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Chief Executive's Report

Newly Elected Mayor Baby Perappadan

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 get the attention it deserves while a selection of images from recent events is also included.

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National Biodiversity Week 2024

Events for National Biodiversity Week were hosted by SDCC between 20th – 24th May. An events list was drawn up by the Programming and Communications team in the Library in conjunction with the Council's Heritage Officer.

26 events in total were promoted. This included ten events specifically facilitated for schools and 16 events for the wider public. Events were spread between the County's Libraries and Parks. Interest was high, and all events were heavily booked.

The events facilitated all ages, including children from three years of age upwards, neurodiverse children, and adults and families alike. Activities ranged from biodiversity craft sessions to meeting the National Reptile Zoo who presented a fascinating workshop

based around animals with scales, shells and spikes. Workshops also included biodiversity gardening, bee workshops where the inner workings of a hive could be observed, medicinal properties of wild plants, meeting bugs and spiders, and how to make your garden a nature reserve.

Bug enthusiast Collie Ennis presented a talk on why bugs and spiders are so wonderful. With participants even getting to meet some of his bug friends!

Our Heritage Officer, Rosaleen Dwyer presented an evening talk on Gardening for Biodiversity and led guided walks to the flowering meadows in Tymon Park, and in the Dodder River Valley Park in conjunction with Dublin Urban Rivers LIFE (DURL) Project Engineer Ger Staunton, who took us on a tour of

the flora and fauna in the DURL Project wetlands and discussed how they were designed to encourage biodiversity.



School Street at St. Pius X Boys NS

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We are pleased to announce that a new Safe Routes to School scheme will start on site at St. Pius X Boys NS in Templeogue. The scheme underwent informal public consultation between 5th April to 3rd May 2024 and received broadly positive feedback from the local stakeholders.

A detailed design is complete and works will start on site July for a duration of two months. The scheme will formalise the carpark, the roadway will be repurposed to include new footpaths and pedestrian ramps. Pencil bollards will be placed to stop cars driving onto footpaths and make the street safer.

Scoil Maelruain School Street

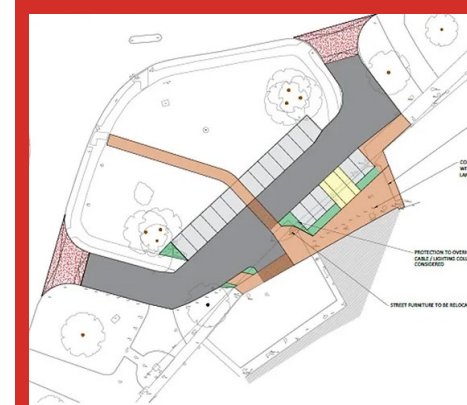
We are pleased to announce that a new Safe Routes to School scheme will start on site at Scoil Maelruain on site in July and it is expected that the works will take approximately three months.

The scheme includes a range of works to make the arrival space around the school a safer environment for children and parents arriving and leaving school.

The type of works include new traffic calming works on the Southern end of Old Bawn Avenue, where the entrances to both schools are located.

The installation of raised table crossings at the junction of Old Bawn Avenue and Tymon Crescent, tightening of corner radii to slow traffic, improvements to existing footpaths and reduction in road width at the entrance to Old Bawn Avenue in front of the school.

This area will have restricted access for traffic during school start and finish times. There is also a surface treatment on Old Bawn Avenue which will help highlight the fact that it is a school zone. The permeability link to Firhouse Road West, to the south, will also to be widened.



Doddsboro Centre Work Complete

Doddsboro District was nominated as one of the locations in the first tranche of district centre enhancement schemes to be delivered.

Design work started in May 2023 and a number of meetings were held with the Councillors, traders and residents. As part of those discussions, it was agreed the focus would be on enhancing the current layout, new planting, new public footpaths as well as some minor changes and the use of new higher quality materials.

The works will be complete by the end of June and took approximately three months to deliver.



Safe Routes to School



Housing, Social and Community Development

Keys Handed Over for Age Friendly Homes in Brady's Court, Old Bawn

Following the delivery of the new Age Friendly homes and a community room in Brady's Court in Old Bawn, our Allocations team met with Ms. Ellen Byrne who received her keys to her new Age Friendly home in Brady's Court.

These one and two bedroom homes are high-quality, energy efficient homes, each with their own front door and a shared, communal garden, encouraging social gathering and interaction. Brady's Court, similar to other developments, has the added benefit of being within an already established community and is close to public transport and local amenities.

Speaking at the handover, Ms. Byrne, who is 83 years old, said: "I'm delighted with my new home, having downsized from a four bed home. The

house is much warmer, in a small quiet development which suits people with mobility issues, as it is flat with ample parking. This house suits my needs as everything is on one level, with no need for stair lifts. There is no garden maintenance and a great communal area for all residents, which is great for meeting new neighbours. It is also central to my family members with good access to shops."

The Council's Rightsizing Policy provides for allocation of age friendly homes to people aged 55 or older through the housing list, transfers (existing tenants rightsizing) or the community list (financial contribution for private homeowners rightsizing). It is intended that 50% of homes in new age friendly housing developments will be used for rightsizing, with priority for tenants transferring from

local areas, and one in five rightsizing opportunities available to private homeowners through the Community List.



Public Consultation Opens for 2025-29 Traveller Accommodation Programme

The Housing Traveller Accommodation Act, 1998 requires the Council to prepare and adopt a five year Traveller Accommodation Programme (TAP) to meet the existing and projected accommodation needs of Travellers who have a local connection and are eligible for social housing support within South Dublin County. Copies will be available for inspection at County Hall, Tallaght, Civic Offices, Clondalkin or on sdcc.ie. The latest date for the receipt of written submissions on the draft TAP is the 31st August 2024.

Written submissions can be made to the Traveller Unit, Housing, Social and Community Department, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 or on our Public Consultation Portal <http://consult.sdblincoco.ie>

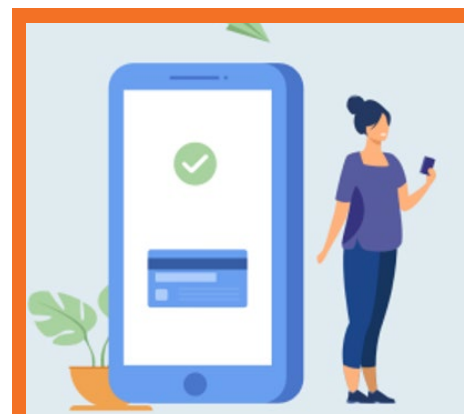
400 Attend Age Friendly Expo

Over 400 people including the Mayor of South Dublin, Councillor Alan Edge were in attendance at County Hall, Tallaght for the South Dublin County Council Age Friendly Expo held on Saturday 25th May.

The Expo was run by the Community Department with the assistance of the Older People's Council and was a showcase of multiple services available within the administrative area to the fifty plus demographic in South Dublin.

Attendees enjoyed a tour of the council chamber and attended talks on various topics, including Dr. Aileen Kennedy from Tallaght University Hospital who spoke on Nutrition for Healthy Ageing, Sergeant Ciaran McLoughlin who spoke on Crime Prevention, Mary Gillan & Paula Swayne who spoke on Age Friendly Healthy Homes and the highlight being a talk on Recovering from Stroke and Geriatric care by Professor Rónán Collins of Tallaght University.

Running over four hours, it was great to create a one stop shop for the attendees. The 55plus directory was also launched at the event.



24/7 Payment Portal for Home Loans

As part of the Council's Digital Strategy, we have launched a new online payment portal for local authority home loans via MyCoCo.ie. The portal offers a secure, flexible and convenient payment option and is available 24/7.

It also provides customers with continuous access to the status of their account and the ability to view transaction history, download statements and payment receipts. This application is available on both desktop and mobile devices. Customers with queries on use of the portal can contact our Payments Office on (01) 4149121 or email cashoffice@sdblincoco.ie. The payments portal also supports online payments for Commercial Rates accounts.



Age Friendly Expo in County Hall



Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

Bí Gnóthach Student Enterprise Programme

Well done to all the South Dublin schools who took part in the Bí Gnóthach Primary School Student Enterprise Programme this year with South Dublin Local Enterprise Office!

The Bí Gnóthach Student Enterprise Programme gives 5th and 6th class pupils a taste of the world of business and entrepreneurship through free resources, educational enterprise workshops, and the chance to create and set up their very own businesses in their school.

Over 555 primary students from 16 schools from around the County participated in the programme.

The County Final was held in the Maldron Hotel, Tallaght on Thursday 13th June 2024 with over 155 pupils in attendance.

The pupils displayed their business

projects and explained to the judges how they come up with their business idea and how they made their products and sold them to their fellow students and within their communities. The students all made a profit which they gave to local and national charities.

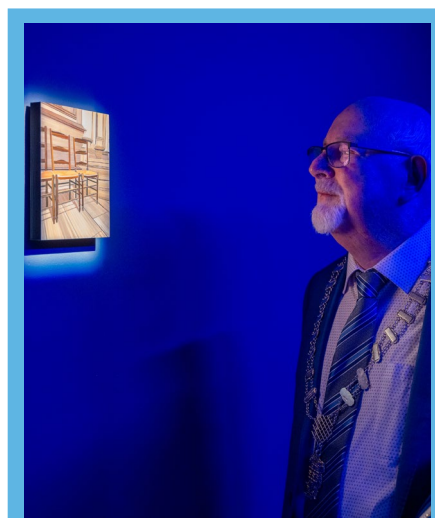
The event included an award ceremony where the winners received certificates presented by the former Mayor, Cllr. Alan Edge.

The overall winning project on the day was Jar Dropping Cakes, from the students in St. Anne's National School, Fettercairn, Tallaght.

Other winners on the day were:

- Most Creative: Loreto National School for Blossom Bookmarks
- Endeavour Awards: Cheeverstown Special School for Greeting Cards! and Scoil Mhuire for Zest
- Most Innovative: Loreto National

- School for Kool Keychains
- Best Sales: Loreto National School for Jupiter Jars and St. Colmcille's for Custom Key Rings.



Templates of Chance

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On Friday, 7th June, Former Cllr. Guss O'Connell, deputising for the Mayor of South Dublin, launched "Templates of Chance" by Luxembourg artists Stéphanie Rollin and David Brognon. Over 18 months the artists embedded themselves within the community in Tallaght for this new commission for Rua Red working with service users from JAAD and Tallaght Drug and Alcohol Taskforce to design a series of recovery tokens. The commission engaged with the process of recovery from addiction, highlighting the significance of failure and persistence. The legacy of the commission is the distribution of the bespoke tokens into recovery centres across South Dublin to be used by the community who designed them.



Events at Palmerstown Library

Palmerstown Library Expansion

Since last November, Palmerstown Library has doubled its opening hours and are now welcoming visitors from Wednesday to Saturday every week. This change has resulted in a significant boost in library engagement, with a 38% increase in membership and a 32% rise in visits.

To further enhance community engagement, especially following the closure of Stewart's Library, we have planned an exciting summer programme.

There is also a new mobile library stop on the northside of Palmerstown, outside the Coach House. You can catch it there every Tuesday over the summer months, from 2:30 – 3:30pm.

Summer Programme Highlights at Palmerstown Library include:

- Art & Creativity Workshop: Led by Elena Buttner for ages 9-12.
- Bricks4Kidz Lego Workshop: A fun construction and engineering STEAM activity for ages 5-12.

We continue to monitor membership growth as part of our goal to extend the library's operation to a 6-day week.



Unveiling An Chluain

An Chluain by artist Holger C Lönze, is a major new artwork in bronze commissioned by South Dublin County Council under the Monastery Road Improvement Scheme and In Context 5 Public Art Programme, with support from South Dublin County Council's Public Realm Section.

The artwork is a contemporary visual link to the heritage of the area and contributes to a strong and unique sense of place.

This sculpture is designed to make the hidden archaeological heritage of Clondalkin visible, marking the important 8th century monastic settlement near the salmon-rich Camac River.



Corporate Performance and Change Management

New Mayor and Deputy Mayor Elected at Annual Meeting 2024

Following the Annual meeting held on 21st June, Councillor Baby Pereppadan was elected as the new Mayor of South Dublin County Council, succeeding Councillor Alan Edge in the role.

Councillor Pereppadan first joined the Council in 2019 in the Tallaght South Local Electoral Area, having moved to Ireland from Kerala in India 23 years ago. In his opening speech as Mayor, Cllr. Pereppadan highlighted the continued building of new homes and inclusive communities as key priorities.

Councillor Alan Hayes was elected as Deputy Mayor for the coming term, succeeding Councillor Yvonne Collins.

Councillor Hayes was also first elected to the Council in 2019 to represent the Palmerstown – Fonthill Local Electoral Area.

The Annual Meeting also elected the following Chairs of the respective Area Committees for the coming year:

- Councillor Shirley O'Hara (FG) was elected chair of the Clondalkin Area Committee.
- Councillor Liona O'Toole (Non-Party) was elected chair of the Lucan/ Palmerstown/ North Clondalkin Area Committee.
- Councillor Ciarán Ahern (Lab) was elected chair of the Rathfarnham/ Templeogue/ Firhouse/ Bohernabreena Area Committee.

- Councillor Mick Duff (Non-Party) was elected chair of the Tallaght Area Committee.



Annual Meeting 2024

Tributes Paid to Outgoing Councillors

Following the recent local elections, the new Council formally met for the first time at the Annual Meeting on 21st June.

Outgoing Mayor Alan Edge paid tribute to those Councillors who have not returned for the new term, including Charlie O'Connor (FF), Guss O'Connell (Non-Party), Ed O'Brien (FF) and Kenneth Egan (FG) who have retired from public office.

Mayor Edge also paid tribute to outgoing Councillors Cathal King, Kieran Mahon, Laura Donaghy, Derren Ó Brádaigh, Lyn Hagin-Meade, Lillian Guéret, Mark Lynch, Vanessa Mulhall and Leah Whelan for their service following the local elections.

Smart Dublin Lunch & Learn Event Showcases Innovative Projects

Smart Dublin, an initiative founded by the four Dublin Local Authorities, collaborates with technology providers, academia, and citizens to improve public services and enhance quality of life by trialing and scaling innovative solutions to a variety of local challenges.

On June 27th, South Dublin County Council and Smart Dublin hosted a "Lunch and Learn" event at County Hall. This event provided a platform for staff to learn about and engage with some of the exciting projects within the Smart Dublin ecosystem.

The session featured insightful presentations on topics including open data, digital twins, continuous improvement, county promotion, and active travel.

Attendees had the chance to explore the diverse range of smart projects and network with colleagues involved in these initiatives. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the organisers, presenters, and attendees for making this event a resounding success. We look forward to hosting similar events in the near future.



2024 Elected Members Gender Make Up

As a result of the 2024 Local Elections, South Dublin County Council now has its highest-ever proportion of female Councillors representing 47.5% of the total Council. This is the highest proportion nationally; second to this is Louth at 45% and the national average is 26%. The Lucan Electoral Area is notable in having 80% female councillor representation.

South Dublin County Council continues to support female engagement and representation in politics through its work in the Women's Caucus which was set up in 2022.



SMART Dublin Event in County Hall



Environment, Water and Climate Change

Ely Arch Landscape Improvements

The landscape enhancement works at Ely Arch have recently been completed. Originally built in 1771 as an entrance to Rathfarnham Castle, Ely Arch is now the symbolic entrance to South Dublin. The improvements include upgraded landscape boundaries, paving, steps to the Arch and green space, a Ballylusk courtyard, tree planting and passive recreation opportunities.

The project was carried out across a number of departments and while it was led by the Public Realm Section valuable advice, assistance and funding was provided by the Architectural Conservation Officer in the Land Use, Planning and Transportation Dept for conservation works carried out to the iron gates and on the clearance of vegetation from the arch structure. The Active Travel Section also assisted in implementing the part of the works running adjacent to the Dodder River as part of the greenway scheme. The Economic Development department also assisted and provided funding for the new seating areas.

It serves as a fantastic local amenity and is envisioned to become a focal tourism destination along the Dodder Greenway.



Dublin Climate Action Week

Dublin Climate Action Week, which aims to inspire, share knowledge and highlight best practice on climate action, takes place from the 9th -15th of September. A broad range of events will address the areas of Energy & Buildings, Transport, Flood Resilience, Nature Based Solutions, the Circular Economy and Citizen Engagement. The campaign aims to drive conversation and encourage participation around climate action at events throughout the week. For further details go to dublinclimateactionweek.ie.

Clondalkin has also been chosen as our Decarbonising Zone (DZ). Extensive stakeholder engagement will take place over summer. Please visit www.sdcc.ie/en/climate-action/clondalkin-dz/

All Ireland Pollinator Plan and Dublin Rivers Project Conferences

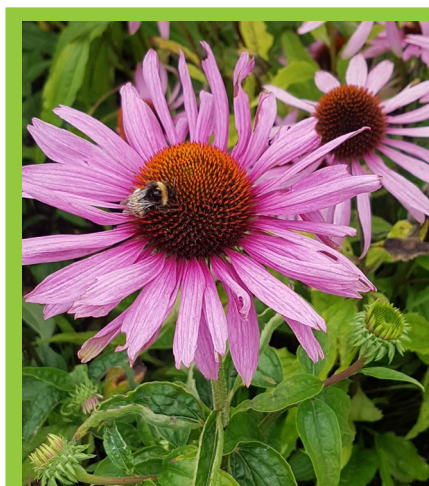
The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan hosted its annual Local Authority Conference at the Civic Theatre Tallaght on 13th June. Over 120 attendees gathered to share experiences and discuss solutions for pollinator and biodiversity challenges. The event featured presentations on meadow management, brush harvesting, and green infrastructure. This year's conference highlighted South Dublin's leadership in biodiversity efforts and provided a platform for local authorities to collaborate on enhancing pollinator-friendly practices. The conference concluded with a Q&A session, fostering a vibrant exchange of ideas and strategies for improving biodiversity.

The Dublin Urban Rivers (DURL) Project held its Water Quality in Urban Rivers Conference on 28th May and a tour of the Dodder Valley Park wetlands on 29th May. The conference

focused on raising awareness about the pollution impact of misconnections and enhancing urban water quality in our local rivers. Over 120 Water Quality & Policy representatives from local authorities and state agencies attended the hybrid event in Rua Red Arts Centre, Tallaght.

In addition to presentations from Inland Fisheries Ireland, Dublin City University, University College Dublin and the Water Policy Section in the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the event included international speakers from the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the EU LIFE Programme and a French Local Authority. The Conference contained a workshop demonstrating the projects "Misconnection Detection and Wetland Builder Tools" to enable the replication of the DURL Project water quality enhancement work

and a first view of the DURL Project animated video was showcased on the day. A recording of the conference presentations will be available shortly on the website dublinriverlife.ie



All-Ireland Pollinator Plan LA Conference held in Civic Theatre

Kiltalown Park Playground Opens

Kiltalown Park Playground has recently been upgraded to a natural playground and is in keeping with the green surroundings of the park. The upgrade includes a large zip line, natural climbing frames, a slide and tree climbing posts. Some of the existing playground equipment was revamped to provide additional play value for the local community. The playground upgrade is very popular since it opened, promoting active play and social interactions among park users.

The project was funded through the Council's revenue budget with an additional €150,000 provided for upgrade works to be carried out to older playgrounds, which are in need of substantial improvements.



Kiltalown Park Playground

Minister Donohoe visits Tallaght Innovation Quarter and Work IQ



Minister Donohoe chairs meeting of Project Ireland 2040 Delivery Board at WorkIQ in the Tallaght Innovation Quarter

The Minister for Public Expenditure NDP Delivery and Reform, Paschal Donohoe T.D., chaired a meeting of the Project Ireland 2040 Delivery Board at WorkIQ in the Tallaght Innovation Quarter on 26th June.

The meeting was held at WorkIQ in the Tallaght Innovation Quarter

a newly completed Council-owned workspace building, providing a managed and supported workspace for up to 60 tech start-up businesses.

This project received funding under the NDP from the Urban and Regeneration Development Fund.

Project Ireland 2040 Board Visited:

- Tallaght Innovation Quarter
- Work IQ
- Tallaght Stadium
- Heatworks
- Cost Rental Project at Belgard North

The Board also had the opportunity to visit a number of transformational projects that are helping to deliver the next stage of Tallaght's growth and which are receiving funding directly from the Council and various Government funding supports.

Highlights from the meeting included a presentation from Colm Ward, Chief Executive of South Dublin County Council on National Development Plan projects in the Tallaght area and from Michael Nolan, Chair of the Major Projects Advisory Group who

updated the Board on their work.

Speaking today, Minister Donohoe said: "The National Development Plan (NDP) is central to delivering the vital infrastructure we need to support our future economic and social requirements, as well as our climate change commitments.

I was delighted to chair an off-site meeting of the Project Ireland 2040 Delivery Board at the Tallaght Innovation Quarter today to see at first-hand a range of exciting and innovative projects that are being delivered under the National Development Plan – including an affordable cost rental Modern Methods of Construction (MMC) apartment building at Belgard Square and the Tallaght Stadium Fourth Stand. My thanks to Colm Ward, Chief Executive, South Dublin County Council for hosting us today at the very impressive WorkIQ building.

Mr. Colm Ward, Chief Executive of South Dublin County Council said "We are delighted to welcome Minister Donohoe and the Project Ireland 2040

Board to Tallaght today to highlight the impact of Government support and funding for initiatives being delivered in South Dublin.

As well as hosting the meeting in the new Work IQ centre within the emerging Innovation Quarter in Tallaght Town Centre, we also showcased the recently completed Tallaght Stadium expansion, Heatworks - Ireland's first district heating scheme and the first direct local authority cost rental project nationally at Belgard North, all connected by high-quality new public realm and permeability works.

These projects demonstrate our commitment to working with key partners in government to build a sustainable future for our County, aligned to the Project 2040 vision."



Cllr. Baby Pereppadan - Mayor of South Dublin, Minister Paschal O'Donohoe & Colm Ward, Chief Executive of South Dublin County Council at WorkIQ

Official Opening of Rathcoole & Saggart Community Centres



Recent weeks have seen the official openings of the Rathcoole Old Courthouse and the Saggart Schoolhouse Community Centre, following major capital investments and redevelopment projects delivered by the Council, working in partnership with respective local communities.

The Rathcoole Old Courthouse was officially opened by Councillor Francis Timmons, deputising for the Mayor on Friday 24th May.

Councillor Timmons was joined by Minister of State with responsibility for Business, Employment and Retail in the Department of Enterprise,

External of Rathcoole Courthouse



Trade and Employment, Emer Higgins T.D., as well as former Senator and newly elected M.E.P. for Dublin, Regina

Doherty.

The Old Courthouse, a historically significant and conserved structure, located on the Main Street of Rathcoole Village has played a key role in the life of the local community since before the turn of the 1900s.

Completion of the project has resulted in the old courthouse building being conserved and an extension added to the rear, accommodating an additional meeting room, kitchen/café area, toilets and an outdoor courtyard.

The Saggart Schoolhouse Community Centre was officially opened by the Mayor, Councillor Alan Edge on Thursday the 30th May.

To deliver the Saggart Schoolhouse Community Centre, the Council transformed the former old St. Mary's National School, by preserving and repurposing the four former

classrooms as well as constructing an extension to accommodate a multi-purpose hall, kitchen, toilets, reception and café area.

The delivery of both projects represents a capital investment in the region of €4million with funding allocated from the Council's Capital Programme Budget and support funding of €200,000 secured for the Old Courthouse project from the Department of Rural and Community Development under their Town and Village Renewal Scheme and €500,000 for Saggart Schoolhouse Community Centre from the Leader Programme administered by Rural Dublin Leader.

Both facilities will be managed by local management committees and supported by the Council's Community Services Department.



Official Opening of Saggart Schoolhouse Community Centre

Update on Round Tower Visitor Centre



The Round Tower Visitor Centre has welcomed up to half a million visitors.

The Round Tower in Clondalkin village was founded in the 7th century by St. Mochua and is one of only four remaining round towers in Co. Dublin.

Thought to have been built around 790 AD, the tower stands at 27.5

metres high, and is thought to be the most slender of all the round towers in Ireland. To tell the story of this wonderful site, South Dublin County Council developed the Brú Chrónáin Round Tower Visitor Centre in 2017.

The experience incorporates an

Trip Advisor Reviews for RTVC

- “Attended a fantastic guided tour with Danny and Alan. Our guides gave us a detailed history of Clondalkin and further afield. Also included was a tour of the beautiful gardens with lots of information about the herbs, plants and trees replicated from the monastic period. Well worth a visit.”
- “Two adults and two young kids really enjoyed the whole experience. Lovely accessible gardens, tasty/healthy/vegetarian café, and interesting/fun little museum/visitor center all in the same spot. Very friendly staff in the café and lovely volunteer staff in the museum which is free. It's a real credit to the local council...”

interactive visitor centre, gardens, café, terraced dining area, exhibition and gallery spaces, and craft shop.

The exhibition can be enjoyed through eight distinctive themed spaces of the refurbished 19th century Mill Cottages

and brings to life the monastic setting, the Viking legacy, the 19th and early 20th-century setting of Clondalkin, a busy Dublin village, as well as exploring the role that round towers performed both socially and politically in Ireland.

The centre is managed through a management licence by an independent third party who also provide the hospitality and retail in the centre through the café and shop.

As the current contract will expire early next year, the Council expects to advertise a tender in July this year seeking interested parties to operate an integrated service at the centre, which will include a café with ancillary retail operations, as well as facility management of the Visitor Centre. The tender will be advertised on the Government's e-tender procurement platform.

Over the past five years, the Round Tower Visitor Centre has welcomed up to 500,000 visitors.

The centre recently benefitted from investment from Fáilte Ireland which aimed to improve interpretation and the visitor experience at visitor attractions.

The centre regularly hosts a number of temporary displays as well as events in the monastic garden, and is a favourite for school tours. The Clann Chrónáin volunteer tour guide group provide complimentary tours of the centre most days of the week, as well as garden tours at the weekend.

The visitor centre is located close to Corkagh Park, the Grand Canal Greenway and Áras Chrónáin Irish Cultural Centre, which combined together add a different heritage experience beyond the city centre and close to the natural outdoors of Dublin in South Dublin County.

The Brú Chrónáin Round Tower Visitor Centre is open from 9am to 4pm seven days a week and admission to the exhibition and gardens is free.



Round Tower Visitor Centre Room 6



The Annual Meeting of South Dublin County Council took place on the 21st of June in County Hall Tallaght. The meeting marks the beginning of the new term of office for the recently elected Council following the local elections held on 7th June.

Councillor Baby Pereppadan (FG), representing the Tallaght South Electoral Area was elected Mayor of South Dublin County succeeding Councillor Alan Edge in the role.

The Council's new Mayor; Councillor Baby Pereppadan was proposed for the office by his party colleague, Councillor Caroline Brady (FG) and was seconded by Councillor Mick Duff (Non-Party). Following a roll call vote, Councillor Baby Pereppadan was deemed elected to the Office of Mayor.

Councillor Baby Pereppadan first joined South Dublin County Council in 2019 having previously run in the 2009 elections. Having moved to Ireland 23 years ago

from Kerala in India to join his wife who had moved to Ireland as a nurse, Councillor Pereppadan has served the community in Tallaght South since. Following the recent local elections, Mayor Pereppadan's son Britto Pereppadan who represents Tallaght Central, also joins him in the Chamber.

Councillor Alan Hayes (Non-Party) representing Palmerstown - Fonthill was elected Deputy Mayor, having been proposed by Councillor Alan Edge, a fellow Independent Councillor and seconded by Councillor Shane Moynihan (FF). Councillor Hayes, who also joined the council

in 2019, gave an emotional acceptance speech, thanking his wife and family for enabling him to serve his local community.

Tributes were also paid to the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Alan Edge (Non-Party) and the outgoing Deputy Mayor, Councillor Yvonne Collins (FF), who thanked their fellow Councillors, Chief Executive Colm Ward, the management team and staff of the Council for their help and support during their term in office. Cllr. Edge also signed off his term by congratulating the newly elected Council and thanking outgoing Councillors; particularly, Charlie O'Connor,

Guss O'Connell, Kenneth Egan and Ed O'Brien who retired from elected office as well as Councillors Cathal King, Kieran Mahon, Laura Donaghy, Derren Ó Brádaigh, Lyn Hagin-Meade, Lilian Guéret, Mark Lynch, Vanessa Mulhall and Leah Whelan for their service following the local elections.

Addressing the Chamber, the newly elected Mayor, Councillor Pereppadan said; "It gives me immense pride to serve as the Mayor of South Dublin County Council for the coming year, particularly with my son in the Chamber, Britto Pereppadan. During my time as Mayor, continuing to build new homes and to build inclusive communities will be a key priority for me."

Following the recent local elections, South Dublin



Annual Meeting in County Hall

County Council now has the highest proportion of female representation on a Council in Ireland, with 47.5% of the Council made up of female elected Councillors. In the Lucan Local Electoral Area (LEA), 4 of the 5 elected members are women, with a minimum of two women elected in each LEA in the County

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

- Councillor Shirley O'Hara (FG) was elected chair of the Clondalkin Area Committee.
- Councillor Liona O'Toole (Non-Party) was elected chair of the Lucan/ Palmerstown/ North Clondalkin Area Committee.
- Councillor Ciarán Ahern (Lab) was elected chair of the Rathfarnham/ Templeogue/ Firhouse/ Bohernabreena Area Committee.
- Councillor Mick Duff (Non-Party) was elected chair of the Tallaght Area Committee.

A Focus On

Annual Meeting 2024



Newly Elected Council following the Local Elections on June 7th

SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS 2024



LUCAN

Paul Nicholas Gogarty (Ind)
Vicki Casserly (FG)
Liona O'Toole (Ind)
Caroline Brady (FG)
Joanna Tuffy (Lab)

RATHFARNHAM - TEMPLEOGUE

Pamela Kearns (Lab)
Ronan McMahon (Ind)
Ciarán Ahern (Lab)
Justin Sinnott (SD)
Lynn McCrave (FG)
Yvonne Collins (FF)
David McManus (FG)

TALLAGHT CENTRAL

Mick Duff (Ind)
Teresa Costello (FF)
Britto Pereppadan (FG)
Patrick Pearse Holohan (Ind)
Niamh Whelan (SF)
Jess Spear (PBP)

CLONDALKIN

Francis Timmons (Ind)
William Carey (SF)
Darragh Adelaide (PBP)
Eoin Ó Broin (SD)
Shirley O'Hara (FG)
Linda DeCourcy (II)
Trevor Gilligan (FF)

FIRHOUSE - BOHERNABREENA

Alan Edge (Ind)
Brian Lawlor (FG)
Emma Murphy (FF)
Sarah Barnes (FG)
Róisín Mannion (SF)

TALLAGHT SOUTH

Patrick Pearse Holohan (Ind)
Baby Pereppadan (FG)
Dermot Richardson (Ind)
Louise Dunne (SF)
Kay Keane (PBP)

PALMERSTOWN - FONTHILL

Shane Moynihan (FF)
Alan Hayes (Ind)
Niamh Fennell (SF)
Glen Moore (IFP)
Madeleine Johansson (PBP)

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New Woodford Sculpture named An Chluain

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Refugee Week Event in Corkagh Park



Ms Ellen Byrne recieving her keys at Brady's Court



Cllr. Alan Edge passing the Mayoral chain to Cllr. Baby Pepperadan

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Active South Dublin Calisthenics in Corkagh Park

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Project Ireland 2040 Delivery Board visiting Tallaght Stadium



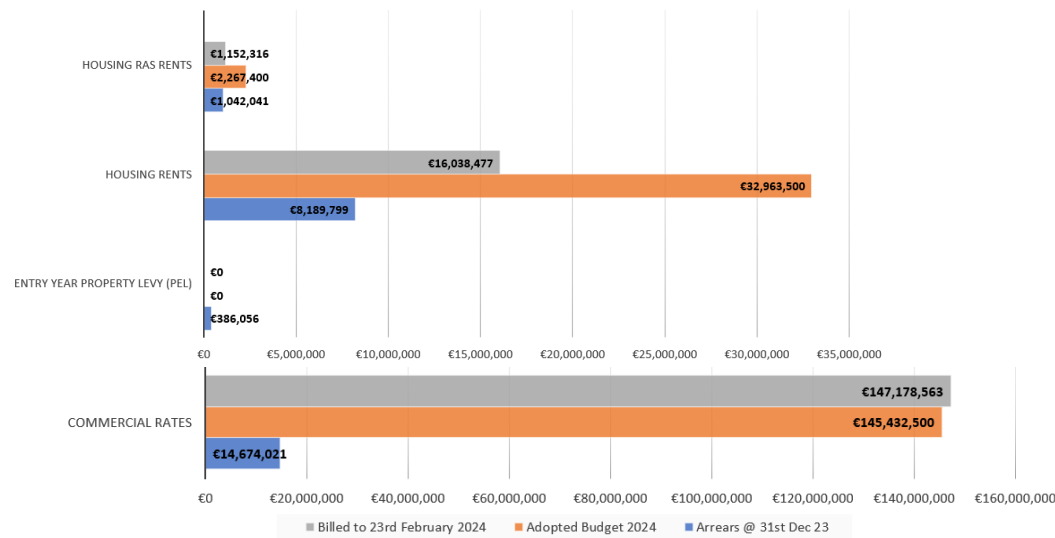
Community Development Outdoor Screening at St Lorcan's BNS in Palmerstown



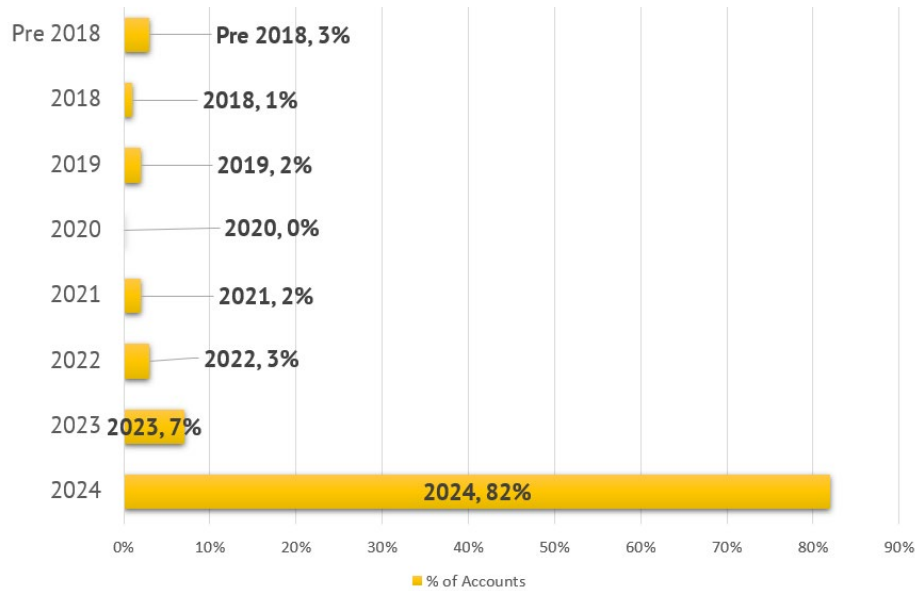
72 Ukrainian Dancers perform in Tallaght Library as part of Cruinniú na nÓg 2024

Finance Report

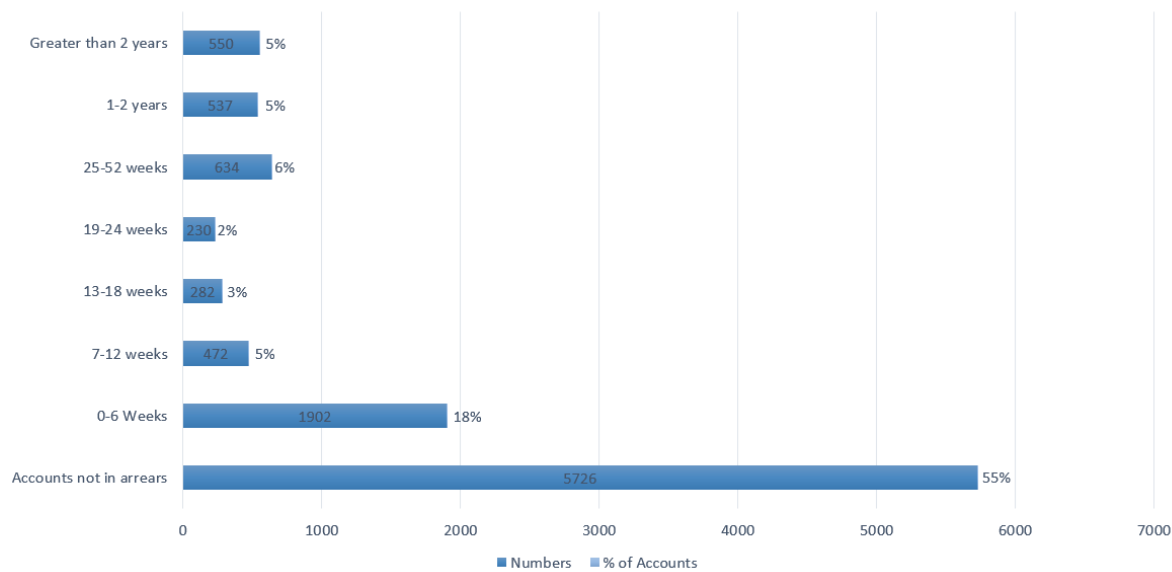
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