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Chief Executive's Report



LOCAL ENTERPRISE WEEK

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Launch of Local Enterprise Week 2024

About the Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive's Report for South Dublin County Council is presented to elected members at each monthly Council meeting. Section 136(2) of the Local Government Act 2001, as inserted by Section 51 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, requires the Chief Executive to prepare a management report in relation to the performance of executive functions, including implementation of policy or other matters required by the Council in the exercise of its reserved functions, and the provision of services. It should be viewed in conjunction with the various updates provided to Area Committee Meetings as well as the quarterly Capital Progress Report to full Council as part of the reporting structures to assist the elected members with their governance and oversight responsibilities.

The report includes important updates and information from across our various directorates and departments together with a range of key statistics that were developed in conjunction with the elected members. It provides the opportunity to highlight major news events and to focus on different areas of our work that may not always gets the attention it deserves while a selection of images from recent events is also included.

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Castletymon Road is an important road that connects the Tymon neighbourhoods to the wider area. The existing road has no cycling facilities and minimal walking facilities for the community to access Bancroft Park and Tymon Park, Castletymon Library, Castletymon District Centre, and/or Local Area Schools.

This project has been divided into two phases; Castletymon Road North (currently under construction) and Castletymon Road South.

The project includes walking and cycling facilities and traffic calming measures along Castletymon Road, from Main Street to Castletymon Road Library, in the Tymon area, Junction amendments to provide safer movement of pedestrians and cyclists, and General/Landscaping/Public Realm works.

A public consultation on the Castletymon Road South Active Travel Scheme 'Part 8 Planning Application' will be open for public consultation from February 28th, 2024, to April 10, 2024. Please see consult.sdublincoco.ie



New Bike Shelters Delivered

Our first covered Bike Shelters have been delivered by the Council at St Marks Primary School in Springfield, this will be shortly followed by Gael Scoil Esker Riada in Lucan and Bishop Galvin, Bishop Shanahan National Schools in Templeogue.

This will encourage students to Cycle to School and have their Bikes secured in a safer environment.

Importantly a number of these Schools St Marks Primary School and Bishop Shanahan, Bishop Galvin Schools are part of the School Streets and Safer Routes to School Programme which has been very much embraced by the Principals of the Schools.

Works Commence at Dodsboro District Centre Lucan

As part of the Council's ongoing plans to enhance our existing network of Villages and District Centres, the Council has been progressing several schemes.

Over the last nine months SDCC have developed proposals for the enhancement of the district centre at Dodsboro. During this process workshops were held with elected representatives, traders and residents to help inform the design.

Whilst the scheme is a small scheme in comparison to other schemes, following engagement with the local community and agreement with the Council, the team have designed a local improvement scheme which:

- Regularises parking without any

- reduction
- Enhances the public realm through higher spec material and street furniture
- Increases the soft planting and SUDS of the area
- Improves pedestrian connectivity to the district centre

A design was finalised in late 2023 and following a procurement exercise a contractor has now been appointed.

The team are working to make the necessary arrangements to commence on site, and we expect to see works commence in April and to take approximately 3 months to be completed.

As part of this, SDCC will continue to update Councillors on progress and

will ensure the contractor engages with the traders on a routing basis to ensure impacts are minimised.



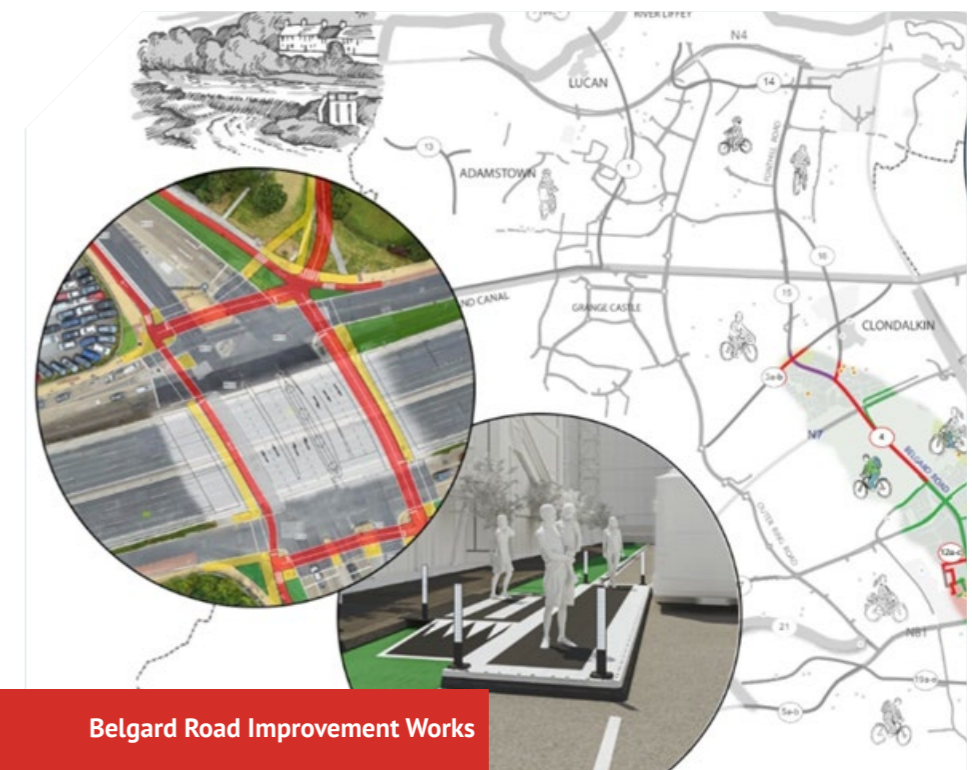
Proposed upgrades on Castletymon Road

Belgard Road Consultation

A Section 38 public consultation is planned for Phase 1 of the Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme in March and April 2024.

The scheme proposes to improve pedestrian and cycle facilities including upgrade works to 1.8km of Belgard Road and 0.88km along Airton Road. This new infrastructure can generally be accommodated within the existing carriageway or verge and is "rapid build" in nature.

The construction works involved will be less than a typical "full build" active travel scheme. The scheme is outlined in the map (right). Please see consult.sdublincoco.ie/



Belgard Road Improvement Works



Housing, Social and Community Development

Community Integration Forum

With the introduction of the new permanent LAITs (Local Authority Integration Teams) within SDCC, the local government sector now has an important role in integration for the following cohorts of people:

1. Applicants for International Protection (IP Applicants)
2. Those with Refugee, Subsidiary Protection, or Permission to Remain status
3. Programme Refugees
4. Beneficiaries of Temporary Accommodation (BOTPs)

The Community Response Forum has been successful at bringing together stakeholders in supporting BOTPs in the County. With the introduction of the LAITs, integration supports will extend into IP and IRPP and the Community Response Forum will now be named the Community Integration Forum. Membership will be reviewed and updated accordingly to reflect supports and an Updated Terms of Reference and sub structures is to be reviewed and agreed by all. The Integration Support Coordinator will be a key stakeholder and will use this forum to engage and communicate with all stakeholders and escalate key issues as required.



Women in Sport Week

Active South Dublin launched an exciting week of activities for Women in Sport Week, kicking off with a bracing Activator Pole Walk in Rathcoole Park.

This event not only promotes fitness but also emphasizes the importance of women's involvement in various sports and recreational pursuits.

Women in Sport Weeks looks to celebrate, promote, highlight, and encourage women in sport at all levels and in all roles. With a week of free events, come and try classes from dancing, to keep fit or American Football, there was something for all!

Joint Policing Committee Showcase in County Hall

The Council's Joint Policing Committee hosted an informative showcase in County Hall on 23 February, highlighting local community health, addiction and safety services.

Representatives from various organisations including An Garda Síochána, Local Drug & Alcohol Taskforces, Merchant's Quay Ireland and Saoirse Domestic Violence came together to showcase their services and resources.

The event served as a platform for various agencies to inform the Joint Policing Committee (JPC) members who had previously engaged in a discussion that focussed on the complex issues surrounding addiction and its associated challenges.

The necessity for a health-led

approach to addressing addiction related issues was highlighted along with the problem of drug debt intimidation, which poses a significant challenge to our communities.

By opening the event to a wider audience of South Dublin County Council staff and members of the public, the event provided knowledge-sharing and collaboration among stakeholders, including local government officials, community members, and service providers. This inclusive approach underscores the importance of community engagement in addressing complex issues such as addiction and public safety.

Events like these play a crucial role in promoting awareness, collaboration, and support within communities,

addressing important issues such as addiction, domestic violence, and overall public safety.



New Local Authority Integration Forum for SDCC

€13.83m for Local Authority Home Loans

€13.83 million has been allocated for new lending approvals under the Local Authority Home Loan scheme in 2024 by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

The upper house purchase price limit for a house in South Dublin is €360,000. The annual income limit for eligible households is €70,000 for single applicants and €85,000 for joint applicants. This loan offers a favourable interest rate of 4% over 25 years 4.05% over 30 years.

For more information, please see the Council's website www.sdcc.ie/ applying for a local authority loan.



Local Authority Home Loans



Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

Enhancing Accessibility & Functionality at Clondalkin Library

Clondalkin Library is a two-storey Carnegie building designed by T. J. Byrne, it is the oldest library in South Dublin County Council's library network and retains many of its original architectural features. Access improvement and refurbishment works are needed to ensure the building's long-term use as a public library.

Key elements of the works included in the planning proposal are:

1. Universal Access: A lift-block will be constructed on the west elevation of the building, ensuring universal access to both floors.
2. Space Optimisation: The first floor will be restored to its full potential, with office space relocated to the ground floor to optimise the layout, creating a more functional and efficient space for library users.

3. Historic Restoration: Efforts will be made to restore the building's original features. The original entrance will be restored, and the internal porch, added in the early 1970s, will be removed.

4. Window Restoration: The restoration and repair of ground floor windows, ensuring that the building maintains its aesthetic appeal while improving energy efficiency.

The Part 8 was notified to the Area Committee in February, and will be launched this month, returning to full council in July.

This timetable allows us to make adequate provision for the works in the next capital programme.

The works may need to be phased into different packages depending on cost and complexity. This will become

clearer as we move through the detailed design process and capital project approval processes.



Local Enterprise Week 2024

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Local Enterprise Week ran from 4-9 March, with 17 events over the course of week. Guest speakers included Richard Curran discussing 'Raising Finance', and Dominic Mullan discussing 'Starting Your Own Business'. There was also a 'career development and entrepreneurship as a creative' workshop, which was hosted by the GAL PAL Collective. The week, where various business areas were discussed; offered great opportunities for networking, knowledge sharing and key business insights, with all participants coming away inspired and highly motivated. The week also highlighted the range of supports available through the South Dublin Local Enterprise Office.

Get Lost... in a Good Book: Ireland Reads 2024

Libraries throughout South Dublin took part in the Ireland Reads, campaign to get the whole country reading in February. Libraries teamed up with publishers, booksellers, authors, and others for the campaign, which asked everyone to 'Get Lost in a Good Book' during February and especially on Ireland Reads Day, Saturday, 24 February.

Highlights in South Dublin included Bookstagram Live at Lucan Library, Clondalkin Library hosted an event with author and editor Emily Hourican. Tallaght Library, launched the brand-new reading campaign for adults, D24 Reads, the aim of which is to challenge everyone in D24 to read 24 books in 2024.

Family events took place in Ballyroan and North Clondalkin Libraries and our Mobile Libraries were at Citywest Shopping Centre for a magic show and to announce their new regular weekly stop at the centre which commences in April. You can find book recommendations from librarians all over the country and the Ireland Reads Ambassadors, to help you find your next great read at www.irelandreads.ie.



IN CONTEXT 5 - Connect

Artist Sophie Van Maltzan was awarded an arts commission for 7 - 12 year olds through SDCC's public art programme under the per cent for art scheme, IN CONTEXT. Her project Feel the Land will be a series of creative workshops that explore the biodiversity and environment of Killininy.

The children will explore nature in the neighbourhood with Von Maltzan and an entomologist, botanist and ecologist. This will be followed by spatial explorations through, making land art with natural and recycled materials, making clay and other art materials from the environment, culminating in a one-day festival in Summer 2024



Mobile Libraries at Citywest Shopping Centre



Corporate Performance and Change Management

Women of South Dublin

To celebrate International Women's Day, South Dublin's Women's Caucus held an exhibition in Rua Red on Wednesday 6 March highlighting some of the amazing women from South Dublin who give their time and energy freely to enhance their communities and make them a more inclusive place to live.

The initiative, Women of South Dublin, started back in October when members of the public were invited to nominate inspirational South Dublin women from all walks of life, who show leadership and whose work benefits their communities.

The Women's Caucus was inundated with amazing nominations, the judging panel had a very difficult job but whittled down the nominees to

34 women, from various areas such as the arts, community groups, sports, heritage and more.

Mayor Alan Edge officially opened the exhibition in Rua Red, which was attended by the inspiring women, their family and friends, local Councillors. The evening exhibition allowed this special group of women to reflect on their achievements, share their stories, socialise and increase their network.

The exhibition has moved to Tallaght Library until the 15th of March with a digital campaign live for the entire month of March. This digital experience invites you to learn about their stories and how taking small actions within your community can lead to lasting, positive change.

Please help to spread the stories of this special group of women who are driving positive change in their respective communities by taking action and stepping forward to lead. For more info, visit www.sdcc.ie



Mayor Alan Edge with Shauna Bannon

Mayors Reception for Shauna Bannon

Shauna Bannon's recent gold medal win at the International Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Federation World Championships was celebrated at a Mayors reception held in the Mayors Chambers. Shauna emerged triumphant in the women's Master 1, purple belt, 147 lb (66kg) category.

Shauna was joined by family, friends and Tallaght Martial Arts teammates as the Mayor congratulated Shauna and presented her with a framed certificate of achievement and a bouquet of flowers on behalf of South Dublin County Council's elected members. Speaking at the presentation Mayor Edge said; "Shauna is a remarkable individual and now a local hero, who has brought pride and recognition to our community through her many achievements.

Seachtain Na Gaeilge 2024

SnaGÁCT festival which is currently underway was launched in Tallaght by Mayor Alan Edge and Jim Gavin, patron of this year's festival. They were joined by pupils from local primary schools.

This year's packed calendar features events for everyone, including two special gigs with KILA on Saturday 9 March in Áras Chrónáin, Spoken Irish classes in Libraries across the County, Pop - Up Gaeltacht and an evening of Music and Dance on Saturday 16 March in Áras Chrónáin. There is also traditional Irish music sessions, and of course coffee mornings in various locations, all organised by South Dublin County Council Libraries and Áras Chrónáin, Ionad Cultúir.

SDCC is proud to support Seachtain na Gaeilge and is leading the way in promoting the campaign 'Gaeilge le Chéile' by creating more opportunities and encouraging people to use and speak Irish every day, starting with the simple phrases like 'Go raibh maith agat' and 'Slán, and using the theme Everyday, Everywhere with Everyone, including the re-introduction of the "Bord na Gaeilge sa Bhialann"; the Irish language table in the staff canteen for Seachtain Na Gaeilge.



GO Work Experience Begins

Following successful completion of their in-class training at Ballyfermot ETB, the 11 General Operative Trainees will begin their work experience with SDCC the week commencing the 25 March, for ten weeks in the Housing, Roads and Public Realm departments. The training they will undertake is as follows: Manual Handling, Safepass, PHECC - First Aid, Mounting of Abrasive Wheels, Concreting, Hard Landscape Construction & Kerb Flag and Pavior Laying The Traineeship commenced in Ballyfermot ETB on the 12th of January and we are looking forward to welcoming the trainees to SDCC and wish them the best of luck with their upcoming work experience.



Launch of Seachtain Na Gaeilge in Tallaght Library



Environment, Water and Climate Change

16k Mini Woodland Trees to be Planted

Working with The Stepping Stone Forest Group, Dodder Action Group, Cairde Pháirce Thigh Motháin-Friends of Tymon Park and Clondalkin Tidy Towns, SDCC will plant over 16,000 native mini woodland trees and ground cover plants in Tymon Park, Dodder Valley Park and Corkagh Park. Mini Woodlands are dense, rapid-growing native plantations in urban settings, aiding wildlife movement and genetic diversity. Modelled after Prof. Akira Miyawaki's method, the process involves suppressing weeds with cardboard and mulch before planting trees in early spring, SDCC provides materials and communities contribute labour.

- The initiative began with a trial in Sean Walsh Park in 2021, with 1,500 volunteers subsequently planting 20,000 trees across 36 locations (public & private sites). The planting of 16,000 mini woodland trees will be planted as follows:
- 4,000 in Dodder Valley Park on 1 & 2 March
 - 4,000 in Corkagh Park on 8 & 9 March
 - 8,000 in Tymon Park on 15 & 16 March, led by respective community groups.



Starting a Tidy Towns Group in 2024?

SDCC supports the Tidy Towns programme through annual funding and training. There are currently three rounds of funding:

- 1) Seed Grant (up to €2,000).
- 2) Round One Annual Grant for practical projects to improve entry in the Tidy Towns competition.
- 3) Round Three Grant for practical works in response to judges recommendations from September Tidy Towns results and reports.

We are especially keen to hear from anyone interested in setting up a new Tidy Towns group in the County. For advice or assistance please contact tidytowns@sdblincoco.ie

New Climate Action Plan Approved by the Council

At the February County Council meeting, elected members voted to approve the new Climate Action Plan 2024-2029. The final Plan was published by the Council in March 2024 and will be in place for a period of five years, from the date of approval.

The new Climate Action Plan 2024-2029 sets out mitigation, adaptation and other climate actions, to create a low carbon and climate resilient county.

It also includes a range of actions across the six theme areas of Energy & Buildings, Transport, Flood Resilience, Nature Based Solutions, Circular Economy & Resource Management and Citizen Engagement.

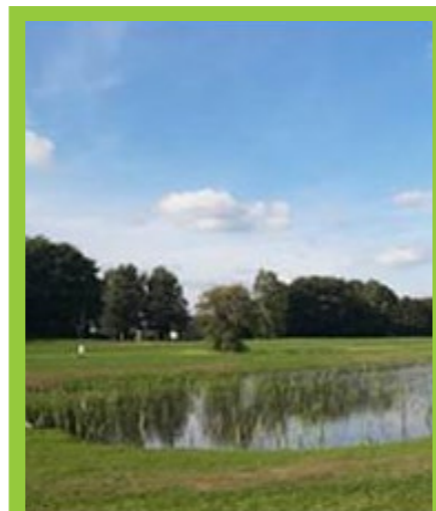
The is aligned to the Government's overall National Climate Objective

as set out in the national Climate Action Plan, which seeks to pursue and achieve, by no later than the end of 2050, the transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral economy.

Councillor Alan Edge, Mayor of South Dublin county said: 'I welcome the approval of the Council's new Climate Action Plan 2024-2029. As we move towards implementing and monitoring the Plan, the Council will continue to mainstream its climate action efforts, with a particular focus on community engagement. I believe that we must continue to work together, working towards real solutions that are meaningful, inclusive, fair and accessible, for all.'

To keep up to date on latest climate

news in South Dublin County, please visit our Climate Action website at www.southdublinclimate.ie



Griffeen Valley Park Wetland

World Water Day (22 March)

A Dublin Urban Rivers Life Project demonstration in Griffeen Valley Park, Lucan on World Water Day aims to build awareness of the importance of good water quality in urban areas and the pollution generated from domestic misconnections. Misconnections tend to occur when homes are renovated or extended. Washing machines, dishwashers, sinks and toilets can be mistakenly connected to the rainwater drainage pipe instead of the foul (wastewater) pipe, resulting in polluted water being discharged into local rivers and streams.

The demonstration will provide information to homeowners on how to find and fix misconnections.



Suppressing weeds with cardboard and mulch at Tymon Park

National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy 2024 - 2030



The Waste Management Act 1996 requires Local Authorities to make a waste management plan either individually or collectively for their respective functional areas.

The 3 Regional Waste Management Planning Offices (RWMPO's) under the auspices of the County and City Management Association national oversight group have co-ordinated

the preparation of this plan which is the first National Waste Management Plan for A Circular Economy.

The Plan sets out a framework for the prevention and management of waste in Ireland for the period 2024 - 2030.

Ireland is moving away from

the traditional 'take-make-use-dispose' model towards a 'circular economy' regenerative growth model where resources are reused or recycled as much as possible and the generation of waste is minimised.

The Plan seeks to influence sustainable consumption and prevent the generation of waste,

€40M - The Cost of the transition to circularity.

Significant progress has been made in the management of waste in Ireland and the previous Regional Waste Management Plans have provided a framework for these advances. Challenges remain as the State seeks to transition to a more circular economy and the Plan provides a national framework which recognises the challenges, presents responses and sets out a roadmap for delivery over the next six years.

The private waste sector in Ireland is valued at €1.4bn and provides employment for circa 10,000 people while the total Local Authority expenditure on waste functions exceeds €280M annually and involves over 1,700 people.

improve the capture of materials to optimise circularity and enable compliance with policy and

legislation.

This plan recognises Climate Change as a key driver for both behavioural change and improved waste management practices. The plan will be evaluated annually for climate impact and annual work plans will be adapted to respond to the climate challenge.

The transition to a circular economy requires a collaborative national response across all sectors of the economy through the life cycle of products and materials.

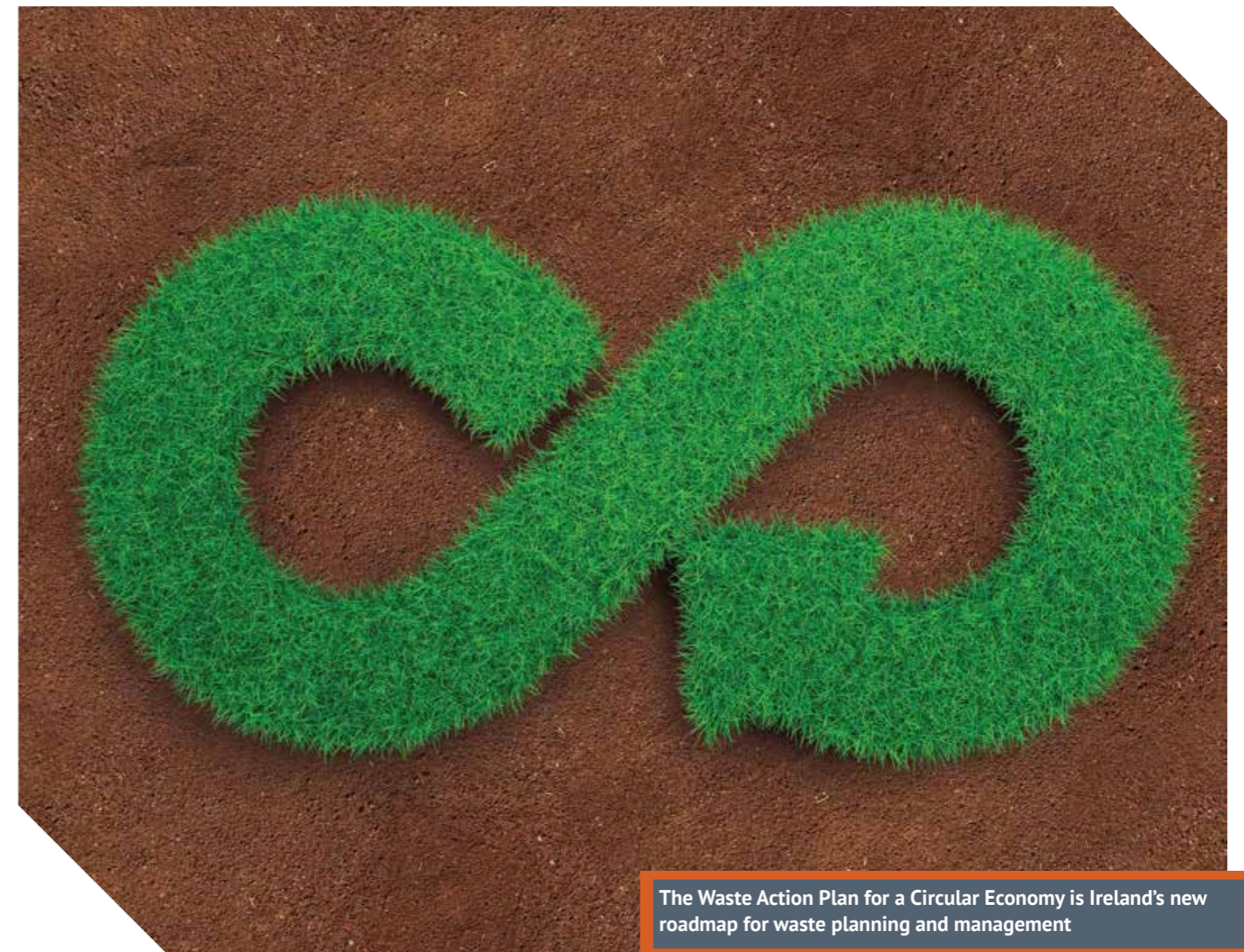
The context of this plan has been created through extensive collaboration with key partners, stakeholders and the wider waste audience and the principle of co-ownership has been embedded into the responses to the challenges identified.

The ambition of this plan is 0% total waste growth per person over the life of the plan with an emphasis on non-household wastes including waste from commercial activities and the construction and demolition sector.

This ambition is underpinned with a series of comprehensive targets, policies, actions and key deliverables.

Each of these provisions have been devised to respond to current and future challenges, and support the transition to a more circular economy with reduced climate impact.

The transition to a circular economy will require an additional minimum investment of €40 million by the state to achieve the desired outcomes over the lifetime of this Plan.



The Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy is Ireland's new roadmap for waste planning and management

Mayor Alan Edge Launches Council's New Tourism Strategy



Over 80 people attended an event at Tallaght Stadium to mark the launch of the Council's new five year tourism strategy on Thursday 22 February.

Representatives from Fáilte Ireland, The Irish Tourism Industry Confederation (ITIC) and the Association of Visitor Experiences

and Attractions (AVEA) joined representatives from the local tourism industry to hear Mayor of South Dublin Cllr Alan Edge launch the comprehensive document which reflects the Council's commitment to unlock the full potential of South Dublin County as a vibrant and sustainable tourist destination.

Quote from Mayor Alan Edge

'As the cultural and economic landscape continues to evolve, the importance of strategic planning for tourism cannot be overstated. South Dublin, with its rich history, diverse communities, and stunning landscapes, stands poised to become a beacon for visitors from home and abroad, eager for all the authentic experiences that the gateway to the Dublin Mountains has to offer'. Mayor of South Dublin County Council, Cllr Alan Edge.

Councillors from across the County were also present to hear the Chief Executive of South Dublin County Council Colm Ward say that major investments in projects like the Dublin Mountains Visitor Centre, Tallaght

Heritage Centre, 12th Lock along the Grand Canal and the Castle Stables and Courtyards at Rathfarnham, along with the council's active travel network incorporating the Dodder, and Grand Canal Greenways, demonstrate the Council's dedication to sustainable experiences whilst preserving the County's authenticity.

The launch event hosted by the Council's County Promotion Unit, also provided an opportunity for visitor attractions and activity providers to showcase their offering to those present with an opportunity to network.

The OPW were present to highlight the spectacular offerings at their two sites in South Dublin; Rathfarnham Castle and Pearse Museum in St Enda's Park., whilst activity providers Zipit and Rafting.ie provided information on the thrills available at their sites.

The Dublin Mountains Partnership provided information on the Dublin

Mountains Way, a 42km walking route across the mountains from Tallaght to Shankill.

The Chlann Chrónáin volunteer tour guides from Clondalkin were present to highlight the tours and events they organise in and around the Round Tour Visitor Centre, whilst the Civic Theatre featured their extensive cultural and entertainment programme. Sports fans were also catered for with a stand hosted by Tallaght Stadium, Grange Castle Golf Club and Shamrock Rovers FC, who brought the FAI Premier Division League trophy with them.

The Council's Tourism Strategy is intended to guide the activities and work programme of South Dublin County Council from 2024 to 2029, providing clear direction for all tourism stakeholders.

The strategy was formed following extensive stakeholder engagement at local, county and regional level.



Tourism Strategy Launch at Tallaght Stadium

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2024



Seolann Ard mhéara Chomhairle Contae Bhaile Átha Cliath Theas agus Jim Gavin Seachtain na Gaeilge 2024 go hoifigiúil

Tá lúcháir ar Chomhairle Contae Bhaile Átha Cliath Theas (CCBÁCT) agus Leabharlanna Bhaile Átha Cliath Theas i gcomhpháirtíocht le hÁras Chrónáin Seachtain na Gaeilge Átha Cliath Theas (SnaGÁCT) na bliana seo a thabhairt chugat.

Seoladh féile SnaGÁCT go hoifigiúil ar an 23 Feabhra ag Leabharlann an Chontae, Tamhlacht ag Ard mhéara Chomhairle Contae Bhaile Átha Cliath Theas, an Comhairleoir Alan Edge i gcuideachta Jim Gavin, pátrún féile na bliana seo.

Sracfhéachaint ar Imeachtaí

- Comórtas Filíochta 2024 - 1/3/24
- Gig Beo SnaGÁCT le KILA Ceolchoirm - 9/3/24 - Áras Chrónáin
- Scannán do Pháistí Scannán do pháistí as Gaeilge - 13/3/24 - Áras Chrónáin
- Scannán: An Cailín Ciúin - 13/3/24 - Leabharlann Leamcháin
- The Brian Ború Céilí Band and Dancers Jerry O'Reilly and Rosie Davis - 13/3/24 - An Leabharlann Contae
- Wolf-Men and Water Hounds with Manchán Magan - 14/4/24 - Leabharlann Bhaile Uí Ruáin

Le haghaidh tuilleadh eolais: www.sdcc.ie/en/news/snagact-2024-final.pdf

Bhí daltaí ann ó bhunscoileanna áitiúla freisin. Beidh an clár ar siúl ón 1 - 17 Márta.

Tá a lán imeachtaí a bheidh oiriúnach do gach duine i bhféilire na bliana seo agus a oireann do gach aoisghrúpa, ina measc dhá cheolchoirm speisialta

le KILA Dé Sathairn 9 Márta in Áras Chrónáin, ranganna Gaeilge Labhartha i Leabharlanna ar fud an Chontae, Pop – Up Gaeltacht agus tráthnóna Ceoil agus Rince Dé Sathairn 16 Márta in Áras Chrónáin.

Beidh seisiúin cheoil thraidisiúnta na hÉireann ann chomh maith, agus ar ndóigh maidineacha caife in áiteanna éagsúla, agus iad ar fad eagraithe ag Leabharlanna Chomhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas agus Áras Chrónáin, Ionad Cultúir.

Tá CCBÁCT bródúil a bheith ag tacú le Seachtain na Gaeilge agus tá sí chun tosaigh i gcur chun cinn an fheachtais 'Gaeilge le Chéile' trí níos mó deiseanna a chruthú agus daoine a spreagadh chun an Ghaeilge a úsáid agus a labhairt gach lá, ag tosú leis na frásaí simplí cosúil le 'Go raibh maith agat' agus 'Slán, agus an téama 'Gach Lá, Gach Áit le Gach Duine' á úsáid.

Ag labhairt dó ag an seoladh, dúirt Ard mhéara Chomhairle Contae Bhaile Átha Cliath Theas, an Comhairleoir Alan Edge:

"Táimid bródúil as tacú leis an

bhfeachtas Gaeilge le Chéile trí níos mó deiseanna a chruthú agus a spreagadh chun an Ghaeilge a úsáid gach lá, ag tosú leis na frásaí simplí cosúil le 'Go raibh maith agat' agus 'Dia Dhuit' agus an téama Gach Lá, Gach Áit le Gach Duine á úsáid.

Tríd is tríd ba mhaith linn an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn mar theanga bheo ar bhealach spraiúil, taitneamhach, agus oscailte."

Bhí an-áthas ar Phátrún SnaGÁCT na bliana seo, Jim Gavin, an ócáid a sheoladh in éineacht leis an Ard mhéara Edge agus dúirt sé:

"Tá an oiread sin imeachtaí iontacha á n-eagrú ar fud Chontae Átha Cliath Theas i mbliana. Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil le gach duine a chabhraigh leis an bhféilire a chur le chéile. Is deis iontach é dúinn go léir níos mó Gaeilge labhartha a úsáid."

Chun tuilleadh eolais a fháil agus chun an bróisiúr a íoslódáil téigh chuig www.sdcc.ie nó www.athcliaththeas.ie.



Franzini Brothers i Leabharlann Contae



- start on site.
- Wellington Lane (Whitehall Road) Active Travel Scheme works to start on site
 - Dodder Greenway Section 5- Firhouse and Butterfield Road works to start on site.
 - D24 Neighbourhood Scheme Phase 2 works to start on site.
 - Templeville scheme phase 2 works to start on site.
 - Castletymon Active Travel Scheme phase 2 - Part 8 decision
 - Knocklyon to Ballyboden scheme – Part 8 decision



Dodder Greenway Cycle

These Active Travel Schemes are pivotal to building a strong network of connected walking and cycling routes for South Dublin Commuters and will make a difference in giving people viable options to walk or cycle to work, school and for leisure.

Increasing our efforts in getting Children Walking and Cycling to School in a safe environment is also pivotal in both reducing traffic on our roads, improving carbon emissions, and adding to their overall health and wellbeing.

As part of that programme we have been working hard with Schools and have delivered Safer Routes to School interventions at:

- Palmerstown St Lorcan's Boys National School
- St. Brigids National School
- St. Marks Primary School in Springfield
- St. Maelruains Junior National School
- Gael Scoil Chluain Dolcain and we have a Trail Safe Schools zone running at Bishop Shanahan and Bishop Galvin Schools on Rossmore Road part of the wider Wellington Lane Active Travel Scheme.

Active Travel has received funding from the NTA for 2024 of €22.4 Million. This funding will enable the Council to continue to deliver our agreed Cycle South Dublin programme and our shared vision for South Dublin to be one of Ireland's most cycle friendly counties.

The delivery of a safe and connected network across the County will take time, but the Council has been making steady progress with this and we are beginning to see a new network taking shape.

In 2023 the Council had a highly successful year with a spend of €22.5 Million which is seeing us deliver Active Travel infrastructure across all of the constituencies of SDCC. Some of the schemes that were progressed in 2023 and completed or close to completion are as follows:

- Grange Road Phase 2 complete (0.7km of Scheme)
- Avonbeg Road Cycling and

- Walking Scheme complete (2km of Scheme)
- Templeville Road Scheme Phase 1 complete (2.6km of Scheme)
- Dodder Greenway Phase 3 and Phase 4 complete (3.4km of Scheme)
- D24 Neighbourhood Scheme Phase 1 on-site. (Full scheme will be 11km)
- Castletymon Road active travel scheme complete (500metres)
- Killinarden Park and Greenway Scheme on site
- D12 Bike Bus Network on-site (1.28km of Scheme)
- Active Travel Schools St Marks, Oval Palmerstown and Clondalkin

on-site

- Light Segregation Schemes completed at Firhouse Road, Ballyowen Road, Tallaght Main Street and Cypress Grove Road

Looking ahead to 2024 the team have secured €22.4m of funding from the NTA and the Council has agreed to supplement this with a further €5m of funding from our own Capital Programme. This funding will enable the team to progress several schemes including:

- Grand Canal to Lucan Urban Greenway works will start on site.
- Firhouse Road Scheme works to

A Focus On

Active Travel Funding Allocation for 2024



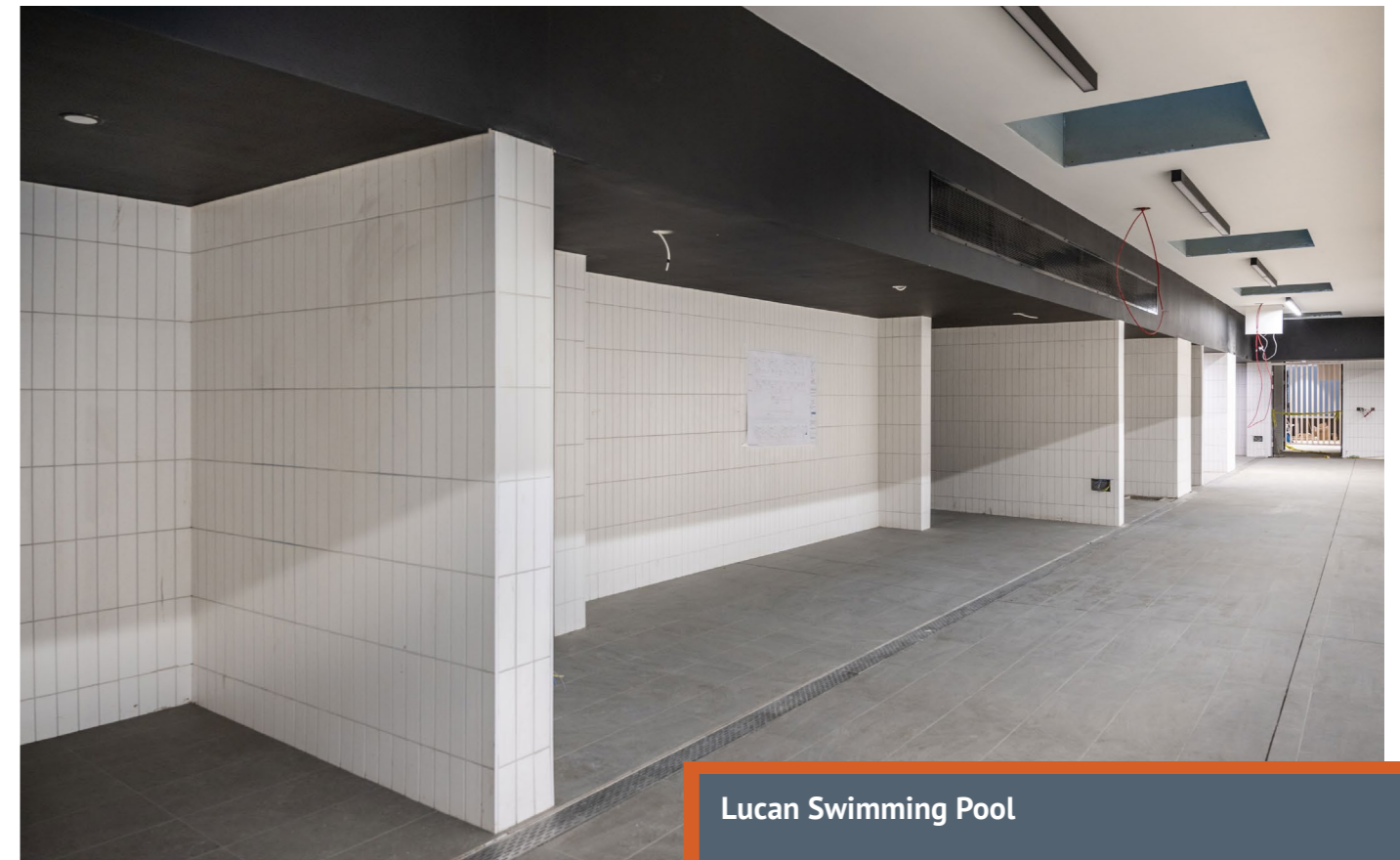
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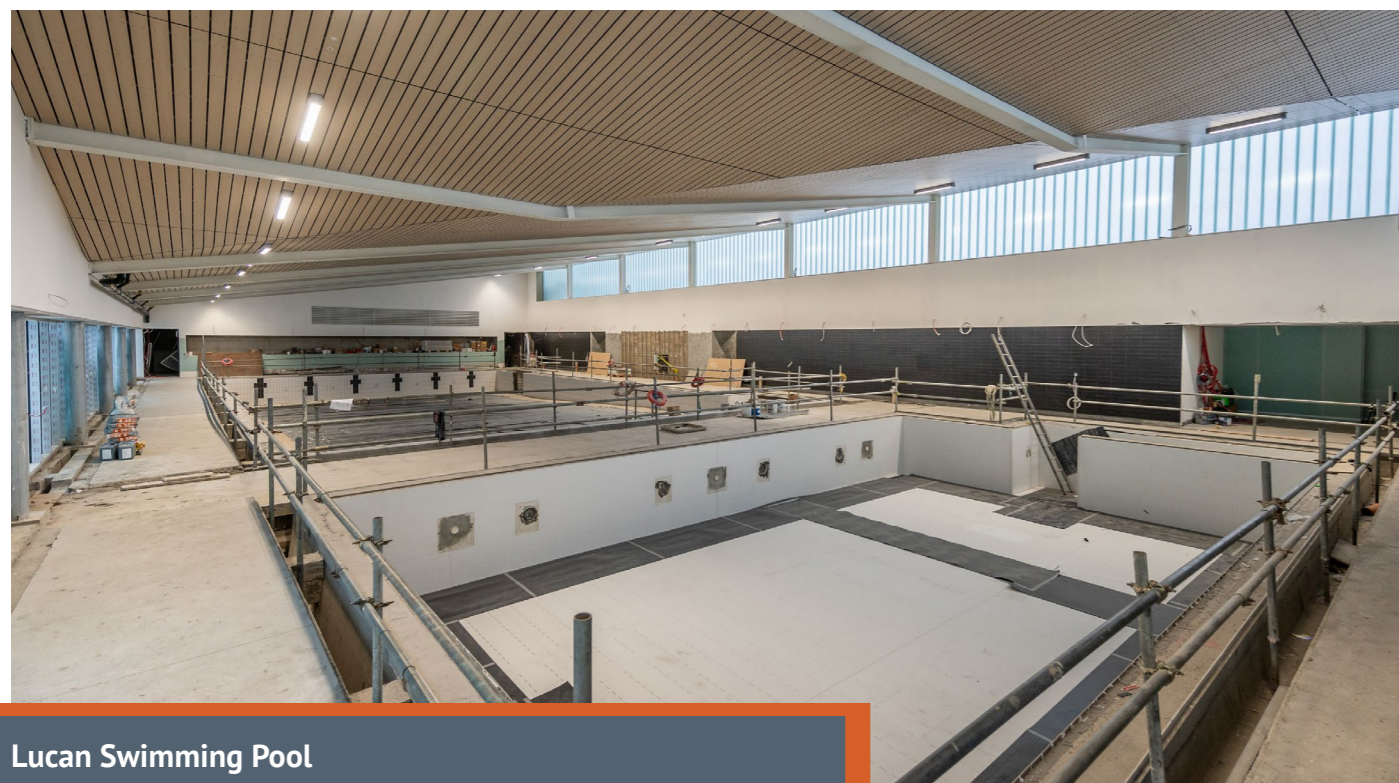


Mayor Alan Edge with the South Dublin County Council Women's Caucus

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Launch of the Climate Action Plan at the February Council Meeting

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Mobile Library at Citywest Shopping Centre as part of Ireland Reads



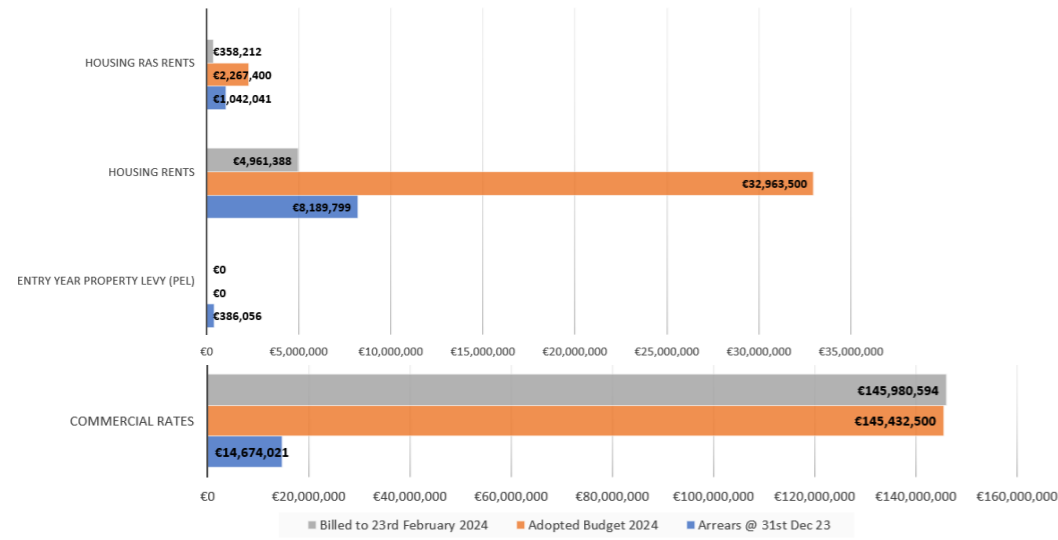
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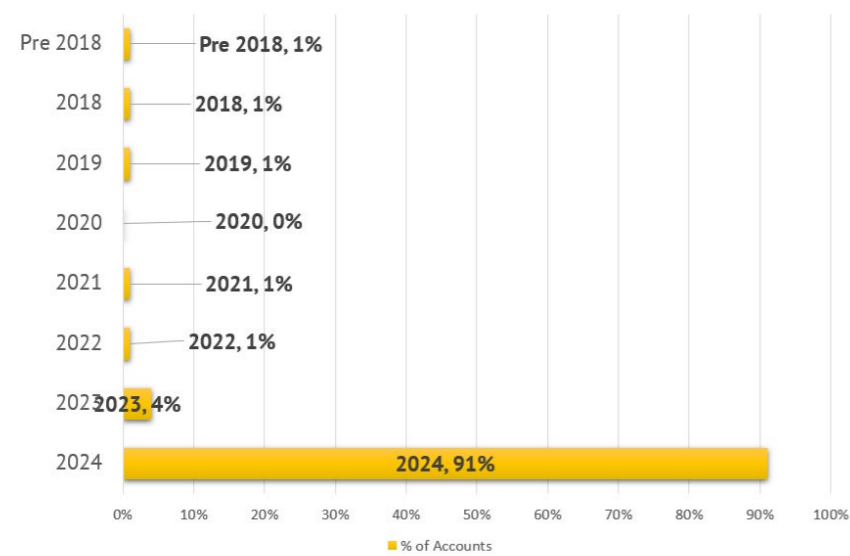
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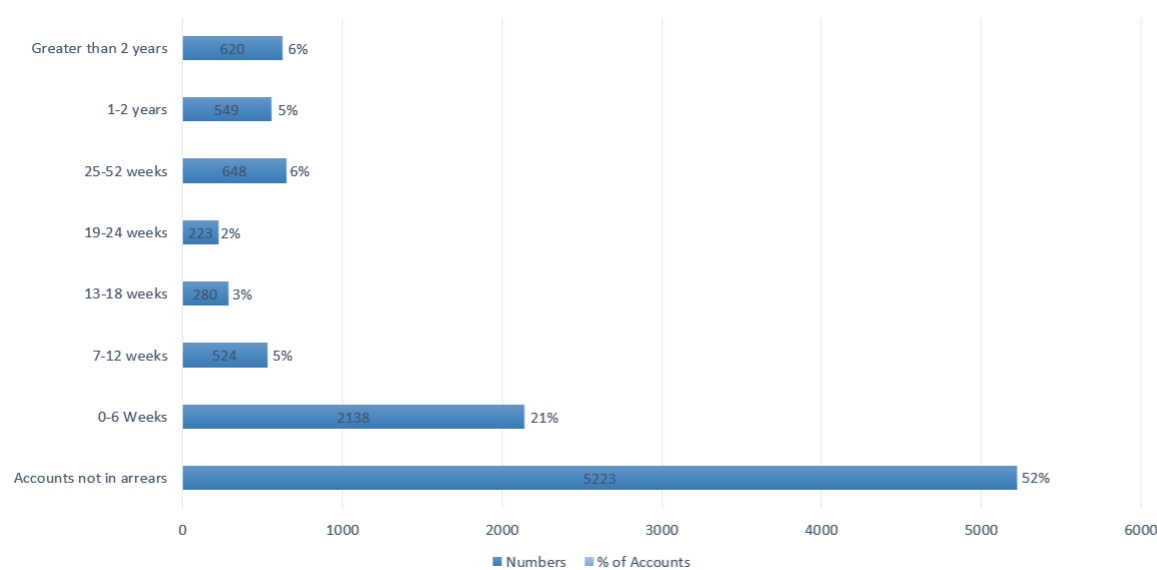
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