



September 2024

Chief Executive's Report

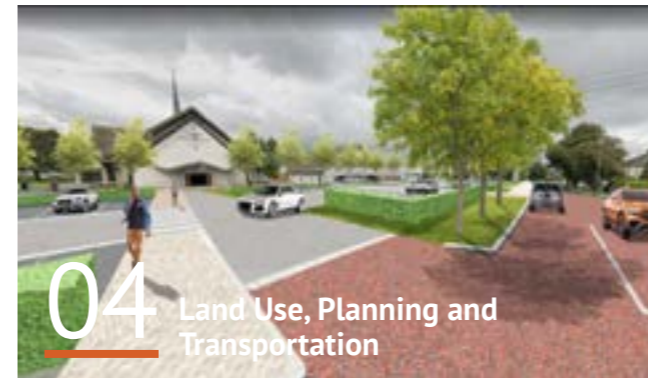
Taoiseach visits Clonburris

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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Land Use, Planning and Transportation

Rosemount Enhancements Commenced

Construction commenced in August on the Rosemount District Centre Enhancement Scheme which will upgrade footpaths and drainage as well as providing new planting in the area.

Following extensive engagement with local traders, residents' groups and Councillors for the area, the project received Part 8 planning approval in November 2023, with commitments to provide additional age friendly, family friendly and wheelchair accessible parking while sheltered seating and bike parking are also included.

The construction contract has been awarded to Clonmel Enterprises who bring a long track record of delivering high-quality public realm schemes and they have distributed a construction phasing plan to local stakeholders.

This engagement will continue throughout the construction stage of the project to minimise the disruption and we currently expect all works to be completed by the end of this year.



Kishoge Station Opens

The Mayor of South Dublin County Cllr. Baby Perrepadan was joined by Minister of State for Transport James Lawless T.D., on Monday 26th August to open Kishoge Station in Clonburris. This new station provides excellent rail access for local residents and workers, with up to 100 trains each weekday.

It also marks another important milestone in the delivery of Clonburris SDZ and the development of a sustainable new community only 14 minutes by train from Heuston Station and Dublin city centre and ready to benefit from the proposed Dart+ South West extension.

Lucan Village Enhancements Starting This Month

Public realm improvements in Lucan Village, comprising a bundle of four related improvement projects, are confirmed to start this month. This will see a new car park and enhancements to the entrance at Lucan Demesne along with improvements to the village green and Liffey promenade.

This project received Part 8 Planning approval from the Council in April 2022 and was followed by a detailed design process which also accommodated amendments made by Councillors. The subsequent procurement process concluded with the appointment of Bretland Ltd. to carry out the works.

They have great experience of quality village and public realm improvement works and will start on site in September for a 12-month construction programme. Information

on the phasing of works, associated traffic management requirements and other project updates will be shared with local businesses and residents as the project progresses.

These enhancements are part of the Council's wider ambition for Lucan alongside the village's designation as a Destination Town by Fáilte Ireland and will help to improve placemaking in Lucan while delivering a more engaging and rewarding public realm space.

This work aims to upgrade the existing areas and transform them into more usable, amenable and safe spaces for everyone to enjoy. Alongside this and following the Council's recent completion of the acquisition of the Lucan House, works are expected to start next month on repair works to the

boundary wall of the grounds of the property, with those works expected to take up to four months to complete.



Dodder Greenway Community Cycle

Dodder Greenway Phase 5

Development of the Dodder Greenway continues to progress with Phase 5 works starting on site last month for an expected 12-month construction programme.

This will see Dodder Valley Park connected to Butterfield Avenue, providing protected connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists from Old Bawn in Tallaght to Ely Arch in Rathfarnham.

The design of this phase followed public engagement in December 2021/January 2022 and a statutory consultation process during July/August 2022 with the final proposal then receiving Part 8 planning approval in October 2022.



Rosemount Enhancement Visuals



Local Authority Purchase and Renovation Loan (LAPR)

Local Authority Purchase and Renovation Loan (LAPR), a Government backed support for the purchase and renovation of derelict homes, is now available to provide more affordable home ownership and renovation for first time buyers or those applying under the "Fresh Start" principle.

LAPR provides a bridging finance option for works to properties under the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant (VPRG) which is available if you are turning a vacant house or building into your new home.

A standard grant of up to €50,000 is available with a top-up of up to €20,000 also possible depending on the type of renovation work required and the end of works value of your home.

The estimated value of the property after renovation works cannot exceed €360,000 and minor works and major works to a vacant property as well works on derelict properties are eligible for support.

Please visit www.sdcc.ie for further information.



Active Parks Programme

This year our Active South Dublin team has expanded the Active Parks initiative to include Corkagh Park, Dodder Valley Park, Griffeen Valley Park and St Enda's Park. Nine free weekly classes were provided across the four parks with over 1,850 people signed up to the initiative.

In addition to Park Fit and Park Yoga, Park Strength was a very popular addition to the programme and thankfully the weather has been on our side this year, with only one class cancelled throughout the whole summer!

Please visit www.sdcc.ie for further information.

Return of Community Services Fun Day

The second Community Services Fun Day took place on 20th July with the event jointly hosted by The Square and Tallaght Garda Station offering the opportunity for the public to interact with various community and emergency services. Despite challenging weather, the day was a resounding success with queues forming as visitors eagerly explored the array of emergency vehicles from Dublin Fire Brigade, Dublin Airport Fire Service, Civil Defence, National Ambulance Service and Blood Bikes while transport providers Dublin Bus and Go Ahead also showcased their buses.

Water Safety Ireland representatives were also present to educate the public on ring buoys and how to use them effectively in emergencies while the Red Cross and National Ambulance demonstrated First Aid and CPR skills. The event also began with a quiet

hour and included a neurodiverse area designed for children with sensory needs for the full duration of the event. Other new additions included Buskers Corner and the Noise Music stage, which hosted music and dance performances throughout the day.

The Council was well represented by our Community, Voter Registration, Local Enterprise Office, County Promotion, Recruitment, Climate Action, Park Rangers and Libraries teams. Staff from these work areas were on hand to engage with the public, providing information on our services and encouraging community involvement. Our Active South Dublin team were also on hand to encourage attendees to try new activities such as rowing, boxing and rugby.

Community Services Fun Day again delivered a celebration of the essential

services in South Dublin and offered a great platform for the public to connect with their community services.



Cllr. Mick Duff, Chair of the Tallaght Area Committee with local Gardaí

First Playful Streets Initiative

Our Community team recently supported residents in Citywest Village with a Playful Streets open day to showcase the positive impact community-led events and to give children safer and informal play opportunities on their local streets, facilitated by temporary road closures.

This inaugural initiative for South Dublin was very well received with residents enjoyed a fun-filled day which included outdoor games and food stalls, ice cream as well as allowing neighbors to mingle in a safe environment free of vehicles and we will now look to provide further Playful Streets initiatives in additional areas to build on this success.



Playful Streets Event at Citywest

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New Dublin Discovery Trails App Launched

The latest development enhancing the Dublin's Outdoors experience is a new digital app designed for walking trails which has been developed through a collaboration between Dublin's four local authorities. The "Dublin Discovery Trails" is a cutting-edge platform which highlights the charm of South Dublin's villages and will transform how locals and visitors engage with the County's tourism attractions and hidden gems.

Each local authority has contributed to highlighting its local villages, ensuring the app reflects the diversity and richness of Dublin's cultural landscape.

It features curated walking trails across four villages in South Dublin, greatly improving accessibility to our rich heritage, and serves as a comprehensive guide to these areas offering detailed information,

historical insights and interactive maps.

The app includes special features and audio guides which bring the past to life as you explore the trails and it will now support walking trails for Tallaght, Clondalkin and Rathfarnham along with the latest addition, the Templeogue Heritage Trail. This new trail will offer users an opportunity to explore the history, architecture and places that will showcase Templeogue as a village with rich heritage in South Dublin

Whether you're a first-time visitor or a lifelong resident, this innovative tool provides an exciting way to connect with the heritage, landmarks and stories of South Dublin.

The "Dublin Discovery Trails" app is available for download now using the QR code above and everyone is

invited to explore and engage with the County in an entirely new but very accessible and easy-to-use way at your fingertips.



Tallaght Martial Arts new tenant at Tallaght Stadium

New Tallaght Stadium Partner

Following a recent expressions of interest process, we are delighted to announce Tallaght Martial Arts (TMA) as tenants for the Tallaght Stadium North Stand, occupying the new facility alongside Shamrock Rovers who have leased boardroom and retail facilities.

Catering for all members of the community and priding itself on inclusivity, TMA has been part of the Tallaght community for 30 years and is a hugely successful club that has 16 coaches and several hundred active members, many of whom have competed both nationally and internationally.

The Council looks forward to a long and successful collaboration with Tallaght Martial Arts at Tallaght Stadium in the years ahead.

LEO/ACE Host Minister Higgins

Local Enterprise Office (LEO) South Dublin along with ACE Enterprise Park, recently hosted a townhall Q&A session with Emer Higgins T.D., Minister of State with responsibility for Business, Employment, and Retail. This provided an exceptional opportunity for local businesses to network, gain insights into the future of SME growth in Dublin, and learn more about development opportunities and LEO supports.

The event highlighted a range of innovative businesses supported by LEO South Dublin, showcasing clients including Latin Street Kitchens, Bon a Pet Treats, La Tradizione, Picado, and Happy Hour Foods while the Minister also had the opportunity to visit clients' premises.

Head of Enterprise, Tom Rooney, discussed the latest support offerings from LEO and how these can facilitate business expansion while Minister Higgins emphasised the significance of LEO and outlined the government role in supporting local businesses. The event concluded with a Q&A session, allowing businesses to address the challenges they face and share how the support they have received to date has helped them sustain and grow their operations.



Clondalkin Library

Plans for refurbishment and access improvements for Clondalkin Library, which were communicated to local Councillors early this year, have now progressed with proposed designs set to proceed to Part 8 statutory consultation this month.

Interested parties can make submissions on the proposals for a six-week period after which final plans will be presented to the Council for approval, with approval sought for a new lift-block on the west elevation of the existing building to facilitate universal access as well as restoring the first floor to its full floorspace and repairing ground floor windows.



LEO/ ACE Townhall meeting with Minister Emer Higgins



Corporate Performance and Change Management

SDCC “Green Canteen”

A motion proposed by former Councillor Mark Lynch which was passed in January 2024 sought the Council to ban the purchase, sale and distribution of single use plastic beverage bottles and single use cups in all the Council owned premises, including those businesses and franchisees operating on Council property from 1st June 2024.

To progress this action, the Council has now removed single use plastic beverage containers and single use cups from the staff canteen in County hall making this a ‘Green Canteen’. Further related initiatives such as the new ‘2Go Cups’, sourcing of locally-produced coffee beans and ‘2Go Bowls’ have also been introduced and we will soon introduce sauce

dispensers to replace plastic sachets. Going forward we will implement environmentally friendly alternatives where possible across all Council-owned premises, including those businesses and franchisees operating on Council property, and we will encourage local business to follow our lead.

Single-use plastic products (SUPPs) may epitomize convenience, but with the damage they cause through production, distribution and litter, they are a major threat to environmental and human health. In addition the open burning of plastic waste, consumption of plastic-contaminated seafood and creation of harmful microplastics are just

some of the additional reasons for phasing out SUPPs.



Equality and Human Rights Duty Action Plan Published

Equality and Human Rights Duty Action Plan

Our 2024 Action Plan for Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty has been published along with an implementation plan and is available on www.sdcc.ie. We recognise the need to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate discrimination and protect the dignity and human rights of staff, Councillors and customers alike. This commitment is underpinned by a legal obligation provided for in the Irish Human Rights and Equality Act 2014. This plan identifies key moments and actions to ensure ongoing implementation of this duty and provides terms of reference for our cross-departmental working group established to oversee implementation, on which progress will be reported in the Council’s Annual Report.

SDCC Wellbeing Champions

16 staff members have been selected to form a pilot group of Wellbeing Champions for the Council. These staff recently completed a training programme for their new volunteer roles and they are further developing their health and wellbeing expertise through supported sessions on a programme designed by jointly by our Health and Safety Officer and our Staff Welfare Officer.

Our Wellbeing Champions will increase awareness of health and wellbeing initiatives across the organization which include various webinars, targeted campaigns and events. They will also be a valuable resource for all of our staff, providing information on available supports as well signposting staff to these supports as required. The Wellbeing Champions will support the rollout of various health and wellbeing initiatives activities as part of the Council’s annual wellbeing programme.

It is fantastic for the organisation to have this invaluable peer resource available to promote and champion wellbeing and we look forward to its positive future impacts for all our staff.



Sustainable Development Goals Week

Ireland’s third annual Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Week takes place this year from 20th-29th September as part of a wider European Sustainable Development awareness campaign that runs from 18th September to 8th October. The National Implementation Plan for SDGs emphasises the important role that Local Authorities can play in raising awareness of the SDGs to support change. Local Authorities have been leading the way and SDG Week provides the opportunity to build on this progress, improving awareness and highlighting the work taking place through a series of events, focused on sharing ideas and transformative solutions to better address global challenges. Please visit www.sdcc.ie for all SDG week events in South Dublin while SDGs can be viewed at <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>



SDCC’s Wellbeing Champions



Environment, Water and Climate Change

SDCC and Dublin Mountains Partnership

The Dublin Mountains Partnership (DMP) was set up in May 2008 with the ultimate aim of improving the recreational experience for users of the Dublin Mountains.

The DMP's strategic vision for the Dublin Mountains) is for an area of outstanding beauty and a place for sustainable outdoor recreation, where people can enjoy the hills, learn about and care for their environment and culture whilst respecting resident communities, neighbouring landowners and other recreation users.

The DMP's Strategic Plan 2022-2026 has four strategic themes as follows: Protect the Resource, Provide for Recreation, Partner for Success and Promote the Benefits and the Council is working with our DMP partners to implement the agreed actions of

this plan through various initiatives including:

- Supporting Coillte Nature's innovative Dublin Mountains Makeover project which is transforming the forest landscape by prioritising management for biodiversity and recreation.
- Working with Fáilte Ireland on the development of the Dublin Mountains Destination Experience Development Plan which links with many of the actions of the DMP's Plan.
- Partnership between our Active Cities South Dublin project and the DMP to deliver free events for the public supported by the DMP's Volunteer Rangers.
- Partnering on the Dublin Mountains Community Archaeology Project which is now in its fourth year.

To keep up to date on this work, please follow the DMP on: [dublinmountains.ie](https://www.dublinmountains.ie), [Facebook](#), [X\(Twitter\)](#) and [Instagram](#).



DURL Project helping to improve water quality at Griffeen Park

DURL Project Improving Water Quality

With the objective of removing pollution from urban rivers, the Dublin Urban Rivers LIFE (DURL) project has delivered three biodiversity packed wetlands and screened over 16,000 houses for pollution from domestic misconnection sources. Great community participation with the project which has seen homeowners repairing misconnected washing machines, dishwashers and toilets resulting in circa 8 million litres of wastewater being removed from local rivers to date.

A collaboration between this Council, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the EU LIFE Programme, the DURL project demonstrates how local authorities and citizens can work together to enhance biodiversity and improve local water quality.

Dublin Climate Action Week

Building on the success of previous years, a great variety of events are planned to take place across the Dublin region throughout Dublin Climate Action Week (DCAW), which will run from the 9th to 15th September.

Events range from nature walks and workshops to advice for businesses and individuals on grants and reducing energy bills, along with climate festivals and youth conferences and there will be lots of ways to connect with your local community and have fun.

Climate action is a priority for local and national government levels and there is a strong focus on community engagement and implementation within each of the local authority Climate Action Plans 2024-2029.

DCAW is delivered by the Dublin Local Authorities, the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office and Codema.

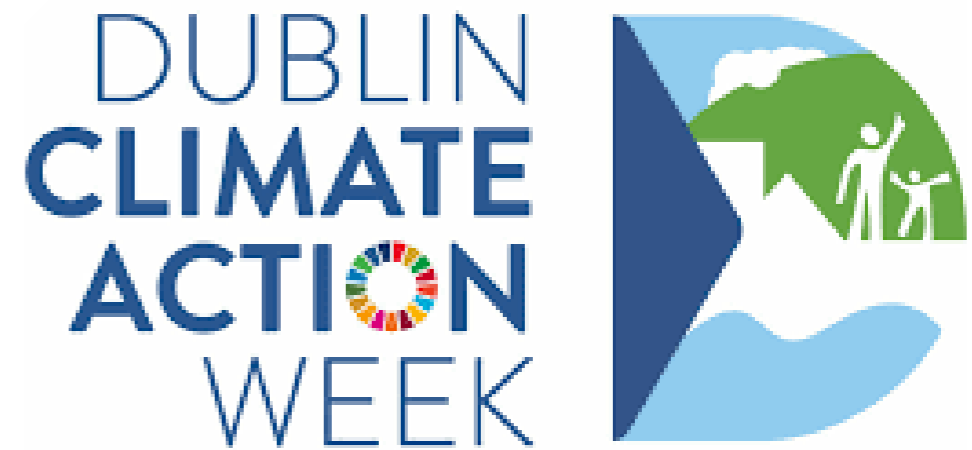
Find out what is happening in your local area and get involved in Dublin Climate Action Week 2024 by using the #DCAW24 hashtag and visiting www.dublinclimateactionweek.ie



Open Day Allotments

The seventh open day at Friarstown Allotments took place on 20th July. South Dublin Allotments Association organised the very successful event supported by the Council's Public Realm team who provided a marquee and vouchers for the plot competition winners with goodie bags all provided for all those attending on the day.

Cllr. Alan Edge, from the Rathfarnham-Templeogue- Firhouse-Bohernabreena Area Committee represented the Mayor on the day to present prizes to the winners of the various competitions. Our Parks team assisted with judging on the day and Mr. Gerard Stone was the proud overall winner of the plot competition.



Local Authorities Leading on Climate Action

South Dublin Libraries are for Everyone



Assistive Resources and Technologies

It is our aim to make our library service accessible and welcoming to everyone. As outlined below, South Dublin Libraries have a range of assistive resources and technologies available for use in our library branches.

Touch-type Read and Spell (TTRS)

TTRS is a multi-sensory, structured online typing course, assists children to learn at their own pace. In addition to developing typing skills, TTRS can help people of all ages who have difficulty with spelling, reading or writing while learners with dyslexia

Quality of Services

“The quality of our services for neurodiverse children and adults has recently been acknowledged by the National Oversight and Audit Commission who have invited South Dublin Libraries to present at their customer service workshop event to held in Kilkenny Castle in October”, said Paul Fusco, County Librarian

or dyspraxia also find it very beneficial. C-Pens or Reader Pens are also available as a convenient portable tool to support independent reading and literacy.

Fact Factory

A magazine with assistive technology, Fact Factory aims to benefit visually impaired children, children with dyslexia and those aged 7-11 who struggle

to read. Children can listen to the text in the magazine through an accompanying G-Talk 3 pen (which your headphones can be used with too!). The magazine is also available as Gaeilge and in Ukrainian language.

Neurodiverse South

Neurodiverse South is a specialist toy lending collection that caters for neurodiverse children, teens and adults and those with more significant needs. Each branch stocks basic developmental items while more specialised toys (covering areas such as language, communication, fine motor, gross motor, play and life skills) are provided in our three larger libraries at Ballyroan, North Clondalkin and Tallaght

Cubbies

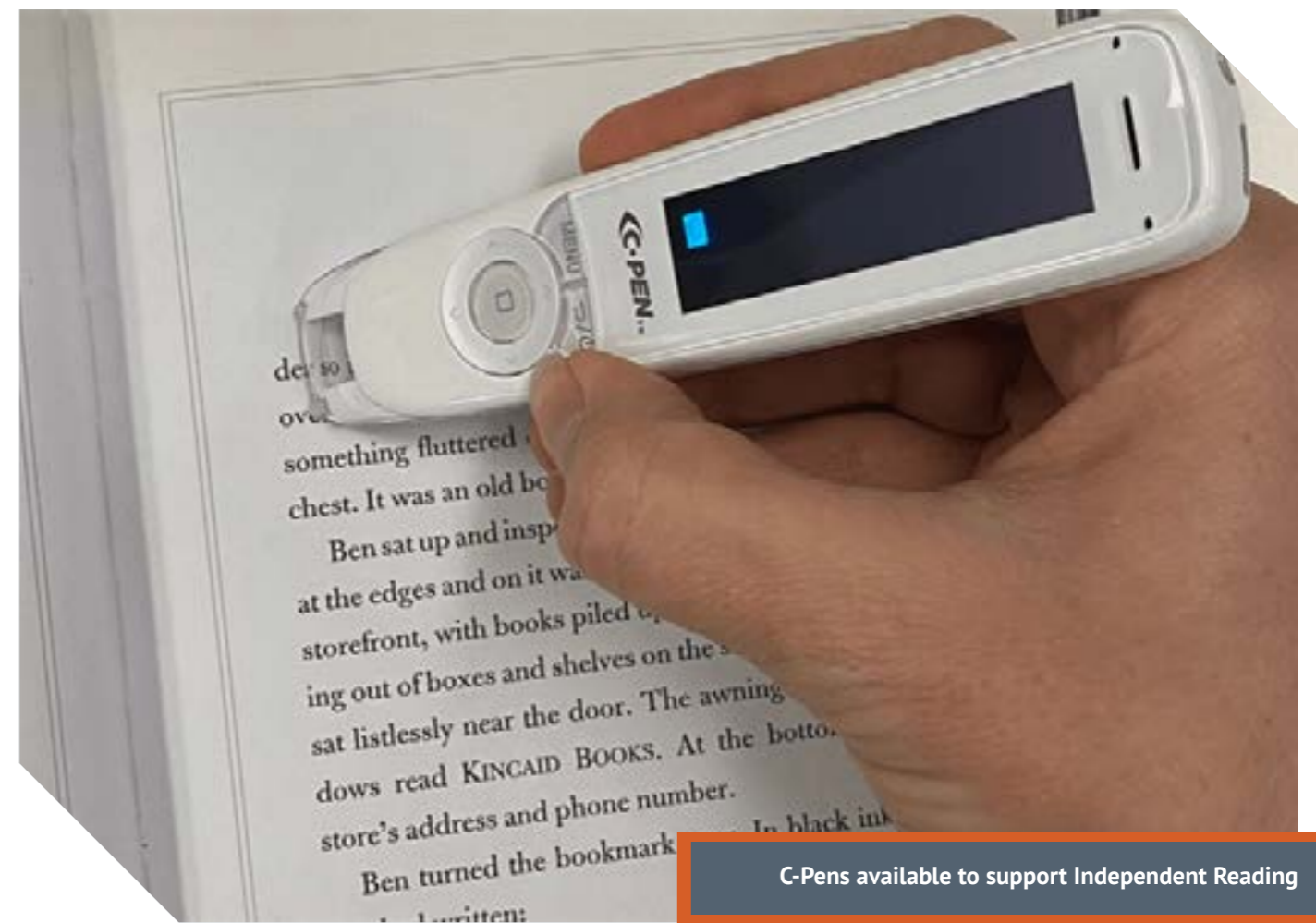
Personalised sensory regulation hubs known as Cubbies are also provided in our three larger libraries. These provide an easy

to use, immersive personal space of sound and vision that is free of disruptions, driven by software and wheelchair friendly. Cubbies are not just for sensory overload autism but can be used to help all types of neurodiverse clients: dyspraxia, dyslexia and dyscalculia.

The Magic Table

The Magic Table (Tovertafel) is a fun care innovation designed for use by patrons with autism, additional learning needs, dementia or cognitive impairment. Interactive light games are projected onto a table and infrared sensors respond to arm movements of players.

All of these supports and services are provided to help maximise inclusion and participation so please contact your local South Dublin Libraries branch for more information.



C-Pens available to support Independent Reading

New EV Vehicles Added to SDCC Green Fleet



Three new EVs added and HVO Trialed as part of Fleet Decarbonisation Strategy

We recently took delivery of three new electric vehicles (EVs) as we continue to progress our Fleet Decarbonisation strategy which will contribute to the Council's Climate Action Plan commitment to achieve a 51% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and net zero by

2050.

EVs will assist in the pursuit of achieving these goals and will help to transition the transport requirements of the Council away from traditional methods such as diesel or petrol-powered vans

New EV Vehicles for the Dog Control Unit



and trucks. EVs provide reduced air pollution and carbon emissions, promoting sustainability and tackling climate change while also delivering whole life cost saving.

Two of the vehicles are being assigned

to our Dog Control unit for use by our Dog Wardens and are replacing older, diesel-fueled vans. These have been purchased with funding support from the Department of Rural and Community Development under the Dog Control Support initiative. An additional EV, partly funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, will be used for the Active South Dublin programme to support events and initiatives to promote active and healthy lifestyles and increased sport and recreational participation in South Dublin.

Reducing Emissions using Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil

We have also commenced a pilot project to trial Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) in our existing ICE (Internal Combustion Engine) fleet to further reduce our emissions as part of meeting our climate action targets. This is an interim measure that will facilitate a better understanding of the potential for broader use of alternative fuels for our larger vehicles. It also provides

reduces emissions while we progress the development of our EV charging network across Council property which will then facilitate the purchase of greater numbers of EVs to replace the smaller vehicles in our fleet.

HVO is a renewable diesel fuel derived from plant-based oils, fats, or greases. It undergoes a hydrotreating process to remove impurities and improve its properties. It can be used in existing diesel engines without any modifications. SEAI advises that for the public sector targets, the tailpipe CO2 emission factor used for calculating emissions from HVO used for transport is 0 kgCO2/kWh, provided the HVO is deemed to be sustainable. It must meet the criteria set out in the recast Renewable Energy Directive 2018/2001/EU (referred to as RED II).

Prior to the introduction of HVO as an alternative to diesel, the 21 vehicles being trialled produced a carbon footprint of approximately 56,692 kgCO2/kWh which is reduced to practically zero by using HVO



New EV Fleet on display outside County Hall

9 Projects Shortlisted for Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards



South Dublin County Council Shortlisted in 9 categories in the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2024

The 2024 Excellence in Local Government Awards, which are sponsored by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage are held to recognise and celebrate the outstanding work being carried out by Local Authorities all over Ireland. Awards will be presented for Local Government Excellence across fifteen different categories, and

Chief Executive Comments:

Speaking on the nominations, Chief Executive of South Dublin County Council Colm Ward said;

“It is really positive to again see a significant and varied number of our projects shortlisted for the Excellence in Local Government Awards 2024. This recognition of the work and commitment of staff, Councillors and various partners to deliver these projects again demonstrates ongoing progress in our aim of South Dublin being a great place to live, work and visit.”

one local authority will be awarded the overall award and named Local Authority of the Year.

South Dublin County Council

has been shortlisted for the following projects:

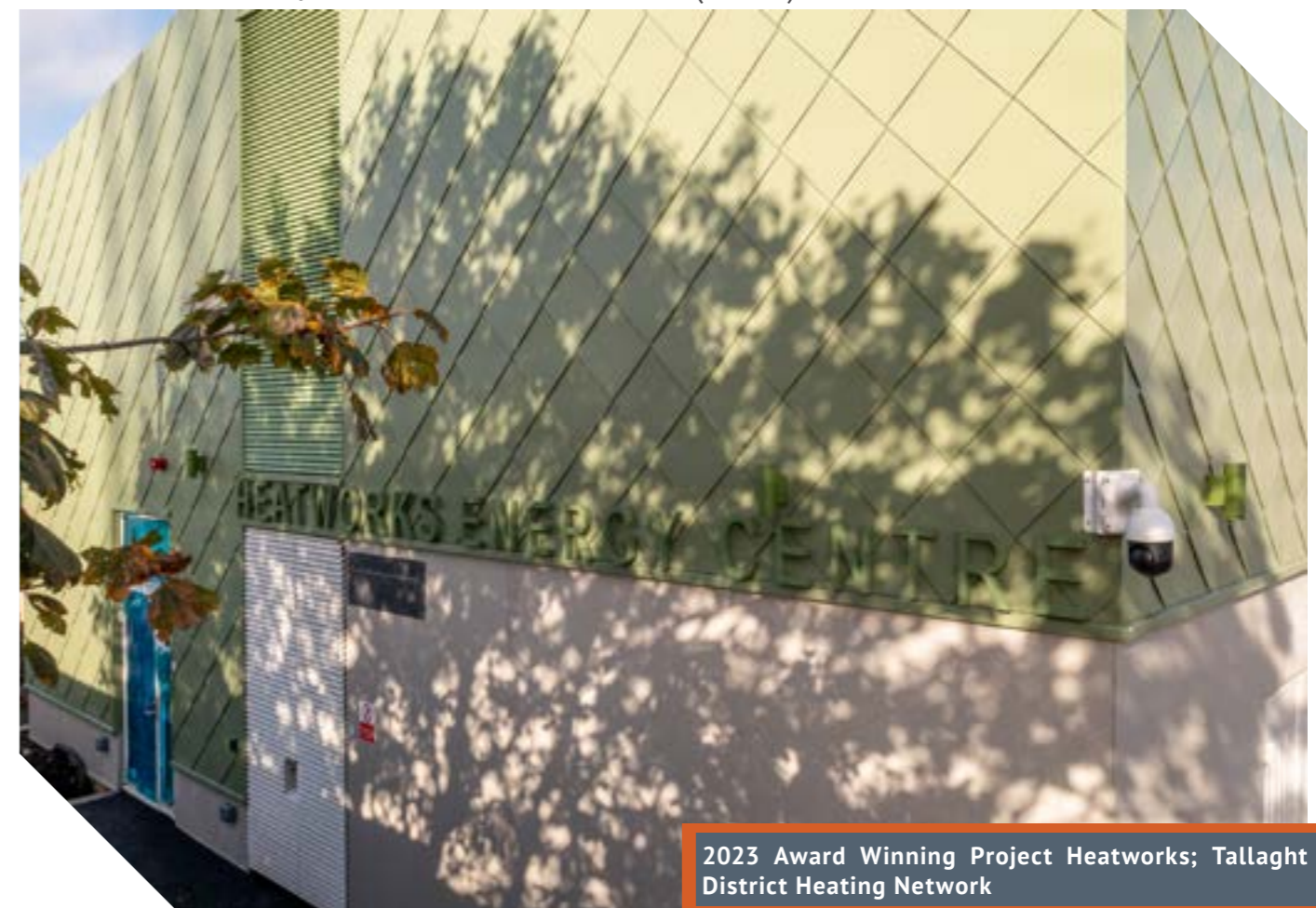
- New Urban Squares and Linear Park for Tallaght in the Urban Revival category
- Mini Woodland Scheme in South Dublin in Climate Change
- Women of South Dublin in Communications
- Teenspace Programme Review in Diversity & Inclusion
- South Dublin Community Public Services Day in Festival of the Year
- Saggart Schoolhouse Community Centre in Heritage and Built Environment
- Library Labs: STEAM at South Dublin Libraries in Local Authority Innovation
- Networking of Enterprising Women in South Dublin (NEWS)

in Promoting Economic Development

- Adamstown: Sustainable by Planning, Design and Implementation in Supporting Sustainable Communities

South Dublin County Council has seen recent success at these awards, winning the Climate Change Category in 2023 for the Heatworks Tallaght District Heating project and the Local Authority Innovation Award for the Think Big Space project in partnership with Amazon Web Services (AWS) at the 2022 Awards. We were also shortlisted for the Local Authority of the Year award in 2023.

The awards ceremony will be hosted on Thursday, 21st November in the Crowne Plaza Hotel.



2023 Award Winning Project Heatworks; Tallaght District Heating Network

Taoiseach Visits Clonburris SDZ



An Taoiseach Simon Harris T.D. visited Clonburris Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) in July to see progress in the development of Dublin's newest neighbourhood that will ultimately deliver up to 11,000 new homes for around 23,000 new residents. The Council together with Respond Housing Association and Cairn Homes showcased our collaborative work

in the Seven Mills development, which is being developed by Cairn and which is now delivering the first social, affordable and cost rental homes within the SDZ along with private homes.

The Council and the other major landowners in the SDZ are delivering ten major infrastructure projects to facilitate residential development,

supported by government investment of €186 million through the Urban Regeneration Development Fund.

Initial affordable homes for purchase were advertised by the Council late last year and further tranches will soon be launched, supported by a €2.5m Affordable Homes Fund grant from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. In addition, Respond are currently allocating tenants to the first of 170 cost rental homes that will be ready for households to move into this year and the Council has also supported Respond! to progress the first social homes on site in the coming weeks. This represents the start of delivery of a very exciting project which will see thousands of people making their homes and lives in this community, which is the largest residential development of its kind in Europe.

Commenting on the visit, An Taoiseach Simon Harris said: "I am delighted to have the opportunity to visit Clonburris today and see first-hand the ongoing development of this new sustainable community close to Dublin City Centre. Government



working with our partners, building new communities at scale in the right locations, with the right services and amenities are critical to the successful development of our country for the future.

"The critical enabling infrastructure, including new roads and bridges, under construction here will allow for the development of up to 11,000 much needed new homes. I look forward to working with Government colleagues to continue the momentum we have built in the first

three years of Housing for All and scaling up our ambition to 50,000 homes per year."

Colm Ward, Chief Executive of South Dublin County Council added: "The delivery of this project is only possible by working closely with partners such as Cairn Homes, Respond! and other key stakeholders, and with ongoing support from Government and this visit provides a great opportunity to show the significant progress which has been made to date."



Chief Executive Colm Ward showing Taoiseach Simon Harris the Clonburris SDZ Site Map



Following the local elections and the start of a new Council term, preparations are underway to develop a new Corporate Plan for 2025 to 2029.

The new plan, which must be adopted by December 2024, will serve as an opportunity for organisational reset and refocus as well as our framework for action during the lifetime of the new Council. It will outline our vision and mission statement for the County, along with the core values that will inform the work of the Council, its strategic priorities and how it delivers services.

Our direct business processes and performance will flow from the Corporate Plan, through Annual Service Delivery Plans and the Performance Measurement and Development System.

Stakeholder Engagement
The new plan will be drafted

A Focus On Preparing a new Corporate Plan for 2025-2029

using an inclusive approach through consultation with citizens and other external stakeholders as well as Elected Members, staff and various committees with engagement and consultation due to commence shortly through a series of workshops across the County.

In addition, members of the public and all interested parties can engage in the process through our online consultation portal at <https://consult.sdublincocoie/> up to 27th September 2024. This will give all stakeholders an input into the plan making process

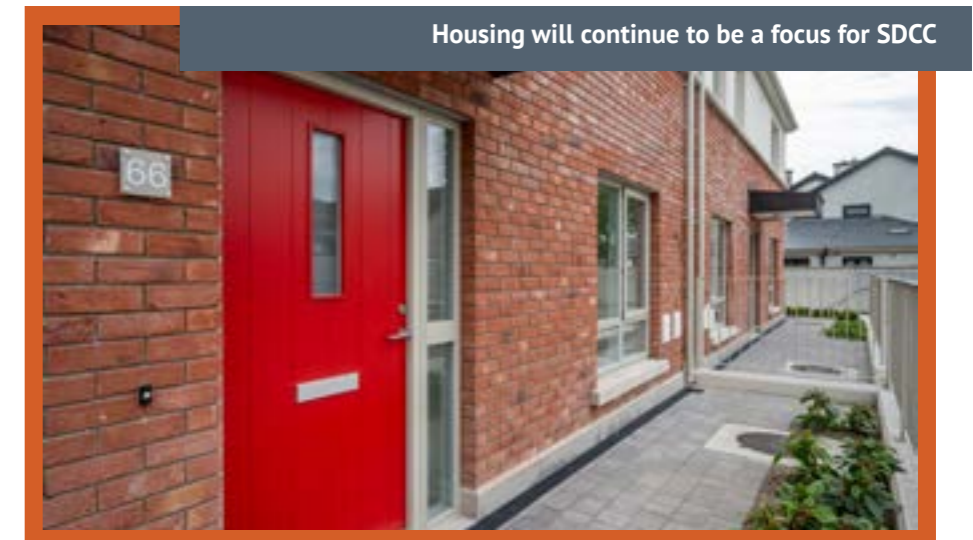
encouraging ownership and ensuring that it reflects their needs and concerns.

Current Challenges
While our current Corporate Plan was being prepared in the context of uncertainty around Brexit and economic conditions, and with no knowledge of the looming Covid-19 global pandemic, the national policy context for local government continues to be led by the prevailing housing and climate action challenges.

How we respond to current challenges will shape our

future, and we are committed to responding accordingly. This includes the necessity to embrace change, promote innovation and continuing to take a leadership role in bringing communities with us.

As a public body, South Dublin County Council also has a responsibility to promote equality, prevent discrimination and protect the human rights of our members, employees and service users. Our approach will be fully inclusive and clearly mindful of our most vulnerable. Social and digital communications continue to redefine our public interactions and we must not just keep pace with these changes, but openly embrace and accommodate them, as they will define public service norms into the future.



Adoption
The Elected Members will consider the draft plan and decide on its adoption at the Council meeting in December 2024 and the final adopted plan will then will officially launched and communicated as our commitment to improving quality of life and

opportunities for everyone in this county, now and in the future. We will transparently and publicly review and report regularly on our progress over the five-year period while also ensuring that the objectives of the plan shape and lead our service delivery and plans for the next five years.

For a copy of the current plan as well as updates as the new plan progresses, please visit www.sdcc.ie.



Images of the Month



Mayor Baby Pereppadan at the official opening of Kishoge Rail Station with Minister of State for Transport James Lawless T.D.

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Adamstown Festival 2024



“HER Outdoors” Kayaking Session



“Try One” Chair Yoga in Rathcoole

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Corkagh Park Fun Run

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Community Volunteers assisting at the Corkagh Park Fun Run



SDCC staff and South Dublin Volunteers at the Corkagh Park Fun Run

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Ely Arch Upgrade Works Completed

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Playful Streets Initiative at Citywest



Kilcronan Community Fun Day in July



Football for All at Esker Celtic

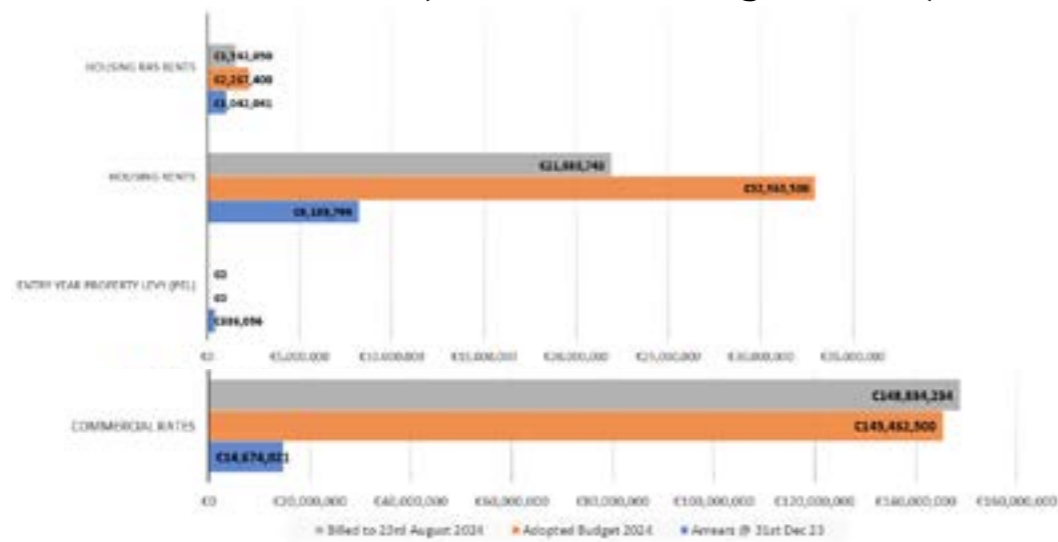
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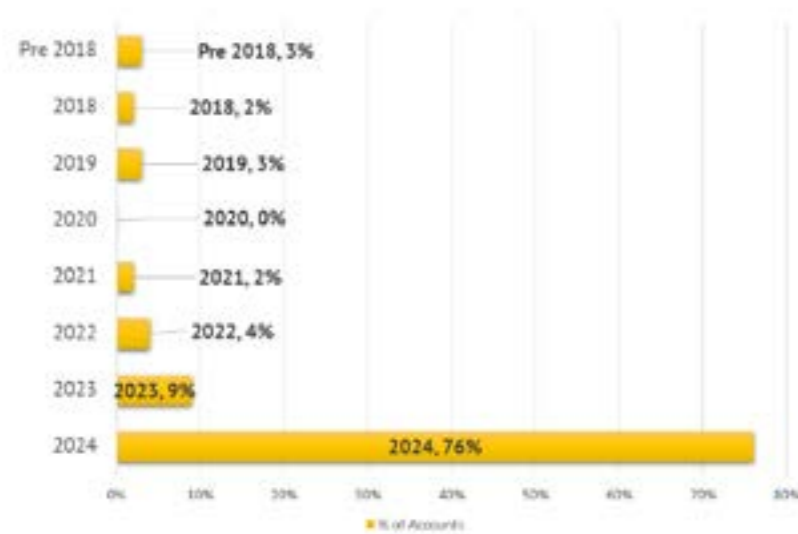
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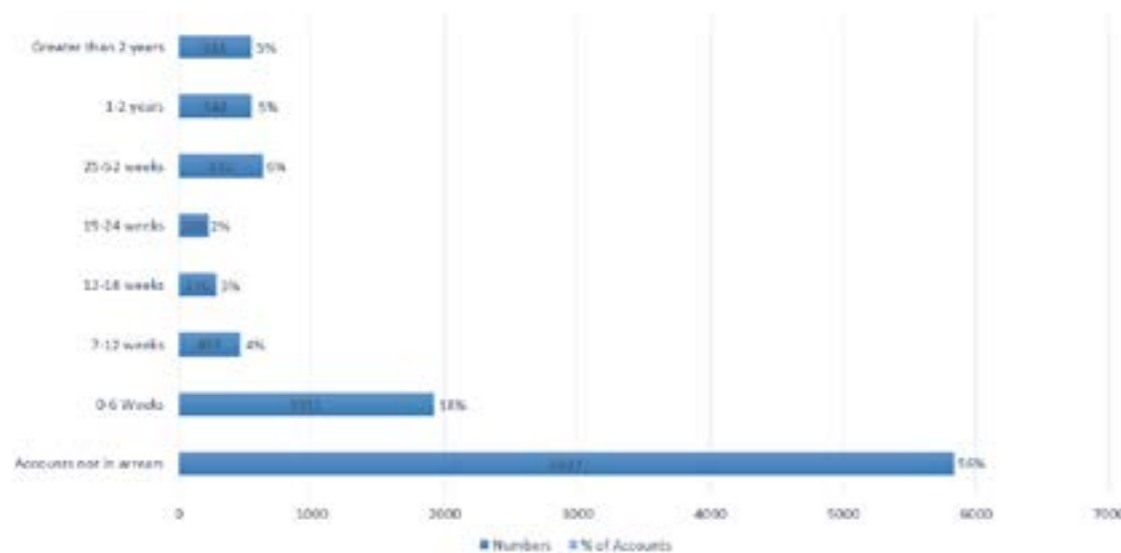
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