



November 2024

Chief Executive's Report

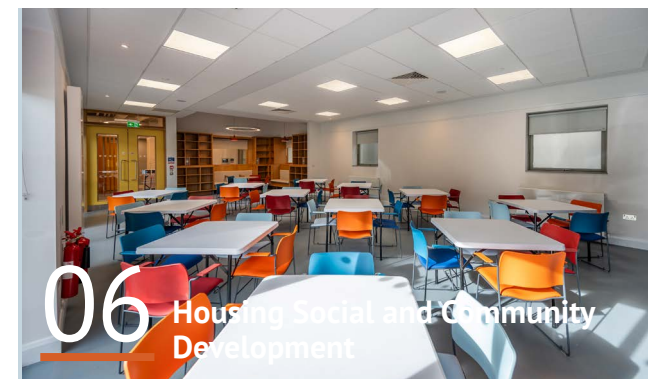
Tallaween at Parthalán Place

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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Schools Encouraged To Attend Roadsafe Roadshow

The AXA Roadsafe Roadshow will be held in The Helix on November 8th 2024. This event is primarily targeted at Transition Year students and aims to educate Ireland's future drivers on the dangers of driving and the importance of road safety.

This hard-hitting roadshow educates teens about the terrible consequences of road carnage using age-appropriate hard-hitting graphic images during the presentations. The presentations will be given by representatives from the emergency services.

Invitations are being sent out to Dublin area school principals to nominate a limited number of transition year students for the tickets available.

This is a very worthwhile event which will hopefully leave a positive and lasting impression on the young people present and we encourage all South Dublin schools to register to attend.



Central Boulevard Park, Adamstown

A planning application was recently submitted for Central Boulevard Park, Adamstown. This park is one of three key pieces of Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF) supported infrastructure in Adamstown, along with Adamstown Plaza (completed & opened in 2023) and the proposed civic building library/enterprise centre. Central Boulevard Park is also identified as a key piece of green infrastructure within the approved Adamstown SDZ planning scheme.

The submitted planning application details a variety of detailed and hard landscaping including inclusive of play areas, calisthenics area, flexible lawn spaces, seating and street furniture, bicycle parking, hedgerow, tree / ornamental planting and much more. A decision on the planning application is due in December.

Safe Routes to School; Delivering Enhanced Safety and Accessibility

Over the Summer and Autumn, the Active Travel section has completed safe school zones in Oldbawn at St Dominics NS on Mountain Park and Scoil Maelruain SNS on Old Bawn Avenue. This initiative is part of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programme, aimed at improving access for students arriving via active travel methods and reducing traffic congestion at school gates, thereby enhancing safety.

The Safe School Zone is a response to safety concerns raised by parents with the SRTS team at An Taisce in the 2021 SRTS survey, where 94% of respondents supported improvements that prioritize pedestrian and cyclist safety. The new features of the Safe School Zones include colourful school railings, improved footpaths, raised zebra crossings, pencil bollards and planters: road markings and colourful

roundels, new raised zebra crossing and buildouts at side roads.

The new road layout provides an improved and safer environment for parents and their children to arrive at school using sustainable active travel modes, enabling children to walk, scoot, or cycle to school, reducing speed of vehicles, avoid vehicles U-turning and making use of Park and Stride.

Park and Stride: A Practical Solution
Park and Stride involves parking up to 10 minutes away from the school and walking the rest of the way. This approach reduces traffic congestion, lowers the risk of accidents, and improves air quality. It also creates a calmer environment at the school entrance. Finally, as part of the Safe School Zone the school railings at St Dominic's

were painted using themes of the four seasons and pencil tops to bright up the front of school environment.



European Cyclists' Federation

SDCC Joins ECF Network

We are pleased to announce that we have recently joined the European Cyclists' Federation (ECF) network. ECF are a non-profit organisation advocating for safer cycling across Europe and promoting cycling for all. The vision of the ECF is to improve and increase cycling across the whole of Europe.

A key element of the work of the ECF, is in the areas of road safety and the promotion of benefits of a modal shift from the private car to active travel modes. We anticipate that, through the network of ECF organisations, we will learn from the experience of others and apply best practice in the ongoing delivery of the Cycle South Dublin programme, and over time attract more people to use our active travel infrastructure.



AXA Roadsafe Roadshow

Housing, Social and Community Development



Launch of dementia café, Ballyroan Community & Youth Centre

As part of the ongoing Dementia Inclusive pilot initiative for Rosemount district centre, a dementia café in Ballyroan Community and Youth Centre was launched on 8th October. Speaking on the day were Cllr. Ciarán Ahern (Chairperson of the Rathfarnham/ Templeogue/ Firhouse/ Bohernabreena Area Committee) representing the Mayor, alongside Mary Lyons, Chairperson of the South Dublin Older People's Council.

The launch itself was well attended with representatives from Trustus, Cheeverstown and Engaging Dementia, as well as local Councillors and Council staff all present to support the event.

Service users and staff from Cheeverstown and Trustus day service staff, along with members of the local community with a dementia diagnosis and their family members all participated in the new cafe on the day, raising awareness of supports and assistance available.

The café will run on the second Tuesday of each month, and will be assisted by Cheeverstown volunteers, with speakers and demonstrations planned for the coming months.



Domestic Violence and Abuse Awareness Training

Domestic violence and abuse awareness training was recently delivered by Saoirse Domestic Violence Services for 52 frontline staff and 10 Elected Members over the course of five morning sessions. The course provided participants with valuable insights into the seriousness and impact of domestic violence and abuse on victims, their families, and the essential supports needed to assist them.

This collaboration also gave Saoirse Domestic Violence Services the opportunity to highlight their supports and services to facilitate effective signposting by Councillors and staff in their engagements with members of the public.

New Age Friendly Centre at Orchard Lane, Clondalkin

Orchard Lane - Age Friendly Centre, is a new community facility located in the heart of Clondalkin Village. This project, which was delivered by our Community and Architects' Departments, involved the fit-out and fabric upgrade of an existing building and closes a long-standing commitment to deliver this facility.

The new state-of-the-art and wheelchair accessible facility includes a reception area, a fully fitted kitchen with informal seating area and a large multi-function room with library breakout space, storage, three unisex toilet cubicles (one of which is wheelchair accessible and another which facilities persons with an ambulatory disability).

The centre is designed to cater for individuals and small groups of friends to drop-in or can also be booked for local groups to use for meetings and activities.

The newly refurbished centre, achieved an A3 BER rating delivered to NZEB standards, meaning the building is highly energy efficient and users will enjoy a constant heated space with low running costs without reliance on fossil fuels, made possible by the fabric upgrade works, a new commercial heat pump and new mechanical ventilation heat recovery system.

The loose furniture for the facility has been carefully chosen to be robust yet comfortable and can be stored away in specially designed storage units when not in use. This allows the multifunction room to be used for a multitude of different activities such as dance/exercise classes, bridge games, art classes, talks, performances, presentations etc. as required. A management committee including representatives from local age friendly groups and organisations reps

has been established to manage the new community facility and the committee took possession of the keys to the unit on Monday 14th of October.



Bradys Court nominated in Age Friendly Awards

National Age Friendly Recognition & Achievement Awards

The recently completed age friendly housing development at Brady's Court, Old Bawn has been shortlisted in this year's National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards.

These awards showcase age friendly initiatives from around the country that are contributing to making Ireland a great place in which to grow old. This small development of 12 age friendly homes has been nominated in the Age Friendly Housing category which recognises innovative housing initiatives that enable older people to remain independent for as long as possible.

The Awards took place on 7th November in the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Santry.



Launch of dementia café at Ballyroan Community & Youth Centre



LEO Leaders Network Launch

The LEO South Dublin Leaders Network was launched at a special event on Friday October 4th in Work IQ as part of a LEO Certificate Awards ceremony.

This network is being established to build on the success of the Strategic Leadership for Growth programme to sustain the development and growth of these leaders and their businesses.

The network will meet five times per year to participate in a series of Leadership support sessions and will be facilitated by experienced business leader Paddy Barr who has over 30 years of international experience and is consultant to senior managers and directors in some of Ireland's largest companies including Diageo, Microsoft, Intel, Kellogg's, Allianz, Grant Thornton and Enterprise Ireland.

With 7,000 businesses across the County and plans to support the

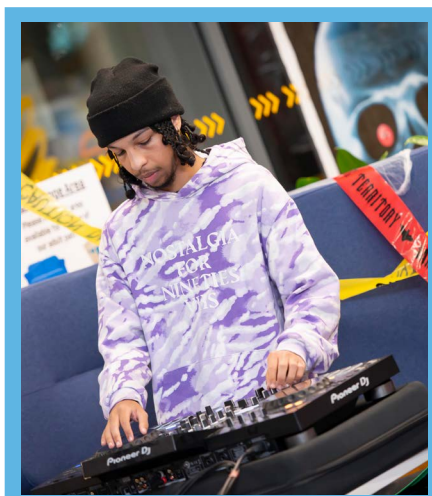
delivery of 1,500 jobs per annum, the growth of entrepreneurial leadership is integral to achieving sustained success, where leaders can come together in an organised forum, exchange ideas, learn and develop their skills, whilst also seeing opportunities for synergies to be created and new ideas to emerge.

With more than 50 participants attending the launch event, interest in joining the network has been strong and the first leadership support session will commence this month.

On the same morning, thirteen participants from the third Strategic Leadership for Growth programme were presented with their 'Advanced Certificate in SME Strategic Management' following their participation on the six-month programme and submission of their Growth and Export Plans.

.LEO South Dublin looks forward to

supporting the development of this network and seeing the next generation of business leaders emerge in the County.



The Night Belongs to Us series features live DJ performances

The Night Belongs To Us

Our Arts Office are delighted to announce another series of The Night Belongs To Us (NBTU) - live performance events for young people aged 14 to 18 in South Dublin County.

For this series, NBTU are partnering with ThisIsMe Neurodiversity on events in The Civic Theatre and Adamstown Youth and Community Centre to make the events more accessible to neurodiverse young people.

Events take place from October to December in venues in Parthalán Place, Lucan, Adamstown, Clondalkin, Firhouse, and Killinarden; featuring young singer-songwriters, DJs, spoken word artists, dancers and comedians. Find out more [HERE](#)

South Dublin Chamber Awards

We were delighted to participate in and sponsor the annual South Dublin Chamber Awards, which took place in the Maldron Hotel Tallaght on October 10th, with over 360 people in attendance at the event. This was an opportunity to celebrate the best in business and also provide an opportunity for local businesses to network, forge new relationships and enjoy an evening that showcased the diverse range of successful businesses in the County.



Equality Diversity & Inclusion Artist Bursary Award

In 2024, the Arts Office awarded the first Equality Diversity and Inclusion artist bursary to Newton Barbara, a Nigerian film and theatre-maker, who arrived in Ireland in February 2023 seeking international protection.

Through a partnership between the Arts Office, the Abbey Theatre and Citywest Transit Hub, Newton undertook a 12-week programme of workshops with residents of the Transition Hub, culminating in the staging of Halfway to Heaven.

Newtons Theatre for Development is a programme that uses drama and storytelling as a transformative tool for empowerment and community building.

The event was hosted by Marty Whelan and the big winner on the night was Don Clarke, CEO of Impact Ireland (Metals), who took home the business person of the year award. In business for over 50 years, Don has an international business, shipping his products worldwide from his Tallaght headquarters.

Other winners on the night included Peamount Healthcare, best not-for-profit business; Hogs & Heifers as best place to eat; Hermitage Payroll Services as best small business; Sea Moss Sublime as best start-up; Thorntons Recycling as best family-owned business; Noel Gavin from KennCo as best networker, whilst other winners on the night included Phoenix Gymnastics, Greyhound Recycling, Sweet Cicely, North at the Address, 3 Dental and Chloe Wallace from the Maldron Hotel Group, who took home employee of the year award.



LEO South Dublin SME Strategic Management Certificate Awards



Corporate Performance and Change Management

Tallaght BMX Star Carly Hayes Honoured by Mayor of South Dublin

Following her recent success in the British National Series, the Mayor of South Dublin, Councillor Baby Pereppadan welcomed 15-year-old Carly Hayes from Tallaght to County Hall to honour her achievements on the BMX track. Carly was also joined at the reception by friends and family along with her BMX and British Championship Trophy.

Carly, who currently attends Tallaght Community School, started BMX racing when she was just five years old and has been racing competitively in the UK and Europe since she was six. Carly is the current Leinster Champion, Ireland BMX champion, 2024 British champion and is ranked third in Europe, with multiple wins in the British national series in the past number of years.

At such a young age, Carly's passion for her sport is incredible and inspiring; training up to five times a week she has big dreams to one day become world champion and to compete at the Olympics.

Speaking at the reception, Mayor Pereppadan said; "To have achieved what she has done is a testament to her hard work and dedication, and the support of her coaches and family who tell me the high passion she has for the sport and for travelling to the UK and Europe every year not only to race but to meet up with friends."

"We would like to express our support for Carly for her achievements at the highest level of her sport. We will be cheering her on for many years to

come as I am told that her plan is to keep moving forward in the hope of competing in the Olympics in 2032."



International Men's Day

International Men's Day takes place on November 19th 2024. In recognition of this, the Council want to highlight the importance of creating awareness and open discussions about men's health.

The Marie Keating Foundation will be holding a Men's Health webinar on Tuesday November 12th for all staff.

The aim of this workshop is to increase knowledge on the most common cancers that affect men. It will contain information about the signs and symptoms of these cancer types and how to spot symptoms in addition to information on how men can reduce their risk of these common cancers.

South Dublin Schools take part in Cyber Security Month

Cyber Security Month took place throughout October with events held for Councillors and staff, and for the first time, our IT Department held public events in schools, our libraries and online for members of the public.

Pupils and their teacher from Tallaght Community School attended a Cyber Security programme designed for school children held in Tallaght Library while Lucan Educate Together National School also facilitated a talk in their school with 70 students from 5th and 6th class, with both of these events delivered by staff from our IT department.

Topics included protecting your privacy online and what you should think about for you post on social media.

This year's Cyber Security Month was our most comprehensive programme to date and the expanded programme has set a new precedent for future events.

Power Up grant
€4,000 grant available for retail and hospitality businesses
 Register by 8 November
enterprise.gov.ie/powerup

Power Up Grant Launched

The Power Up Grant has been launched to support commercially rateable premises in the retail, hospitality and beauty sectors with a flat grant of €4,000. The Council's Finance Department will administer the Power Up Grant scheme to qualifying local businesses, funded by DETE, in the coming weeks. We have emailed those businesses in the retail, hospitality and beauty sectors who received a second payment under the Increased Cost of Business Scheme, to inform them of their potential eligibility for the €4,000 grant under Power Up and with instructions on how to register. The portal for registration is now open and business must register by the deadline of November 8th. Businesses should check with their local authority to determine eligibility.



Mayor Baby Pereppadan attending Cyber Security training with students from Loretto College at Ballyroan Library



Environment, Water and Climate Change

Kiltipper Park the Next Chapter

Kiltipper Park is one of South Dublin's hidden gems, a park located where the city meets the countryside, nestled in the foothills of the Dublin Mountains. Known for its high summer meadows and home to ground nesting birds, it is a strong part of the green infrastructure of our county. The Dodder River runs along its southern boundary and it lies adjacent to the protected natural sites in the Dublin Mountains, so it acts as an ecological corridor between suburban Dublin and its rural hinterland as well as an access point for people to the mountains.

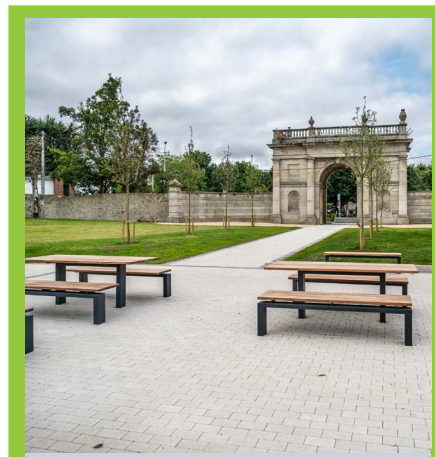
The first phase of works at Kiltipper Park delivered part of the Dodder Greenway which facilitates sustainable travel in a parkland setting and included: Shared routes (pedestrian and cyclist), Landscape planting & rejuvenation, Car park construction, entrance re-construction & SuDS Infrastructure, toucan crossings, public lighting and traffic calming. The

next phase of works will start this month and will deliver 30 additional parking spaces with adjacent access footway and lengthened access roadway, new shared surface entrance and access pathway, new sports pitches, naturebased sustainable urban drainage systems to capture surface water run off in an ecologically sensitive manner. New seating is being provided at the viewing area along with additional seating and picnic areas around the park and renovation of hedgerows and other ecological enhancements to support the biodiversity of the area.

A.C.S Civils Ltd. have been appointed by the Council to carry out the works which will progress over the winter months into next year with an overall project cost of approximately €2 million.

We request park users to please be mindful of the works and to comply with

any diversion routes that are required to facilitate the works. We apologise for any inconvenience during the works which are expected to be completed by Month 2025. For further information please see www.sdcc.ie



Ely Arch Public Realm Improvement

Public Realm Improvement Works Programme 2024

The minor public realm improvement programme for this year which was approved at the February Council meeting, is now approaching completion.

The €1.9 million programme comprised 68 projects, including 30 new or improved footpaths, five public lighting installations in open spaces, and enhancements to park access and boundaries. Other works included two landscaping projects, 11 mini-woodland planting schemes, a boules court, a new dog run, upgrades to an existing dog run, a sensory garden, water fountains in various locations, and a pedestrian bridge replacement.

60 of the 68 projects are now finished with the remainder scheduled for completion by year end.

Preparing for Winter Weather

Winter has arrived, bringing shorter days, darker mornings, and a crisp chill to the air. In preparation for the winter season, SDCC have 100 salt bins located around the county to provide access to salt for the wider community during spells of low temperatures. The locations of these bins can be found here [South Dublin Salt Bins 2024 SDCC \(arcgis.com\)](http://SouthDublinSaltBins2024SDCC(arcgis.com))

Drainage maintenance and trash screen clearing at rivers and streams are ongoing to prevent local flooding, and a rolling gully-cleaning program enhances our resilience against heavy rain.

Our Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT) monitors forecasts with support from Met Éireann's weather warnings. When a Status Orange weather warning is issued, SWAT meets and reviews our response readiness across the organization. For the latest updates, follow South Dublin County Council's social media channels on X (formerly Twitter) feed and Facebook page: [@sdublincoco](https://twitter.com/sdublincoco)

See also met.ie and gov.ie to Be Winter Ready!



Smarter Travel Mark

The Smarter Travel partnership is being launched between SDCC and the NTA. As part of the launch, SDCC will be working towards achieving the Smarter Travel Mark, which recognises and celebrates organisations that support active and sustainable travel on the commute and beyond for their workforce and visitors, resulting in a reduction in single person car usage, while increasing active and sustainable travel. To help achieve this, SDCC will carry out a travel survey for Council staff, to gauge current travel patterns, to identify where improvements can be made and where more support is needed. The travel survey for Council staff will be launched very soon. Participation is appreciated in helping SDCC achieve the Smarter Travel Mark.



SDCC Winter Ready Programme

TALLAWEEN at Parthalán Place

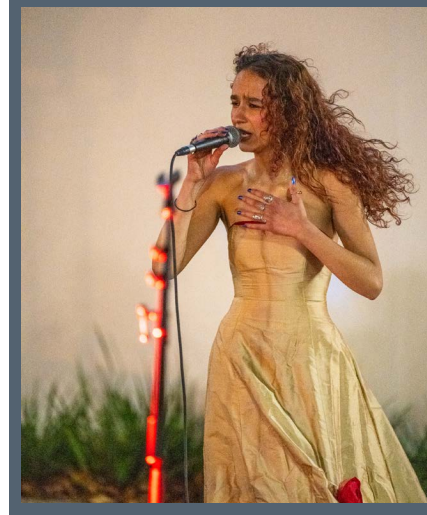


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The launch of Tallaween on Saturday, October 19th at Parthalán Place drew an excited crowd of over 150 people, marking the first event in this newly refurbished civic space. The event dazzled attendees with its mix of AI-generated visuals, live gaming, and an electrifying live soundtrack

performance. Running nightly until October 31st, Tallaween featured Ireland's first-ever 'virtual theme park', where participants use mobile devices to battle characters from horror novels that have come to life in an AR game. Inspired by Dante's Inferno, the immersive experience

Saibhin performing at Tallaween



is complemented by a thrilling video projection. The soundtrack, performed live at the launch, featured a powerful blend of opera, hip hop, and rock, featuring Claudia Boyle and emerging talent Fortune and Saibhin.

At the core of Tallaween is a groundbreaking AI-generated film inspired by Dante's Inferno. This text-to-video creation is projected onto the walls of Parthalán Place, where characters from horror novels come to life in a haunting, ever-shifting visual narrative. The film's eerie, AI-generated visuals captivate audiences, offering a glimpse into the future of storytelling through technology.

Alongside the film is an interactive augmented reality (AR) game, where participants use their smartphones to battle literary villains unleashed from Tallaght Library. Players engage in real-time with their surroundings, using virtual wands and shields to defeat enemies with distinct abilities.

This fusion of AI-generated art and AR gaming creates a thrilling, immersive experience, appealing to both tech enthusiasts and art lovers. Over 3,000 visitors came to Parthalán Place over

the course of the day to attend the Red Line Book Festival's Halloween themed family fun day with Tallaween as the headlining event. This underscores the community's enthusiasm for innovative, interactive cultural events in this space.

There was significant demand for tickets, highlighting the potential for larger audiences as grow the events programme in the coming months and years.

Tallaween highlights the potential of blending digital art with live performance and community engagement.

The successful launch has set the stage for Parthalán Place to become a vibrant hub for cutting-edge events, offering a unique combination of technology, storytelling, and live entertainment.

We're looking forward to the next event taking place in Parthalán Place already!



Tallaween live at Parthalán Place

Dublin Leads the Charge With EV Infrastructure Rollout



Extensive rollout of EV infrastructure begins as Dublin leads the charge

Drivers of electric vehicles (EVs) in Dublin who are unable to charge their cars at home will soon gain access to hundreds of additional public charging locations thanks to a joint undertaking from the County's four local authorities. Over the next two years, some 200 chargers will be brought into operation

around key destinations in the region. This collaborative effort will help pave the way for smoother infrastructure development, better resource allocation, and greater convenience for EV owners who may not have access to charging facilities at their home across the whole of County Dublin. It will also

Transition to Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO)

In the Council's budget for 2025, we are making the provision to transition the remainder of our current SDCC fleet away from Diesel to HVO.

There are currently 21 vehicles using HVO to date, with a further 66 HGV's that would not be suitable for conversion to electric based on current market availability which will be transitioned to HVO.

This transition will result in carbon savings of just under 900,000 kgCO2 per annum by moving away from Diesel.

offer easy access for those travelling to Dublin from other parts of the country. A market leader in EV charging and solar panel solutions, Irish company ePower was selected to undertake the rollout following a competitive Europe-wide tender process. For this, the 200 chargers will be placed at 50 locations, including local authority-owned car parks in Dublin City, Fingal, South

Dublin and Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown. Other locations will include the likes of community centres, libraries and sports clubs.

While Dublin has the most charging points for EV owners in the country, the majority of these are privately installed and there is a lack of public charging points available. With people still interested in EV ownership, particularly as prices for the vehicles reduce and the technology advances, that means there is likely to be a large upscaling of ownership over the next few years when it is expected that some 138,000 EVs will be registered in the Dublin region. Around a quarter of those EVs will rely on public charging.

To cater for that growth, the Dublin EV Strategy developed by the four councils has targeted some 1,650 charge points being deployed at highly frequented destinations. The initial rollout of these will include the likes of Bremore Castle, Howth Harbour, Bushy Park, Tallaght Stadium and St Anne's Park, as well as a number of libraries and leisure centres. The rollout at these types of locations will play a critical role along with the deployment of neighbourhood and en-

route charging points for different vehicle types. The unique project marks the first-time local authorities in Ireland have cooperated in this way on widespread charging infrastructure rollout. It is being supported by Zero Emission Vehicles Ireland (ZEV), an initiative which works to support people and organisations to make the switch to EVs. The Government wants to see at least 845,000 EVs on the road by 2030., an ambition which comes after the European Union adopted a law to make all new cars and vans sold in Europe zero-emission from 2035.

Fast chargers like those being rolled out in Dublin are typically installed along motorways to facilitate quick charging for vehicles travelling longer distances. Their installation in and around the city and across the county, is designed to make the EV charging process simpler and encourage driving electric.

While the full list of locations where these chargers will be installed is being finalised, work is underway with ESB networks to secure the required power supplies to potential local authority sites. It is envisaged that the first sites will become operational in the first quarter 2025.



Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Alan Hayes at Newbridge House for the rollout of EV Infrastructure in Dublin



Innovation Week 2024 took place from October 21st to 24th. This year's schedule showcased a number of exciting events held in County Hall and beyond.

The events covered topics such as, AI in the public sector, leadership, critical thinking, teamwork and recognition for outstanding achievements in innovation in SDCC.

Innovation Week is an opportunity to celebrate the culture of innovation created in the organisation and encourage the further development of the same in every aspect of service delivery.

It is inspiring to see the work being conducted in this space and fantastic to see staff support their colleagues in such great numbers.

Expl[ai]n was the first event of the week. This is an introductory session about all

A Focus On

Innovation Week 2024 at South Dublin County Council

things artificial intelligence for public sector staff.

This session aims to help attendees understand the latest developments in AI and how these technologies can be useful and challenging in the public sector. The workshop was attended in great numbers by staff from all areas of SDCC. Huge thanks to Smart Dublin for their facilitation of this event.

In our "Leadership Talks" event, Joe Lumumba sat down with Jason Frehill, Director of Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

to discuss Jason's journey through topics such as; early years, career to date, aspirations, goals for his Directorate and opinions on organisational development. Attendees were also given the opportunity to ask questions and this led to some interesting discussions.

An Orangeworks "iBuild" event was held which promoted critical thinking, teamwork and creativity, as part of a fun and engaging workshop. The objective of this innovative team building activity was to pass information through a communication chain of 3

groups, in order to create an exact replica of a model made of very simple materials.

Communication is key, allowing all participants to work on their interpersonal skills, as well as making new connections with colleagues. A great social event and thanks to Orangeworks for facilitating.

The Staff Innovation Awards 2024 were held in the new Work IQ Innovation Centre. These awards showcase the amazing work carried out by SDCC staff across a wide variety of nominated projects. The projects are categorised in three areas, with this year's winners highlighted below.

Innovation in the Workplace went to the Digital Display Screens in County Hall,



Innovation Awards held at WorkIQ

Tallaght.

Innovation in Citizen Engagement, went to Green Connections - Empowering Communities through Mini Woodlands.

Innovation in Service Delivery went to South

Dublin Libraries Library Labs STEAM programme.

The winner of the overall Staff Innovation Award 2024 was Staff Wellbeing Champions project.

A huge thank you to all staff who nominated, voted and supported the awards this year which concluded a hugely positive week showcasing the skills of our colleagues.



Expl[ai]n event in conjunction with Smart Dublin

Images of the Month



Playful Streets Halloween in Ballyboden

Images of the Month



Fettercairn Youth Horse Project



Dublin Brickcon at the National Basketball Arena



Cllr. Mick Duff at the South Dublin Tea and Dance at Kilnamanagh

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Mayor of South Dublin, Cllr. Baby Pereppadan with Carly Hayes

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Mayor of South Dublin, Cllr. Baby Pereppadan at the Cyber Security event at Ballyroan Library



Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Alan Hayes at the Health and Wellbeing event at Park Community Centre

Images of the Month - Redline Book Festival



History of Ireland – Dr Ian Miller - History of Ireland in Ten Body Parts presentation in Rua Red

Images of the Month



Wanda the Witch Storytime at Tallaght Library



RUGS - Rathfarnham Ukulele Group at Tallaght Library



Red Line Comedy Night

Images of the Month



Redline Book Festival - Halloween Costume Swap at Tallaght Library

Images of the Month



Cllr. Mick Duff officially launches "Sing in the Quiet Places of my Heart - The life and works of WM Letts"



In Conversation with Author Marian Keyes at the Civic Theatre

Finance Report

Billing & Collection Statement (billed to 18th October 2024)

	(provisional) Arrears @ 31 Dec 2023	Adopted Budget 2024	Billed to 18th October 2024	Rec'ts/Credits to 18th October 2024	Arrears @ 18th October 2024	% of BILLED income achieved
Via Billing Systems						
Commercial Rates	€14,674,021	€145,432,500	€148,792,868	€135,720,272	€27,746,617	91%
Entry Year Property Levy (PEL)	€386,056	n/a	€0	€263,345	€122,711	68%
Housing Rents	€8,189,799	€32,963,500	€27,375,079	€27,574,560	€7,990,318	101%
Housing RAS Rents	€1,042,041	€2,267,400	€1,897,288	€1,717,405	€1,221,924	91%
						% of Budget Income Achieved
Via Cash Systems						
NPPR Charge	n/a	€150,000	n/a	€124,968	€0	83%
Planning Fees	n/a	€1,288,000	n/a	€789,684	€0	61%
Fire Certificates	n/a	€1,200,000	n/a	€1,251,750	€0	104%
Parking Fees	n/a	€780,000	n/a	€715,436	€0	92%
Irish Water	€373,437	€6,596,300	€4,050,239	€3,938,985	€484,691	60%
	€24,665,354	€190,677,700	€182,115,474	€172,096,405	€37,566,262	

Rents Aged Debt			
Category	Numbers	Amounts	% of Accounts
Accounts not in Arrears	5991	2,711,336	58%
0-6 weeks	1817	340,037	17%
7-12 weeks	447	305,208	4%
13-18 weeks	260	291,938	2%
19-24 weeks	205	338,250	2%
25-52 weeks	628	1,743,663	6%
1 - 2 years	525	2,618,661	5%
Greater than 2 years	528	5,063,897	5%
Totals	10,401	€7,990,318	100%

Rates Aged Debt			PEL Aged Debt		
Year	Bal O/S	%	Year	Bal O/S	%
2024	18,519,769	67%	2024	€0	0%
2023	3,274,012	12%	2023	€7,738	6%
2022	1,376,923	5%	2022	€102,495	84%
2021	992,826	4%	2021	€2,728	2%
2020	178,110	1%	2020	€2,637	2%
2019	1,145,051	4%	2019	€2,791	2%
2018	788,890	3%	2018	€1,370	1%
pre 2018	1,471,035	5%	Pre 2018	€2,953	2%
Totals	€27,746,617	100%	Totals	€122,711	100%

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