The Loft offers teenagers a space to meet and connect with their peers in a safe space.

Innovation in Service Delivery: Teenspace

This award was won by a Senior Executive Park Superintendent, who together with his team has delivered the immensely successful Teenspace programme. These facilities have real benefits for young people’s physical and mental wellbeing and in terms of giving them a space to be themselves in our parks, without being moved along. South Dublin now has teenspaces in 6 locations with progress on another 8 sites ongoing.

Innovation in the Workplace: Active Land Management

Developed by a dedicated planning team, this is a proactive planning approach which aims to address systemic issues in the planning applications process. This project provides users with a unique, effective, user-friendly instantaneous suite of information that provides evidence-based site data and map viewers which are multifunctional and futureproofed.

Overall Innovation Award Winner 2023: STEAM events for Children additional needs.

Developed by Rob Jameson, our very talented library assistant in our Castletymon Library, these monthly STEAM session cater specifically for children with additional needs and their carers. Science, technology, engineering, art and music (STEAM) subjects are recognised as giving children the opportunity to develop their co-ordination, collaboration and co-operation skills in a fun and relaxed way. These workshops have proven enormously successful in the community and demonstrate our commitment to providing innovative, accessible services for all.



Award winners Laurence Colleran, Paul Fusco, Michael Larkin, Liz Corry and Leah Clarke with Colm Ward and Lorna Maxwell



Following a feasibility report from Cooney Architects in 2018 that explored the option of developing a new North Stand in Tallaght Stadium, which would increase seated capacity to 10,000. works which commenced in June 2022, are now at completion stage.

The report also looked at developing improved press facilities and seating, as well as additional corporate facilities in the existing Main Stand.

In tandem with the North Stand build, major refurbishment work to the main stand corporate areas were commenced which delivers much-enhanced facilities for media and sporting fixtures, as well as revamped conference and meeting room facilities.

Importantly, the improved fully accessible seating areas in the South Stand and a

A Focus On Tallaght Stadium

changing places facility have been delivered. This significant investment in Tallaght Stadium means maintaining the stadium's UEFA Category 4 status, which will enable the hosting of all European games, including group games for the Champions League, Europa League or Europa Conference League.

South Dublin County Council's investment is supported by funds from the Urban Regeneration Development Fund. With the completion of the works, the council intends

to actively promote Tallaght Stadium as an events venue to include music, festivals, tourism related events and as a venue for facilitating community events. With stadium seating and temporary on-field seating, the venue can accommodate up to 20,000 attendees.

ABM Design and Build Ltd were the Main Contractor for the project. The construction works commenced in early June 2022, and are at completion stage now.

The contract has been delivered

to the highest possible standard with minimum impact, to enable scheduled fixtures and the continuing operation of the stadium throughout the works. Sincere thanks to ABM for their work on the project and in delivering a state of the art piece of social infrastructure for the local community.

Tallaght Stadium is home to the FAI Women's national football team, the FAI men's under 21 football team and of course the recently crowned, four in a row, SSE Artricity League Champions Shamrock Rovers, who play all their home games at the venue.

The venue has also hosted American football, Rugby, GAA and other sports in recent years,



New Completed stand which increases seating capacity to 10,000

as well as a series of different types of events in the function room area of the Stadium.

The new North Stand has been architecturally designed to the

highest possible standard, with the undercroft of the stand containing new commercial space, of which Shamrock Rovers Football Club will have an office under lease with South Dublin County Council, whilst it is also intended to provide for additional uses in the remaining undercroft space, which will bring further vibrancy and activity to the area.



Seating from above in Tallaght Stadium new stand

Images of the Month



Mayor Alan Edge at Palmerstown Youth & Community Centre for a Health and Wellbeing Zumba Class

Images of the Month



Monster Bingo at Bawnogue Community Centre



Open House at Rathcoole Courthouse



National Womens Enterprise Day 2023, hosted by LEO South Dublin

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Mayor Alan Edge with SDCC representatives at the launch of the Draft Climate Action Plan in the Mansion House

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Mayor Alan Edge at the official opening of the Kingswood Teen Space



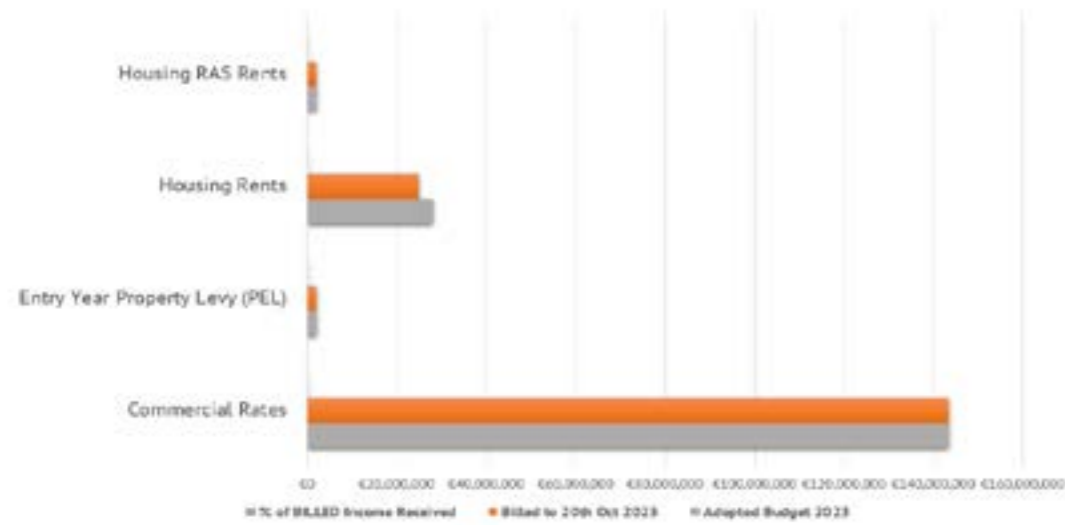
True Crime: Murder in Ireland Event in the Civic Main Space for Red Line Book Festival



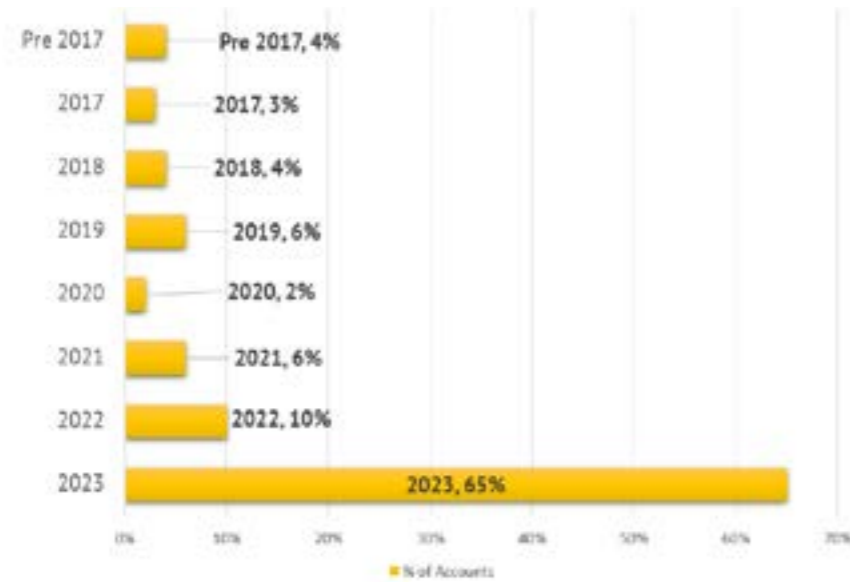
Leadership Development Management Programme in County Hall

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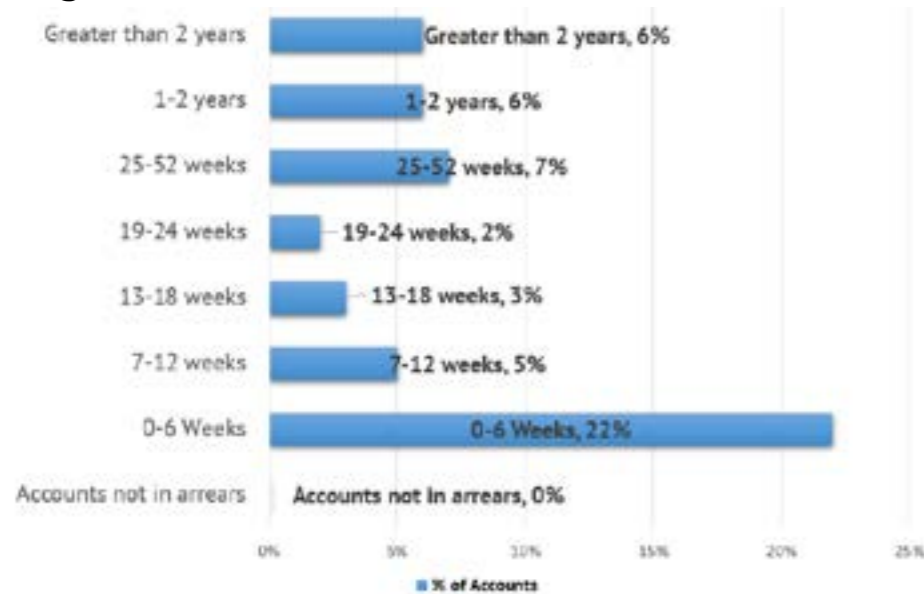
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