



Tymon Park Family Fun Day

Chief Executive's Report

September 2025

About the Chief Executive's Report

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

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

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National Planning Framework implementation guidelines

Revised housing supply targets have been issued to local authorities under new National Planning Framework Implementation – Housing Growth Requirements. These guidelines set a revised national annual target of 50,000 new dwellings nationally up to 2040. In addition, provision is to be made for up to 50% above the revised target for sufficient headroom to ensure the targets are met.

This means that a new baseline requirement for South Dublin of 3,217 new dwellings annually up to 2034 and 2,414 new dwellings for the period 2035 to 2040, totalling 47,184 new homes. Our current County Development Plan provides for

2,613 new homes annually, with current output from our housing supply monitor broadly on target with approximately 2,500 new homes being delivered per year.

Local authorities are reviewing current zoned land capacity and must zone sufficient additional land to meet new targets. Our Planning Department has commenced assessment of land capacity and deliverability as well as potential future development lands to inform the anticipated increase in zoned lands that will be required to meet the new higher baseline. This will also identify lands to support additional housing delivery up to 2040 and a report on land development

capacity and recommendations to meet the objectives of the guidelines will be presented to councillors next month.



Clondalkin Local Planning Framework Consultation

IPI award nominations

SDCC have received four nominations for the 2025 Irish Planning Institute Awards which is the joint highest number of nominations for any local authority.

The biennial IPI awards celebrate excellence in planning across Ireland and our nominations this year include Work IQ (Commercial Project), Tallaght West Parks Project (Urban Regeneration), Housing Supply Monitor (Research and Innovation), and Planning Authority of the Year. These nominations highlight our focus on sustainable development, innovation and staff support and we look forward to the awards ceremony at Clontarf Castle later this month.

Clondalkin consultation

The draft Clondalkin Local Planning Framework began on 26 August and will run until 29 September this year. The draft framework reflects national policy and local feedback as expert input on urban design, conservation, green infrastructure, transport and environmental assessments while a conservation plan, a local transport plan and architectural conservation area appraisals have also shaped the proposals.

Drop-in clinics providing further information will take place in the Civic Offices, Clondalkin on 10 September (2pm to 4pm) and in Brú Chrónáin - Round Tower Visitor Centre on 17 September (6.30pm - 8.30pm) while updates will also be shared through our social media channels throughout the consultation period as we seek to shape sustainable future expansion of Clondalkin village aligned with community needs.

Submissions can be made through our online portal on www.sdcc.e.



Tallaght Village Plaza

Improvement works to Tallaght Village were completed in July to address uneven paving caused by tree roots. The project saw trees replaced with planted beds and new buff paving installed to create a more aesthetic and vibrant public space.

The project was delivered by O'Brien Landscaping who will maintain the planting for a 12 month period under the contract and we now plan to engage further with the local community on how to further enhance the village and to maximise the plaza's potential.



IPI planning awards



Housing

Mac Uilliam update

Management of 51 homes in Mac Uilliam estate will revert to SDCC following the expiry of a lease arrangement with Oaklee Housing. Resuming direct control of these properties and related tenancy management will ensure an integrated approach to estate management in the area providing the opportunity for coordinated planned maintenance, tenant participation initiatives and resident association supports to be provided across the full estate. All tenants currently in the properties are being informed about the changes and are being assured that their tenancies remain secure, while our housing team is committed to providing full support to ensure smooth transition.

In addition, we have recently completed extensive upgrade works on an apartment block on MacUilliam Lane with the 9 homes there now being allocated to applicants from the social housing waiting list.



Part 8 Stocking Avenue

We recently published notice of a proposed social housing development of 25 homes on lands off Stocking Avenue and Stocking Lane, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16.

The proposed development will deliver high-quality, energy-efficient homes and includes a mix of one, two and three bedroom houses and apartments.

Full plans are available on our [public consultation portal](#) and submissions can be made up to 12 September.

26 new affordable homes at Swiftbanks, Saggart

26 new affordable purchase homes are being made available at Swiftbanks, a new mixed tenure development in Saggart. Minimum prices for three-bedroom homes being offered for sale by SDCC are €350,000 with final prices determined by the purchasing power of eligible applicants.

The homes are being made available for sale by the council in partnership with Cairn Homes under an Affordable Dwelling Purchase Agreement and are available to first-time buyers and “fresh start” applicants only. Applications must be made through our online portal before it closes at 4pm on 23 September.

The surrounding area offers excellent transport links and access to schools, shops, restaurants, parks and recreational amenities - ideal for a balanced lifestyle.

The homes are part of a wider development of social and cost rental housing being delivered by Tuath Housing which offers contemporary design, energy efficiency and modern living spaces. Each home features spacious interiors with high ceilings, generous storage and premium finishes. Sustainability is central to the design, with double-glazed windows, airtight insulation and an advanced air-to-water heat pump system, achieving A2 BER energy rating.

Further details on the development and how to apply are available at: www.sdcc.ie/en/services/housing/affordable-homes



Watercourse Grove, Knocklyon

New homes for Knocklyon

Watercourse Grove, a new social housing development on the Old Knocklyon Road, has now been completed and is in the process of being allocated to eligible housing applicants.

Completed by our construction partners Cleary Doyle supported by SDCC Architectural Services, this high-quality development consists of seven three-bedroom houses and nine two-bedroom apartments and provides modern and energy efficient new homes that will contribute to meeting local housing need under our housing delivery action plan.



51 homes in MacUilliam returning to SDCC management



Economic Development

Exciting calendar of events at Tallaght Stadium

This autumn is shaping up to be one of the busiest and most exciting periods at Tallaght Stadium, with a packed schedule of sporting events taking place.

On Tuesday 9 September, the Republic of Ireland mens' under-21 team take on Andorra in a UEFA European Qualifier as they look to kick off their campaign with a win. Following this, on Saturday 13 September, we are proud to welcome the Leinster Rugby senior team to Tallaght where they will face Cardiff in a community-focussed pre-season friendly with tickets competitively priced to allow sports fans of all ages to enjoy high-quality rugby in South Dublin.

A packed stadium is also

expected when Shamrock Rovers host Bohemians on 26 September in the Dublin Derby - one of the most anticipated fixtures in the League of Ireland calendar. From October, both Rovers and Shelbourne will host home UEFA Conference League games in Tallaght, welcoming a range of European teams including Crystal Palace and Shakhtar Donetsk.

In addition, our new stadium partners Tallaght Martial Arts are busy setting up their facility in the ground floor of the north stand and will shortly have an official opening.

Having local, national and international teams and fans visiting the stadium in the coming

months will continue to enhance Tallaght Stadium as a premier venue for sport and community engagement.



Dr Mamobo Ogoro,
CEO of GORM

#NWED2025

This year's Dublin regional event for National Women's Enterprise Day (NWED) will take place on Thursday 16 October in the Radisson Hotel, Dublin 8.

Hosted by Local Enterprise Office Dublin City, the event celebrates female entrepreneurship and provides a valuable networking opportunity for women in business with over 500 delegates expected to attend.

LEO South Dublin's NWED ambassador this year is Dr. Mamobo Ogoro, CEO of GORM, a social enterprise that uses inter-cultural media and education to connect marginalised communities.

Green Ribbon Campaign

We are proud to support this year's Shine Green Ribbon Campaign which aims to end the stigma surrounding mental health. The theme of this year's campaign 'Step Up to Stamp Out Stigma', encourages open conversations, active listening and mutual support.

While the campaign runs throughout the year, September is the key month for awareness events and activities and SDCC staff will mark the month by distributing green ribbons and wristbands, hosting a coffee morning and holding a raffle with all proceeds going to a suicide prevention charity.

Mental Health stigma remains a significant barrier to treatment leading to discrimination, social exclusion, and a lack of support, exacerbating difficulties and increasing the risk of loss to suicide so every action, big or small, helps to create a more open and supportive culture around mental health. To learn more, visit www.shine.ie



South Dublin Hobby Month

October is Hobby Month in South Dublin with events for all interests. Brick Con brings Ireland's largest LEGO showcase to the National Basketball Arena on 11 and 12 October, featuring custom builds and competitions while Octocon, the National Irish Science Fiction Convention, takes place at the Maldron Hotel in Tallaght the same weekend, celebrating sci-fi, fantasy and horror. On 4 and 5 October, model enthusiasts can visit the IPMS National Exhibition at the Spa Hotel in Lucan while Robo Riots also promises thrilling robot battles at the Basketball Arena.



Brick Con returns to the National Basketball Arena



Community

Recognising South Dublin's rising athletes

A celebration of sporting achievement took place in July as sixteen young athletes from across the county were recognised at the Active South Dublin Emerging Talent Bursary awards.

Athletes ranging from fourteen to twenty in age who have already made their mark at national or international level across a wide range of sports including athletics, boxing, BMX cycling, karate, kickboxing, sailing, taekwondo, triathlon and weightlifting were awarded financial supports to assist their progress as elite athletes.

Funding the bursary was provided following a decision by councillors to allocate €65,000 in this year's budget with recipients also

invited to become local sporting ambassadors promoting the benefits of sport and encouraging wider participation in their communities.

Speaking at the event Active South Dublin manager Thos McDermott noted the achievements of the five local athletes at last year's Olympics as a source of inspiration and spoke about SDCC's commitment to nurturing young sporting talent.

The recipients of the bursaries were: Kate O'Connell, Saoirse Fitzgerald, Jack Kelly, Sean O'Donnell, Adam Olaniyan, Carly Hayes, Calvin McCann, Asha Reen, Zoe McDermott, Cillian McArdle, Josh Riddell, Amy Wade, Cora McNaughton, Ryan Doyle, Aimee

Carr and Jack Kearney, showing the depth and diversity of local talent.



Popular Colour Dash is back at Corkagh Park

Colour Dash 2025

Corkagh Park will burst with colour and energy on Saturday 13 September as the end of summer Colour Dash returns. Starting at 1pm, the event will welcome up to 1,500 participants for an afternoon of fun, movement and celebration.

Organised by our Active South Dublin team with the support from our park rangers and events staff, the 2km dash will also include a food market and entertainment and activities organised by staff from our libraries and community development teams.

The free event will showcase Corkagh Park as well as the positive impact of Active South Dublin in local communities.

Red Line Book Festival

The Red Line Book Festival returns from 13 to 19 October this year, celebrating literature, creativity and community across South Dublin. Hosted by SDCC Libraries, the festival features over 40 events including author talks, workshops and creative sessions and our Mayor, Cllr Pamela Kearns, will announce full details on 10 September at an event in the newly opened Priory Market in Tallaght.

Highlights include Illustrator in Residence Celina Buckley, leading a free five-week workshop series for emerging local talent in children's book illustration, culminating in an exhibition at Ballyroan Library while the bi-lingual poetry competition, judged by Aifric Mac Aodha, continues to attract entries from across the island. Festival events will be held at a range of venues including The Civic, Rua Red and Rathfarnham Castle while selected events will feature Irish Language Signing and dedicated bus services from library branches.

Please see redlinefestival.ie for more.



Nominations process for presidential candidates

A Presidential Election Order will be issued by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage this month to confirm the closing date for nominations, the polling date and other key details relating to the upcoming presidential election.

Potential candidates will then be facilitated to address the council at a special meeting and if the council resolves to nominate a candidate, a formal resolution must be adopted under Section 16 of the Presidential Elections Act 1993, authenticated with the council's seal and sent to the Presidential Returning Officer.

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Red Line Book Festival returns on 13 - 19 October



Climate Action

Contract signed for delivery of sports pavilions

Contracts have been signed with ABM Construction Ltd. for the design and construction of sports pavilions which will see quality new changing facilities provided for sports participants at Corkagh Park and Griffeen Park.

These pavilions will be modular buildings which will comprise up to eight dressing rooms and storage space and ABM will deliver them under a design and build contract which includes modular manufacture, site enabling works, building installation and finishes along with utility connections and landscaping works over a total period of approximately twelve to fourteen weeks.

This marks the beginning of

the roll-out of a wider pavilions programme funded by SDCC supported by some sports capital grants for ten new facilities in locations approved by councillors under the Part 8 planning process.

A framework agreement is now in place to accelerate contractor procurement for additional pavilions at Arthur Griffith Park/Griffeen, Collinstown Park, Dodder Valley, Kilnamanagh, Tymon Park, Sean Walsh Park, Kiltipper Park and Willsbrook Park. These pavilions are being located beside intensively used 3G and grass pitches in key parks and open spaces and facilities will also be available to other park users for park runs, school sports days and other such

events, supporting health and wellbeing and maximizing local opportunities for participation in our wonderful parks and open spaces.



Pavilion contract signing

Friarstown open day

The eighth annual open day at Friarstown Allotments took place on Saturday 16 August, organised by the South Dublin Allotments Association in partnership with SDCC. Our public realm team provided a marquee, competition vouchers and goody bags to support the event and local area committee chairperson Cllr. Alan Edge presented awards on behalf of the mayor, with Tara Holland named overall winner and Des Garry in second place.

SDCC Parks were also on hand to give guidance and assist with judging for the event which was well attended by plot holders as well as councillors and staff.

Knockmitten playspace

The upgraded playspace at Knockmitten Community Centre was officially opened on Monday 25 August by our Mayor, Cllr. Pamela Kearns, following the completion of enhancement works.

The refurbished area includes a wide range of new play equipment designed to support physical activity, social interaction and imaginative play with new additions including swings, a slide, spinner bowl, seesaw, playhouse unit and stepping stones.

The upgrade was funded by a grant from the Dept of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht under the Community Recognition Fund which also supported the recently completed adjacent multi-games area. The fund supports communities where new arrivals to the state have been accommodated and this project reflects our commitment to supporting safe, inclusive, and accessible play facilities.

Dog Ownership

Be the owner that your dog deserves.



Responsible dog ownership

Last month we launched a new campaign to promote responsible dog ownership and to provide practical advice to dog owners.

An updated leaflet on how to be a better dog owner with useful information and advice has been produced to coincide with the campaign and this was distributed via social media and at events in our parks which were attended by various SDCC staff including dog wardens, park rangers and litter wardens along with our licencing and enforcement team. Please see www.sdcc.ie for more information.



New playspace at Knockmitten

Local Government Awards:

Nine SDCC Projects Shortlisted



Chambers Ireland announced the shortlist for the 2025 Excellence in Local Government Awards, held annually to recognise and celebrate the outstanding work being carried out by local authorities across Ireland, with SDCC shortlisted in nine of fifteen categories.

SDCC has been recognised for the following projects:

- Ballyroan: A dementia-inclusive, age friendly community in the Age Friendly Initiative category
- International Protection: Fact or Fiction in Communications category
- Reaching for gender

- equality in local government (Diversity & Inclusion category)
- Junior Safety Forum (Health & Wellbeing category)
- Ely Arch: heritage conservation through public realm design (Heritage and Built Environment)

- Clonburris delivery model – Strategic Innovation for Sustainable Growth in Local Authority Innovation
- Work IQ, innovation centre: technology and enterprise growth (Promoting Economic Development)
- Connecting communities through regeneration of West Tallaght Parks (Supporting Sustainable Communities)
- Balancing green and growth: delivering sustainable development and protecting biodiversity (Sustainable Environment & Biodiversity)

Award winners will be announced at a ceremony to be held in November in conjunction with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, and one local authority will also be selected as overall local authority of the year.



Colm Ward, Chief Executive of SDCC, said: “Today’s announcement of the shortlist for the Excellence in Local Government Awards is fantastic news for SDCC and we are delighted to see the wide range of our projects that have been included again this year.

This recognition reflects the commitment and dedication of our staff, elected members and partners to deliver these projects and initiatives as we continue to create greater opportunity for all in South Dublin by being a place that meets the needs and ambitions of everyone here.”



Work IQ nominated in Promoting Economic Development Category



This month sees the long awaited completion of significant projects to enhance the facilities and amenities available to the public at both Tymon Park and Corkagh Park.

In Tymon Park, the new intergenerational centre at the Wellington Lane entrance features a café that is designed to make the most of its parkland setting, with a south-facing terrace overlooking the lake and offering both indoor and outdoor seating. It also includes a multi-functional community space that can be divided into smaller rooms if needed.

A thoughtfully considered landscape plan integrates the centre into the park while its green roof and adjacent new pollinator planting support biodiversity and sustainable drainage, contributing to the ecological value of the park and demonstrates our commitment to sustainability.

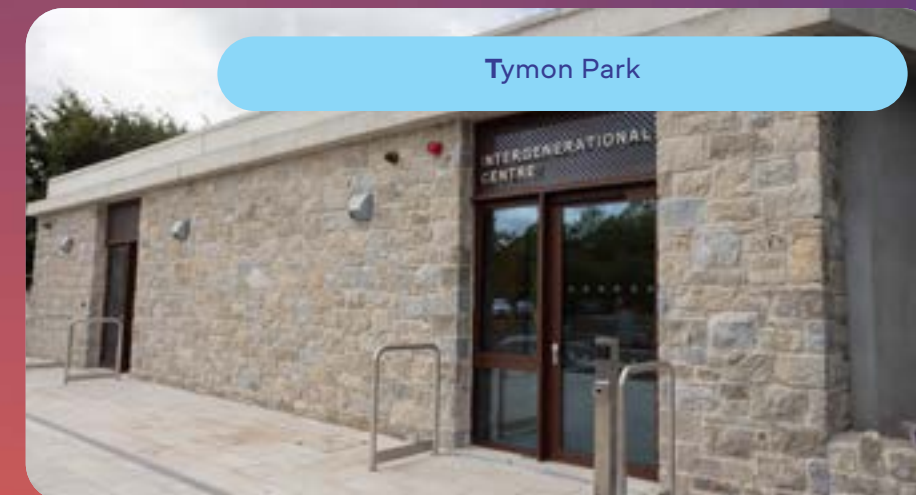
The walking route from Wellington Lane has been upgraded, enhancing pedestrian and wheelchair access while cycle parking has also been provided and an attenuation system has been added to drain the car park to greatly improve flood resilience there.

This follows the reopening of the Limekiln section of the park with significant progress made on the River Poddle flood alleviation works, providing a new pedestrian footpath and boardwalk for visitors to enjoy a peaceful way to connect with nature, and a new integrated constructed wetland filters and cleans water thereby supporting biodiversity and new habitats for floral and fauna.

Over at Corkagh Park, major upgrade works have been undertaken to create a new hub area with a café and a multi-use events space complete with a stage and hard-standing area. Formal seating, picnic areas, amenity lawn, soft landscaping, planting and play areas have also been added in this area to greatly enhance the amenities in the central hub of the park. These features provide a vibrant and inclusive space for park users to enjoy, adding to upgrades already provided as part of the project including the fairy woodland trail and upgrades to car parks and entrances and we look forward to supporting a range of community, sports and other events to showcase the new facilities.

Our main project partners on the works in Tymon were contractors James Oliver Hearty and Sons and consultant design team leads Cotter & Naessens Architects, while Building Design Partnership were project consultants for the Corkagh project and Mc Avoy Contracts Ltd. carried out the civil works there, with works overseen by SDCC's parks architectural service teams.

Arrangements are being made to open the cafés in both parks this month following tender processes for operating partners. We are delighted to announce that O'Brien Event Catering Ltd., a local family-run business who manage outdoor catering for a range of events and festivals across



Ireland as well as operating the successful Café Duomo outlet in Firhouse, will manage the Tymon intergenerational centre including arranging bookings for the community space there. In addition, the café in Corkagh Park will be managed by Istimewa Limited, who currently operate Ruff

Café at the DSPCA facility in Rathfarnham. We look forward to working with both companies as they expand their local business presence in facilities that promise to be exciting additions to the area which we are sure park users in both Tymon and Corkagh will greatly enjoy!

Focus On

Tymon and Corkagh Park Upgrades



Images of the Month



Makerspace launch in Ballyroan Library



Friarstown allotments open day

Images of the Month



Rathfarnham Castle playspace opening

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Rathfarnham Castle playspace opening



Opening of health and wellbeing garden at Firhouse

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Family fun day at Brú Chrónáin - Round Tower Visitor Centre

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Gum Litter Task Force launch in Clondalkin



Tymon Park family fun day

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Mayor Pamela Kearns at the BMX pump track in Jobstown

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Local athletes at the Emerging Talent Bursary Awards



Landscape improvement at Nutgrove Avenue

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Opening of new MUGA at Mac Uilliam

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Park Yoga at Dodder Valley Park



Shane Lowry and former Cllr Charlie O'Connor at Tallaght Stadium

Finance Report

Billing and Collection Statement

	Arrears @ 31 Dec 2024	Adopted Budget 2025	Billed to 22nd August 2025	Rec'ts/ Credits to 22nd August 2025	Arrears @ 22nd August 2025	% of BILLED income achieved
Via Billing Systems						
Commercial Rates	€13,665,414	€153,170,200	€154,803,595	€132,386,874	€36,082,135	86%
Entry Year Property Levy (PEL)	€103,598	n/a	€0	€21,352	€82,246	0%
Housing Rents	€7,910,111	€36,293,800	€24,413,819	€24,219,185	€8,104,745	99%
Housing RAS Rents	€1,267,971	€2,246,400	€1,369,501	€1,328,264	€1,309,207	97%
						% of Budget Income Achieved
Via Cash Systems						
NPPR Charge	n/a	€20,000	n/a	€12,387	€0	62%
Planning Fees	n/a	€972,000	n/a	€756,617	€0	78%
Fire Certificates	n/a	€1,000,000	n/a	€341,235	€0	34%
Parking Fees	n/a	€820,000	n/a	€442,732	€0	54%
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	€22,817,170	€201,459,900	€184,450,561	€163,050,600	€45,770,103	

Rents Aged Debt				Rates Aged Debt			PEL Aged Debt		
Category	Numbers	Amounts	% of Accounts	Year	Bal O/S	%	Year	Bal O/S	%
Accounts not in Arrears	6212	2,727,150	58%	2025	26,892,134	75%	2025	€0	0%
0-6 weeks	1967	392,458	18%	2024	3,499,967	10%	2024	€0	0%
7-12 weeks	441	335,482	4%	2023	1,858,272	5%	2023	€4,863	6%
13-18 weeks	282	346,331	3%	2022	699,945	2%	2022	€67,990	83%
19-24 weeks	220	404,552	2%	2021	623,169	2%	2021	€1,864	2%
25-52 weeks	614	1,883,186	6%	2020	83,924	0%	2020	€2,637	3%
1 - 2 years	491	2,687,200	5%	2019	772,197	2%	2019	€579	1%
Greater than 2 years	478	4,782,686	4%	Pre 2019	1,652,527	5%	Pre 2019	€4,312	5%
Totals	10,705	€8,104,745	100%	Totals	€36,082,135	100%	Totals	€82,246	100%

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