



February 2025

Chief Executive's Report

TradFest in South Dublin at
St. Maelruains Church

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



Parking Services Contract

The council has secured a new contract with Parkrite (part of the Q-Park Group), for combined on-street and off-street management of parking services. The initial term of this service contract is 24 months, commencing from 1st February 2025, with the option available to the council to extend the duration of this contract for two further periods of 12 months each, on the same terms and conditions.

This contract provides for enforcement and legal services, administration and issuing of residential, visitor commercial and club car permits, provision of all payment methods including cash, credit card, phone, online and mobile app, supply, installation, maintenance and repair of parking meters.

We are confident that this partnership will ensure a continuing presence of clear and comprehensive governance on parking provision across the county, ensure efficient and effective turnover of parking spaces managed or owned by the council and the continued promotion of alternative transport modes to help minimise our carbon footprint.



Castletymon Active Travel Works

We are pleased to announce that Priority Construction Ltd. has been appointed to construct the Castletymon Road Active Travel Scheme (North). The works will run from Tymon Park to the Greenhills Road, continuing the already completed section at Castletymon Road District Centre and Tymon Park.

Atkins-Realis has been appointed as the detailed design consultant for the southern section of Castletymon Road Scheme which received Part 8 approval in May 2024. The final completed project will continue to have two-way movement for vehicles and improve safety for walking and cycling, with the goal of increasing local trips as well as connecting the community to the larger walking/cycling network.

Council Allocated €21.5 Million in NTA Active Travel Funding for 2025

The council is pleased to announce that we have received a grant allocation from the National Transportation Authority (NTA) of €21.5 million for 2025. This grant is the third highest allocation to a local authority nationally and will be used to support the delivery of the council's ambitious Cycle South Dublin programme.

Major active travel schemes supported by NTA funding that are currently in construction under Cycle South Dublin include the Dodder Greenway (Butterfield Avenue Firhouse Road Section), Dublin 24 Neighbourhood Network (Phase 2, Ballycullen), Castletymon Road (north section), and the Clonburr Southern Link Street.

The funding will also allow the council to progress to construction on additional schemes this year, including the Grand Canal to Lucan Urban Greenway (Phase

1a Griffen Park), Whitehall Road Interim Active Travel Scheme, Templeville Road Phase 2, Tallaght to Clondalkin Phase 1 and Glendown Road Active Travel Scheme.

Our NTA funding allocation also includes €1 million for traffic management improvements and €500,000 for a bus stop enhancement programme. In addition, it will also support the delivery of further safe routes to schools and safe school zones in 2025 along with the provision of additional cycle parking facilities across the county.

A programme of Safe Routes to Schools and Safe School Zones will also be undertaken in 2025 along with the provision of cycle parking facilities across the county.

The ongoing support of the NTA with such significant funding again this year is extremely welcome and, together with funding provided by the council in our

capital programme, greatly enhances our ability to further expand and improve the active travel opportunities for everyone in South Dublin to enjoy and benefit from.

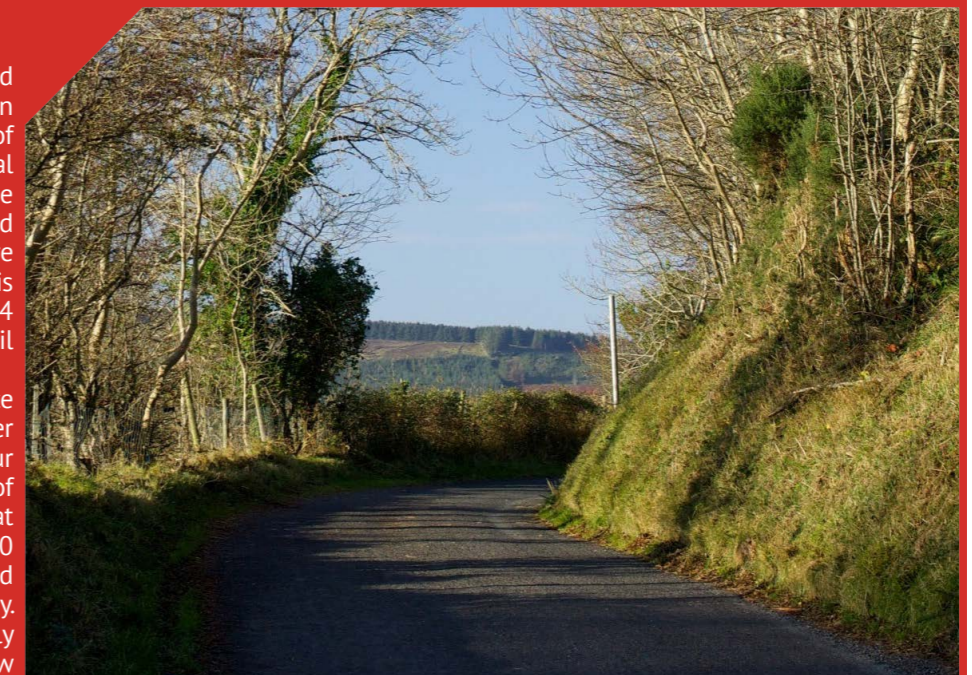


Dodder Greenway Upgrades

New Default Speed Limits

The new default rural local road speed limit of 60km/h comes into effect on 7th February 2025. The lowering of the default speed limit on rural local roads from 80km/h to 60km/h is phase one of a nationwide review of speed limits on all Irish roads. The legislative basis for the changes in speed limits is contained in the Roads Traffic Act 2024 which was passed into Irish law in April 2024.

Currently, 75% of fatalities take place on rural roads and the aim of the lower default speed limits is to make our roads safer, reducing the number of serious accidents and fatalities by at least 50% by 2030 and to zero by 2050 as part of a suite of measures contained in the "Vision Zero" Road Safety Strategy. South Dublin County Council recently completed the installation of the new 60km/h signage on our rural local roads to meet the implementation date.



New Default Speed Limits for Local Rural Roads



Housing, Social and Community Development

Active South Dublin Awards 2025

The Active South Dublin Amateur Sports Awards, in association with The Echo Newspaper, celebrated the outstanding achievements and contributions of athletes, coaches, and sports organisations in the vibrant South Dublin community on Thursday January 30th at a reception in the Plaza Hotel.

The event was attended by Deputy Mayor Cllr. Alan Hayes and guests from various sporting bodies.

This important annual event recognises excellence across a diverse range of sports, from team-based sports to individual accomplishments.

The event not only honoured the sporting achievements of local athletes competing at local, national and international level, but it also

highlighted the impact of sports on the local community and the feeling of pride and positivity that it generates which is a crucial element in building healthy neighbourhoods.

The overall Team of the Year award went to Loretto Hockey Club.

Ellen Walshe picked up the overall Individual award following her outstanding year where she won the Active South Dublin Echo Sports Star monthly award for May, July and December, for achievement in becoming an Olympic finalist, and making three World Finals.

Other award winners on the night included:

Volunteer of the Year: Carmel Lynch-McGinty from Thomas Davis GAA Club

Club Development: Tallaght Town AFC

Special Merit: Ella Sherlock of Ireland Women's Cerebral Palsy Team

Coach of the Year: Brian Sweeney of Templeogue Swim Club



Tenant Maintenance Brochures

A series of information brochures designed to offer practical guidance on household maintenance issues have been developed by our Housing Maintenance team.

These brochures will support our tenants in keeping their homes safe, comfortable, and sustainable.

The brochures show the range of maintenance services provided by the council as the landlord along with the expected timeframes for such services while also detailing the types of minor household repairs and upkeep that tenants are expected to handle themselves.

Fostering this mutual understanding will allow us to improve the overall efficiency of our maintenance services for all our tenants.

Community Grants 2025 Launch

Our Community Grants Programme will launch again this month and is aimed at providing financial assistance to community and voluntary groups who are responding to locally identified needs within their communities.

Our Community Development team are again available to support applications from community organisations and voluntary groups and this year we aim to expand on the level of assistance by delivering on-line workshops.

Community development funding can be sought for running costs, minor and major equipment as well as IT Infrastructure, while event funding is also available to support delivery of various community events and seasonal festivals.

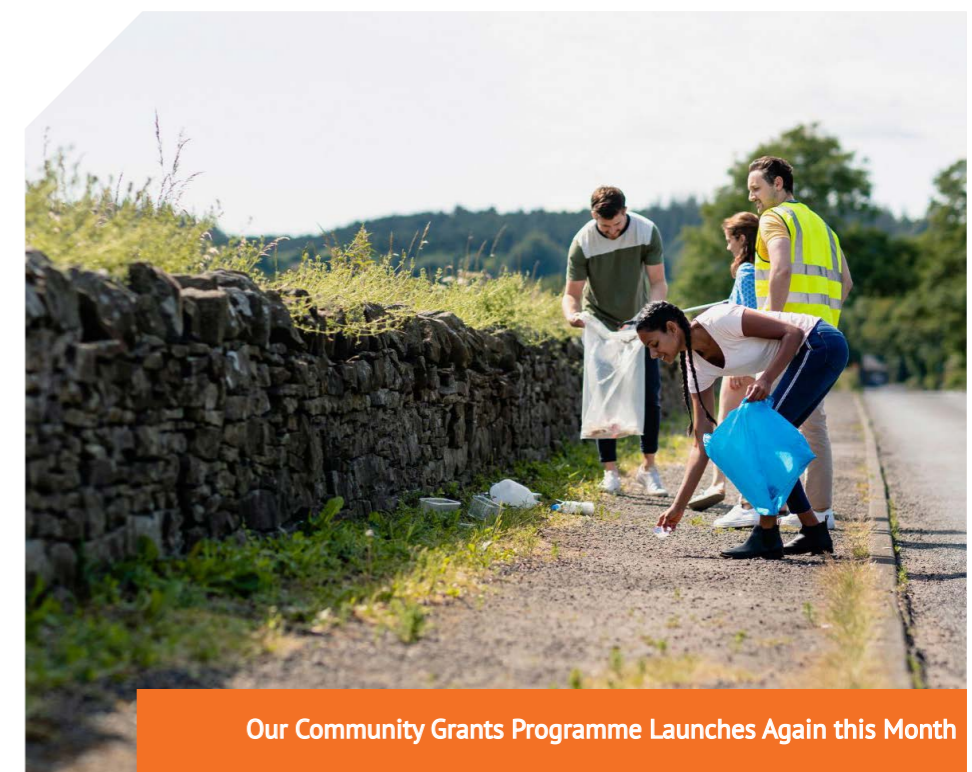
For further information please contact our Community Services Department by emailing communitygrants@sducouncil.ie or by calling 01-4149270 01-4149156.

We are committed to delivering an inclusive and equitable programme.



National Older Person's Convention

We are delighted to announce that this year's National Older People's Convention will be held in South Dublin. The convention will bring together Older People's Council members and Age Friendly Programme staff from across all local authorities in Ireland as well as the Age Friendly Ireland team, providing a great opportunity to hear about new service and policy developments, listen to older people's issues and discuss solutions. The two-day event, will be held at the Maldrone Hotel in Tallaght in May and will feature inputs and presentations from state agencies, non-government organisations, older people groups and private sector representatives. It also provides SDCC with the opportunity to showcase our county and our age friendly initiatives. Visit www.sdcc.ie for further details in the coming weeks.



Our Community Grants Programme Launches Again this Month



Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

Six LEO South Dublin Clients Represented at Showcase 2025

Last month, six Local Enterprise Office (LEO) South Dublin clients participated in the highly prestigious Showcase trade event held in the RDS from 19th to 21st January.

Showcase is one of the country's largest international trade fairs, welcoming almost 400 exhibitors and more than 3,350 buyers from Ireland and overseas, including the USA, mainland Europe and the Far East.

Upwards of €25 million in sales orders were expected to be transacted over the three days, with even more anticipated to be generated for throughout the year as a direct result of the event. The participating LEO clients included Thomp2 Socks, Flaunta Vegan Bags, Donna McGee Fine Art, Bear's Little Fish, Babies clothes and furniture, Forager Skin Care and Fussy Food

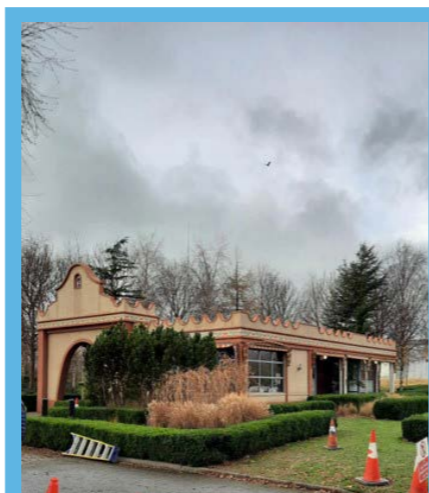
Plates.

This event puts these companies in the shop window of some of the most high profile buyers on the globe. This provides them with a platform to market their goods, meet leading buyers face-to-face as well as network with industry leaders in the craft sector.

With categories in home and giftware, fashion, jewellery and well-being, there were a diverse range of makers and buyers in attendance at the event, which added to the level of trade taking place.

LEO South Dublin clients received a significant boost in sales and marketing exposure, which represented a great start to what will be an exciting year for 2025. Many congratulations to all the companies involved and our LEO

team are already looking forward to supporting more clients at Showcase 2026.



Filming set at Grange Castle

Hollywood comes to South Dublin

We were delighted to recently welcome Hollywood to Grange Castle, where the filming of "The Rainmaker" took place in the Council's Business Park. Centre stage to all of this was our facilities building, with the producers of a new TV series having approached us some months ago to request the use of the building as a location set for filming.

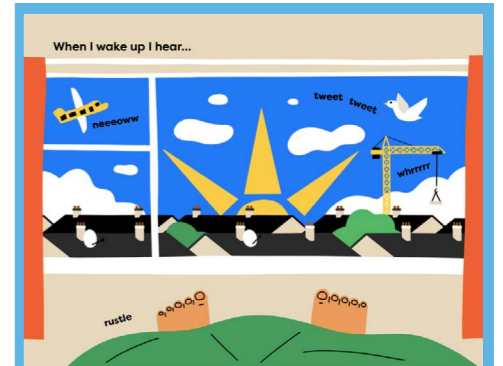
The series is set in America so modifications were required to the building's exterior to ensure it suited the script of the series. The building was transformed on the outside, with the makeover taking place over a week in mid-December and filming then took place over two days; after which the building was restored and normal service resumed. "The Rainmaker" is expected to air next year on Sky TV.

Inaugural Firstival Programme

January is often seen as the perfect time to embrace fresh experiences and explore new interests and South Dublin Libraries seized this spirit of renewal by hosting the inaugural Firstival from 13th to 18th January. This new week-long events programme included a blend of art, music, crafts and wellness events and encouraged adults to step outside their comfort zones and try something new in 2025.

Among the standout events were the "Coppers the Workout" sessions, a unique fitness class inspired by Dublin's iconic nightclub, while participants in Masamba Samba's drumming workshop explored rhythm and percussion techniques, creating infectious beats that resonated throughout the library! Other creative highlights of Firstival included a drawing class with the legendary Don Conroy, and workshops in some more unusual crafts including macramé, plant hammer printing, basketmaking, 'Paint and Prosecco', book binding, modern calligraphy, silk painting, and the Japanese art of Sashiko mending.

Firstival was a lively start to South Dublin Libraries' events programming for 2025. For those eager to continue exploring library offerings, South Dublin Libraries host a wide range of events throughout the year, ensuring that the spirit of creativity and learning continues beyond the festival. Stay Connected! Visit southdublinlibraries.ie for updates on future events and programmes.



BANG BANG, POP Workshops

BANG BANG, POP is a collaborative, multi-part project exploring sound and the sonic environment of Clondalkin from the perspective of a young child. David Beattie, Fuchsia MacAree and Anne Bradley developed unique workshops for children aged 3-6 to engage with their local area and 70 children took part in workshops in five early childcare settings in Clondalkin Village and Quarryvale.

The project is built on the importance of deep listening, a practice of spending time in a location or place to encourage a deeper understanding of their connection and relationship to their surroundings. A children's book that will include drawings inspired by the children will be published in February 2025.



Firstival Drawing Class with Don Conroy



Corporate Performance and Change Management

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2025

Déantar ceiliúradh ar Sheachtain na Gaeilge ón 1-17 Márta gach bliain. Beidh imeachtaí spreagúla ar siúl, ar nós oíche i Leabharlann Chaisleán Thigh Motháin le Molly Nic Céile, údar “Gaeilge i mo Chroí – Irish in my Heart: Your Guide to Loving and Living the Irish Language”. Chomh maith le himeachtaí na Leabharlanna agus Áras Chrónáin, díreoidh an Chomhairle ar chur chun cinn na Gaeilge laistigh den Chomhairle féin. Tá roinnt imeachtaí beartaithe d’fhonn freastal ar gach ball foirne agus ar gach leibhéal inniúlachta, ó oiliúint do Chomhaltaí Tofa agus don Ard bhainistíocht go seisiún a réachtálfaidh an tOifigeach Gaeilge, dírithe go speisialta ar bhailt foirne atá nua-thagtha go hÉirinn nó ar beag taithí a bhí acu ar an nGaeilge go dtí seo. Cuirfear deiseanna neamhfhoirmiúla cainte ar fáil i bhforhalla Halla an Chontae agus ag bord Gaeilge sa cheaintín, agus beidh Focal an Lae á roinnt ar inlíon na foirne agus ar na meáin shóisialta. Beidh ionadaíocht ag CCÁCT freisin i dtaispeántas an togra “An Chomhairle Chraiceáilte” ar 4 Márta freisin, áit a roinnfidh baill foirne ó Údaráis Áitiúla Bhaile Átha Cliath a gcuid smaointe nuálaíocha chun labhairt na Gaeilge a chothú. Tá sé seo mar chuid den chlár Gaeilge365, atá sa Dréachtchlár don Rialtas 2025.



SDCC Shortlisted for LAMA Awards

The council have been shortlisted for 9 LAMA (Local Authorities Members Association) 2025 awards, including the Council of the Year, in the All-Ireland Community and Council Awards, taking place on 22nd February in Cork. Shortlisted projects, submitted on behalf of SDCC Councillors, include the internationally recognised Heatworks District Heating Network in the Best Local Authority Energy Decarbonisation Award, Work IQ & Innovation Quarter, Tallaght in the Best Enterprise and Startup Hub and the Clonburris Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) in the National Impact Award. Congratulations also to local community volunteers Bernie Roche and Emilia Calinska who have been shortlisted in the Community Volunteer of the Year category for their work in their local communities, and to Kenny's of Lucan, shortlisted for the Best Business working with the community category.

Mayoral Reception for World Youth Boxing Champions Kyla Doyle and Adam Olaniyan

South Dublin Boxers Kyla Doyle and Adam Olaniyan were honoured by the Mayor of South Dublin, Cllr. Pereppadan at a reception held in County Hall, Tallaght on 13th January to mark their incredible achievements at the Boxing World Youth Championships in Budva, Montenegro. Kyla, a member of Whitechurch boxing club, recently became World Youth Welterweight Champion, winning gold in Montenegro, whilst also being the reigning European Youth Champion in the same class.

Jobstown boxing club's Adam Olaniyan also won Gold in the Youth Superheavyweight weight class, to become the first Irishman in any weight class, to hold medals in both the World and European Youth

Championships. Adam was also the team captain for the Irish team and was named The Echo sports star of the month in November.

Both boxers displayed their gold medals and spoke to the crowd about their achievements over the past year. They were joined on the night by their families, friends and members of their clubs as well as elected members.

Speaking on the night, Mayor of South Dublin, Cllr. Pereppadan said; “Winning a world championship is a great testament to your sporting ability, to the ability and effort of your local club coaches and to the love and effort of your families over the years and each and every one should be rightly proud of themselves.”



Council Receives CPD Accreditation

CPD Employer Accreditation

Having first received accreditation in 2009, SDCC has again achieved the maximum three-year certification as an Engineers Ireland Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Accredited Employer. This continues our inclusion among an exclusive network of organisations that have demonstrated commitment to the professional development of engineering and technical staff. This certification allows the council to liaise with Engineers Ireland on potential CPD opportunities, gather industry knowledge and seek advice on how best to support our engineers and technicians in developing their skills, all of which supports the council in providing the best possible service to everyone in South Dublin County.



Seachtain Na Gaeilge takes place from March 1st - 17th



Environment, Water and Climate Change

€1.75 Million Quarryvale Park Upgrade Officially Opens

The upgrade of Quarryvale Park has been completed and opened to the public by Mayor of South Dublin, Cllr. Baby Pereppadan, accompanied by local councillors, council officials and members of the local community on 29th January.

The Park at Quarryvale has been redeveloped to create an inviting and engaging space; providing interest and activities for the entire community. With Quarryvale sitting next to the significant retail hub of Liffey Valley Shopping Centre, Liffey Valley Motor Mall and bordered by residential estates, the newly upgraded park will act as an urban escape allowing park users to relax and enjoy the open space.

The upgrade features a new playground, a Teen Space with a full

outdoor Calisthenics Gym, two tree lined, illuminated avenues traversing direct lines through the park and providing safe routes for local people to access local facilities, upgraded pathways and entrances as well as an enhanced boundary to the park.

The existing soccer pitch has been moved to the centre of the park to serve as a kickabout space, with the park's biodiversity being enhanced with the planting of over 120 new trees, the retention of existing Oaks and establishment of meadows.

We are very grateful, as always, to the local community and elected members for their significant contributions and continuous support throughout the lifecycle of the project.

We would also like to acknowledge the

work of our Public Realm section who, in conjunction with Nicholas de Jong Associates, managed the planning, design and implementation of the works by Breffni group who expertly delivered the park upgrade.



Mayor of South Dublin, Cllr. Baby Pereppadan at Jobstown Park

Jobstown Community Tree Planting

On 17th and 18th January, local community groups united in Jobstown Park for a tree planting initiative to raise awareness, engage youth in environmental work, and strengthen community pride. Volunteers from St. Thomas Junior National School Tallaght, Tallaght Community National School, Stepping Stone Forest Group, Dodder Action Group, and Connect 4 came together to plant over 850 native trees, to enhance the park's ecosystem and support local biodiversity.

Part of the Mini Woodlands Programme, this effort promotes urban reforestation by creating dense native woodlands, benefiting wildlife and connecting fragmented green spaces. Since 2020, over 40,000 trees have been planted with the help of 1,500 volunteers.

Public Realm Works Programme

The proposed public realm improvement works programme for 2025 is being presented to the Council at the February meeting to outline 62 different projects that are planned this year, following consultation with each of the Council's area committees during January.

The programme contains various schemes across the County including provision of new footpaths, footpath upgrades, installation of public lighting in open spaces, improvements to access points to open and entrances to parks, boundary upgrades at parks and open spaces, landscaping enhancements, small planting schemes, provision of various play and sports facilities, a new dog run, trail improvements and replacement of a pedestrian bridge.

The budget provision for this programme of works has been substantial in recent years, with funding of €2 million this year to again ensure that as much public realm improvements as possible are undertaken and implementation of the work programme will commence later this month.



Eco Week 2025

Eco Week 2025, is taking place from 24th to 28th March 2025. The annual event is a key deliverable of our climate education programme. A range of talks, seminars and workshops are available from experienced and professional facilitators who deliver fun and educational experiences on the environment, climate change and biodiversity. All events held during the week are FREE.

As places are limited, bookings will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. The Eco Week brochure will be available to view shortly on www.southdublinclimate.ie or www.sdcc.ie. To book a workshop please email: envawareness@sdblincoco.ie.



Improvement Works Programme presented to the council to include schemes such as Rathcoole Park

Storm Éowyn Hits Ireland

Storm Éowyn, a record-breaking extratropical cyclone brought dangerous, damaging and destructive weather conditions to the entire country on 24th January.

Government instructed all schools, pre-schools, colleges, universities and non-essential services across the country to close for the duration of the red warning and urged the public to “shelter in place”. The closure notice also included all council buildings, parks and amenities and our Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT) were mobilised to monitor and report on local conditions.

The SWAT team, led by Director of Environment, Water and Climate Change, Teresa Walsh, comprising

staff from our Housing, Environment, Roads, Parks, Corporate and Communications departments amongst others, liaised with relevant local, regional and national agencies and prepared to respond to issues arising once it was safe to do so.

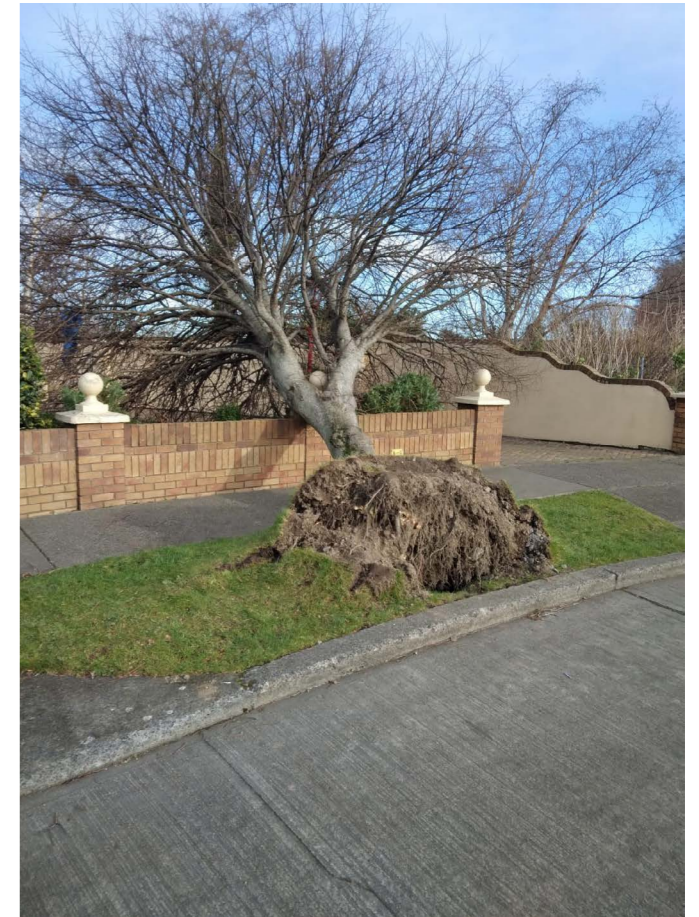
The work of our staff who responded to local issues once the red warning had been lifted is greatly appreciated. These crews concentrated initially on ensuring key road infrastructure was clear for emergency vehicles, public transport and members of the public, before then removing fallen trees from estates and towns with the majority of the clean-up carried out across the following days. The work of local elected representatives in sharing key safety messages and reporting issues arising also contributed greatly to ensuring the safety of members of the public.

Thankfully South Dublin avoided the worst impacts of Storm Éowyn with no damage reported to any critical infrastructure across the County as the main issues reported related to fallen trees and obstructions or debris on roads, along with reports of minor damage to some 62 properties.

However, with areas across the country not as fortunate, a co-ordinated national response has been in place with local authorities less affected, including South Dublin, offering available staff and equipment to assist other areas most in need, examples such as the Dublin Civil Defence transporting generators from a depot in South Dublin to assist Donegal County Council in establishing local response hubs, and a reserve fire tender from Dublin being provided to Mayo County Council demonstrating the collaborative effort involved.



Large Tree Blocking Monastery Road in Clondalkin. Pic: Ben Ryan



SDCC Crews Removing Fallen Trees



TRADFEST 2025

22-26 JAN

Tradfest is Ireland's leading traditional and folk festival and is a celebration of Irish music and culture that takes place each January in Dublin. This year was a special year, as Tradfest celebrated its 20th anniversary of showcasing the best established and emerging musical talent, and we were delighted to have the festival expanding in to South Dublin County for the first time.

2025 saw the internationally renowned annual festival reach out to even more audiences as the festival extended a programme of events to venues in South Dublin County. Supported by SDCC, Tradfest in South Dublin was seen as a great success with 33 events taking place across 15 venues in Tallaght, Clondalkin and Rathcoole villages from 22nd to 26th of January.

The promoters of TradFest brought together a fine selection of national

and international artists such as Peggy Seegar, Ralph McTell, Phelim Drew, and Systir, amongst others, to perform in an array of historic, and atmospheric buildings in South Dublin, from the likes of Áras Chrónáin, and Brú Chrónáin Round Tower Visitor Centre in Clondalkin, to St Maelruains' Church in Tallaght, to the recently renovated Court of Petty Sessions in Rathcoole.

The festival also made its way into the Dublin mountains for the first time with a Family Céilí at the brand new Glenasmole Community Centre.

SDCC's County Promotion Unit worked with local organisations, the council's Library service, and businesses such as Aon Scéal Café in Tallaght to programme an exciting range of fringe events which brought that festival feel to Rathcoole, Tallaght and Clondalkin villages, and provided a performance

outlet for local talent.

Other businesses took part too, with traditional music sessions taking place in various pubs in the three villages, while local shops such as Mary Cunningham Optometrist on Monastery Road in Clondalkin, and Reidy's Pharmacy and Your Hair Is Lovely in Rathcoole dressed their shop windows with a Tradfest theme to add to the festival feel.

Initial reports have been that the festival brought in a noticeable increase in the number of visitors to the area. The Round Tower Visitor Centre and Áras Chrónáin also hosted 80 American tourists over the weekend, many of whom were a part of Milwaukee IrishFest, one of the largest Irish music festivals in the world, who came to Ireland to attend Tradfest events.



Tom Moran Sessions in An Poitín Stíl



Laoise Kelly at the Round Tower Visitor Centre



Family Fun Céilí at Glenasmole



Pheilim Drew at Áras Chrónáin



Ralph McTell at Áras Chrónáin



Caoimhín Ó Raghallaigh at Court Of Petty Sessions

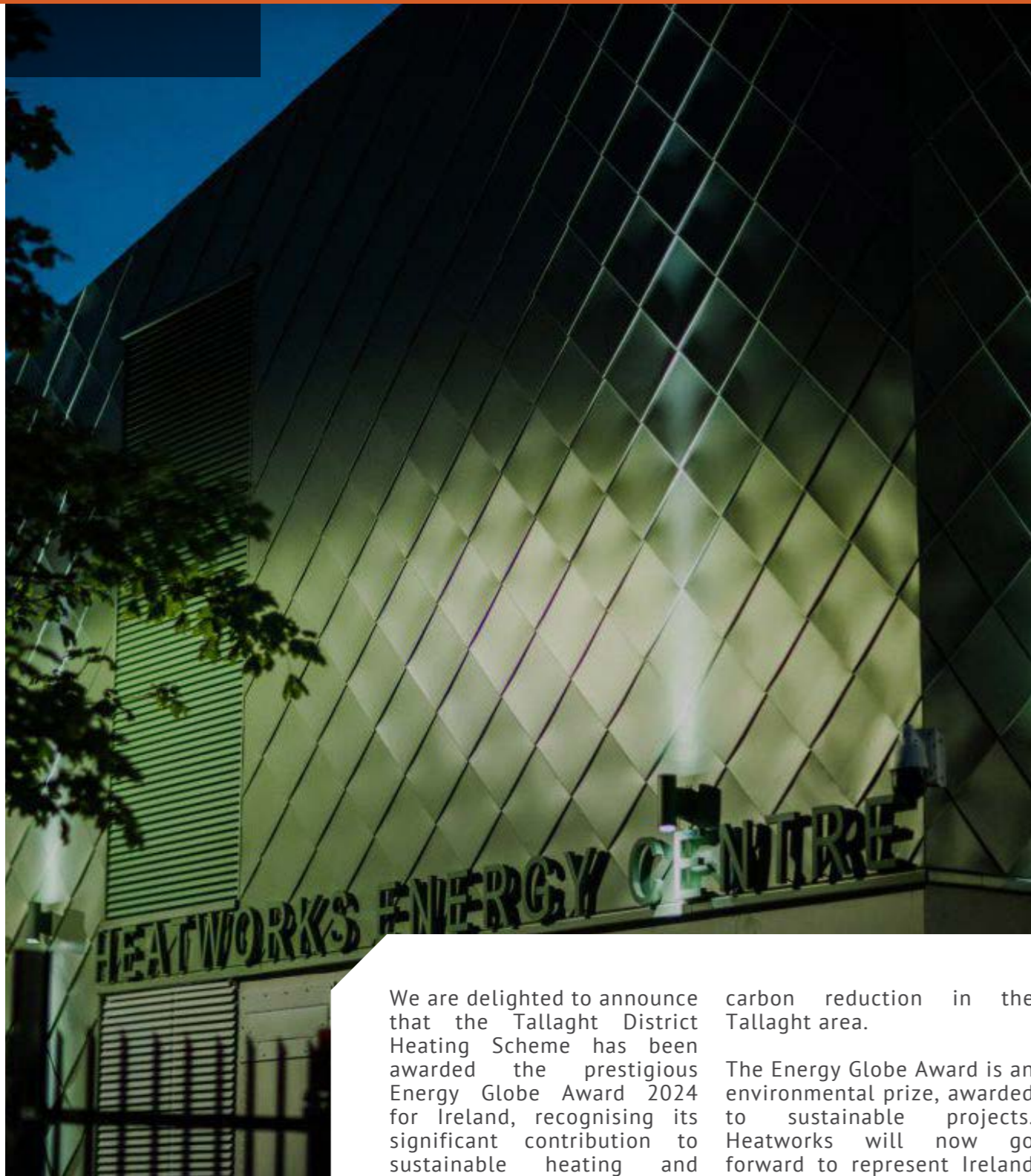


Des Carthy Session at The Dragon



Peggy Seeger at Áras Chrónáin

Tallaght District Heating Scheme Wins Energy Globe Award 2024



We are delighted to announce that the Tallaght District Heating Scheme has been awarded the prestigious Energy Globe Award 2024 for Ireland, recognising its significant contribution to sustainable heating and carbon reduction in the Tallaght area.

The Energy Globe Award is an environmental prize, awarded to sustainable projects. Heatworks will now go forward to represent Ireland

Energy Globe Award



at the International Awards Ceremony, held annually in Austria.

Operating under the not-for-profit utility Heat Works and

fully owned by South Dublin County Council, this innovative district heating scheme is the first of its kind in Ireland.

By reusing waste heat from a nearby data centre, the scheme provides efficient, low carbon heating to a number of public buildings in the area, including South Dublin County Council facilities and TU Dublin buildings.

This innovative approach reduces carbon emissions by approximately 1,500 tonnes annually, making a significant impact on the nation's decarbonization efforts.

Looking ahead, the project is set to expand in 2025, connecting 133 affordable apartments to the network and further extending its reach to provide

sustainable heating solutions for the Tallaght area.

This award highlights the important role of innovative energy solutions in reducing carbon emissions and supporting sustainable development in Ireland.

The Tallaght District Heating Scheme has also won the Climate Change Award at the 2023 Excellence in Local Government Awards as well as the prestigious 'Emerging District Energy Market' award at the Global District Energy Climate Awards in Brussels.

For more information, visit [Heat Works](#).



SDCC Director of Services Teresa Walsh being presented with the Energy Globe Award by Austrian Ambassador to Ireland, Melitta Schubert



Last year was the Council's final year of delivery of the five year Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024. What follows is only a snapshot of the achievements as a more detailed report is being presented to the February Council meeting which can be found on the agenda [here](#).

Local Enterprise Office funding created 51 new jobs within the county, with the potential for a further 230 jobs over a three year period. 650 students participated in the Student Enterprise Programme, 80 female industry leaders in the Network for Enterprising Women in South Dublin (NEWS) Women in Business event, South Dublin Creative Economy Network (SCENE) grew to just under 300 members.

The new Work IQ Innovation Centre a 3,000m² €16m investment opened which will at its max, be home to up to 60 start-ups and SMEs.

The North Stand in Tallaght Stadium opened so it can now host 10,000 spectators and we

have secured a new 15-year lease with Shamrock Rovers FC. The acquisition of Lucan House and lands was a strategic investment given the history, heritage, and amenity value of the property. The Planning authority decided on 856 planning applications. By Q3 2024, 5,475 residential units were completed with planning permission in place for a further 12,649 homes.

The online planning portal commenced with 50% of all planning applications received in 2024 and 75% in December submitted electronically. Cycling South Dublin delivered 22.5km of new and improved cycling routes

and 8km of new walking links.

The Clonburris Strategic Development Zone saw 3,427 homes being approved planning permission, of which 2,196 are complete or under construction, and the nearby Kishogue train station opened. In Adamstown Strategic Development Zone, capital projects at Tandy's Lane, Celbridge Link Road, Airlie Park, and Adamstown Plaza were completed.

1,042 new social and affordable homes were delivered across the county and our housing stock grew to 10,302 units and additionally 957 leased properties, 4,527

HAP and 737 RAS tenancies. 1,244 housing allocations were made including 267 allocations to homeless households. Our new Housing Customer Centre facilitated 1,893 appointments, and 12,144 housing customers are now registered with our Integrated Housing System.

The Community Recognition Fund awarded €2.25 million and over €1.6 million under Community Grants funding across the county. Education Bursary Awards in conjunction with the TUD Tallaght supported 16 students from local schools €2,500 towards third level education expenses.

A new Climate Action Plan (CAP) was launched and an estimated 43% reduction in total GHG emissions (Electricity + Direct) has been achieved since the baseline. The Clondalkin Decarbonising Zone commenced. Five Integrated



New Council following the Local Elections in June 2024

Constructed Wetlands (ICWs) were constructed. Tallaght District Heating Scheme (TDHS) is expanding with new connections established for Work IQ and 133 cost rental apartments at Innovation Square in 2024.

111 candidates ran for election

to 40 seats on the Council with average voter turnout of 41.4% across the county. By the end of the year, between elections and co-options, SDCC became the first council in the state to have a majority of female public representatives on the Council.

Our Gender Pay Gap for 2024 was reported to be -9.77% which means female employees on average earn 9.77% more than male employees.

A Focus On

A Snapshot of Corporate Plan Delivery in 2024



Official Opening of the Fourth Stand at Tallaght Stadium

Images of the Month



Don Conroy with South Dublin Libraries Staff for Firstival

Images of the Month



Official Opening of the Upgraded Greentrees Park



Council awarded CPD accreditation from Engineers Ireland



Community Tree Planting at Jobstown Park

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Helping Women Thrive: LEO Event at ACE Enterprise Park

Images of the Month



SDCC's Women's Caucus with Ronanstown Women's Collective and Falls Road Women's Group



Adam Olaniyan and Kyla Doyle with local boxing club members



"Coppers the Workout" at Firstival

Active South Dublin Awards



Deputy Mayor Cllr. Alan Hayes, elected members and staff at the Active South Dublin Awards

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Carmel Lynch from Thomas Davis GAA, recipient of Volunteer of the Year



Ella Sherlock CP footballer, recipient of Special Recognition award



Ellen Walshe, winner of the overall Individual Award

Finance Report

Billing & Collection Statement (billed to 24th January 2025)

	(provisional) Arrears @ 31 Dec 2024	Adopted Budget 2025	Billed to 24th January 2025	Rec'ts/Credits to 24th January 2025	Arrears @ 24th January 2025	% of BILLED income achieved
Via Billing Systems						
Commercial Rates	€13,665,414	€153,170,200	€154,066,285	€15,024	€167,716,675	0%
Entry Year Property Levy (PEL)	€103,598	n/a	€0	€0	€103,598	0%
Housing Rents	€7,910,111	€36,293,800	€2,424,934	€2,153,273	€8,181,772	89%
Housing RAS Rents	€1,267,971	€2,246,400	€148,068	€121,351	€1,294,688	82%
						% of Budget Income Achieved
Via Cash Systems						
NPPR Charge	n/a	€20,000	n/a	€0	€0	0%
Planning Fees	n/a	€972,000	n/a	€1,878	€0	0%
Fire Certificates	n/a	€1,000,000	n/a	€323	€0	0%
Parking Fees	n/a	€820,000	n/a	€200	€0	0%
Irish Water	-€129,924	€6,937,500	€0	€0	-€129,924	0%
	€22,817,170	€201,459,900	€156,639,287	€2,292,049	€177,166,810	

Rates Aged Debt			PEL Aged Debt		
Year	Bal O/S	%	Year	Bal O/S	%
2025	153,962,124	92%	2025	€0	0%
2024	6,331,278	4%	2024	€0	0%
2023	2,668,658	2%	2023	€7,738	7%
2022	1,085,237	1%	2022	€86,467	83%
2021	799,495	0%	2021	€1,864	2%
2020	107,076	0%	2020	€2,637	3%
2019	900,825	1%	2019	€579	1%
Pre 2019	1,861,983	1%	Pre 2019	€4,313	4%
Totals	€167,716,675	100%	Totals	€103,598	100%

Rents Aged Debt			
Category	Numbers	Amounts	% of Accounts
Accounts not in Arrears	5818	2,678,343	56%
0-6 weeks	2029	422,583	19%
7-12 weeks	497	351,130	5%
13-18 weeks	267	324,524	3%
19-24 weeks	226	390,106	2%
25-52 weeks	605	1,719,004	6%
1 - 2 years	513	2,710,352	5%
Greater than 2 years	514	4,942,417	5%
Totals	10,469	€8,181,772	100%

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