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LITTER MANAGEMENT PLAN 2026 -2029

Introduction

This Litter Management Plan 2026 – 2029 (“LMP”) is a statutory plan prepared as prescribed in Section 10 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997.

The Plan is action-based and focuses on a four-pillar approach with the overarching objective of a consistently cleaner environment to improve the quality of life and sense of wellbeing of residents living and working within the South Dublin County Council (“SDCC”) administrative area.

The plan proposes to address the negative impacts of litter on our county and to enhance our environmental, commercial and tourism potential through effective and efficient:

- **Litter Prevention and Control**
- **Community Engagement, Education and Environmental Awareness**
- **Public Realm Operations**
- **Litter and Waste Enforcement**

The LMP 2026-2029 replaces the LMP 2023-2025 and will build on a variety of initiatives delivered throughout the administrative area. The following successes were achieved throughout the lifetime of the previous LMP, which had a positive impact on the prevention and control of litter:

- Significant improvement in the Irish Business Against Litter (‘IBAL’) results in 2025, with Tallaght jumping ten places in the national rankings compared to previous year
- Commencement of the roll-out of solar-powered compactor bins
- Introduction of a new online form to report graffiti
- 135 Primary and Post Primary schools registered with the Green Schools Programme
- 28 drinking water stations installed across the county
- Commencement of the Deposit Return Scheme.

Throughout the life of the previous LMP, there was 27,708 tonnes of waste collected.

It is the goal of SDCC to protect and enhance the natural and built environment of the county through effective education, awareness, monitoring, and enforcement of this Litter Management Plan in line with national legislation and relevant policies.

When we think about litter management, the natural focus often relates to litter-picking, bins, and street sweeping, but there is much more to it than that. SDCC acknowledges and emphasises the need to work collaboratively with our citizens, communities and businesses throughout the county, to prevent litter in the first instance.

The prevention of litter is central to the work of our Environmental Awareness section, who engage with and support schools, communities and businesses on litter prevention and educational initiatives. Volunteer groups, including Tidy Towns and Residents Associations drive the litter prevention message throughout communities across the county, and provide invaluable support to SDCC cleansing teams.

We acknowledge that it is not possible to prevent litter entirely and SDCC is committed to ensuring that breaches of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 or the Waste Management Act 1996 are effectively enforced, where appropriate evidence exists to do so. SDCC Litter Wardens patrol the county and educate people on the Litter Pollution Act, and issue fines where appropriate. SDCC Litter Wardens also support colleagues in Environmental Awareness with litter prevention initiatives.

In 2025, SDCC Litter Wardens responded to 1,361 complaints, issued 63 notices, 221 fines, and referred 94 cases to the Law department for the initiation of legal proceedings under the Litter Pollution Act. Reports regarding the presence of litter and illegal dumping made up the majority of complaints, while reports were also received and investigated for the presence of graffiti, illegal signage, and dog fouling.

Each report of illegal dumping that is received helps to build evidence on potential litter blackspots, which may assist SDCC with installing CCTV at relevant locations temporarily, in line with the Circular Economy Codes of Practice.

SDCC Litter Wardens also investigate reports of abandoned vehicles under Section 71 of the Waste Management Act, 1996 as amended. An abandoned vehicle is described as a vehicle left in such circumstances or for such a period that it is reasonable to assume that the vehicle is abandoned. The following steps are taken under the legislation:

- 1) Investigation of vehicle reported
- 2) Ownership checks & enquiries
- 3) Communications with the last known owner (if established)
- 4) Removal and disposal of abandoned vehicles.

All complaints of abandoned/burnt out vehicles in a public place i.e. road, footpath or public open space, should be reported to the Litter Warden Services giving location and details.

SDCC Waste Enforcement Officers work with and inspect businesses and communities across the county to ensure waste is managed and to prevent illegal dumping. In 2025, 1,138 waste inspections took place and 247 warning/enforcement notices were issued.

The Public Realm section coordinate cleaning crews, who work tirelessly across the county to achieve high quality maintenance and improvements in our public spaces, including parks and open spaces, village streets, district centres, and housing estates.

The SDCC Litter Management Plan 2026-2029 could not have been developed without the valuable input of stakeholders including Elected Members, members of the Environmental, Public Realm and Climate Change SPC, Tidy Towns groups, and members of the public that engaged with the public consultation process.

Annual Implementation Plans shall have regard to the mission statement and objectives of the Corporate Plan. Plans shall also have regard to the proper planning and development of the county and the provisions of the County Development Plan.

For Your Information

What is litter?

Section 2 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended, (the Act) defines litter as:

.....a substance or object, whether or not intended as waste (other than waste within the meaning of the Waste Management Act, 1996, as amended, which is properly consigned for disposal) that, when deposited in a place other than a litter receptacle or other place lawfully designated for the deposit, is or is likely to become unsightly, deleterious, nauseous or unsanitary, whether by itself or with any other such substance or object, and regardless of its size or volume or the extent of the deposit;

In short, the definition of litter is broad and means that any item or material which is not disposed of properly, or is likely to become unsightly, is litter. This ranges from a coffee cup or cigarette end discarded on the street or thrown from a car window, to graffiti, disposal of household waste in public litter receptacles, unauthorised signage, dog fouling, and the dumping of larger volumes of litter or waste.

The governing legislation

The following is an outline of the main legislation:

[Environmental Protection Agency Acts 1992](#) and [2003](#)

[Waste Management Act 1996](#), as amended.

[Litter Pollution Act 1997](#), as amended.

[Air Pollution Act 1987](#)

[Local Government \(Water Pollution\) Act 1977](#)

[Local Government \(Water Pollution\) \(Amendment\) Act 1990](#)

[Protection of the Environment Act 2003](#)

[Household & Commercial Waste Byelaws](#)

[Parks & Open Spaces Byelaws](#)

[Circular Economy \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act, 2022](#)




[National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy 2024-2030](#)

The following is intended as a practical guide to these laws.

The Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended, provides for penalties for people who litter. It also sets out the responsibilities of Local Authorities and businesses under the Act.

The impact of litter on the county

South Dublin County lies at the foot of the Dublin mountains and is bordered to the north by Dublin City and Fingal and to the south by Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, Kildare and Wicklow. As the council for South Dublin, we strive to be a people-first, proactive organisation that serves all our communities today and for the future. The SDCC administrative area covers an area of approximately 223 square kilometres. According to the 2022 Census we have a population of 301,075 people living in 106,074 homes. It is the vision of SDCC, as set out in the Corporate Plan, that the county is a place that meets the needs and ambitions of everyone in South Dublin.

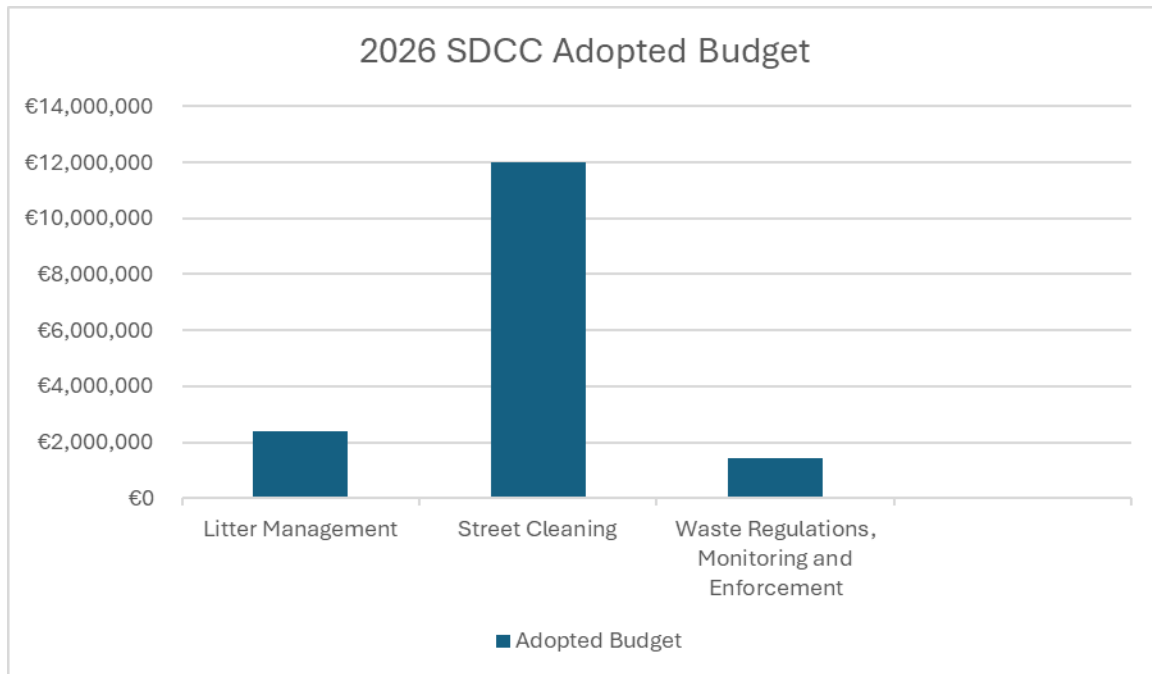
 <p>Our Purpose</p> <p>Greater opportunity for all</p> <p>Our purpose is why we exist. 'Greater opportunity for all' is our commitment — to individuals, to communities, and to the future. It's not just a goal but the foundation for everything we do.</p> <p>We work to remove barriers, empower people, and create real, sustainable paths forward. Every day, we act to realise greater opportunity for all — because when opportunity grows, everyone benefits.</p>	 <p>Our Vision</p> <p>To be a place that meets the needs and ambitions of everyone in South Dublin.</p> <p>Our vision is a statement of intent. It is our ambition for the future of our organisation and our county: to be a place that meets the needs and ambitions of everyone in South Dublin.</p>	 <p>Our Mission</p> <p>Our mission sets out how we will realise our vision. It is action-oriented, practical and achievable.</p> <p>By actively listening to our diverse communities, embracing technology and thinking innovatively we will create a resilient county that meets the needs of today and prepares us for the future.</p> <p>We will harness the talents of our skilled workforce to deliver inclusive and sustainable solutions.</p>
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The SDCC Corporate Plan contains the following high-level goals, which the actions contained within the Litter Management Plan 2026-2029 will support:

<p>A Better Place Deliver the infrastructure and facilities required to serve our growing population</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optimise the use of our assets through active Land management to support sustainable development • Promote and enhance the built environment while protecting our natural and cultural heritage, upholding the principles of universal design • Manage the county's parks and open spaces to deliver economic, environmental, and social benefits that cater to the full diversity of our communities • Manage our regulatory responsibilities to safeguard our environment
<p>Connected Communities Support our communities to be integrated, inclusive and safe</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster empowered, inclusive, mutually respectful, resilient and safe communities, in collaboration with our partners and citizens • Build strong, informed and inclusive civic engagement with participation across all communities and groups experiencing inequality • Promote the use of digital channels of communication, and address digital inequalities • Invest in community infrastructure, prioritising groups experiencing inequality, with a focus on place-making, reducing inequalities, fostering organisation, enabling voice and advocacy, and enhancing safety, health, and wellbeing outcomes for all and upholding the principles of universal design

The presence of litter and illegal dumping devalues our living environment and can contribute to the development of a negative perception throughout our county. Litter Pollution has a negative impact on our villages, our roadsides, civic amenities and our parks and open spaces. Litter endangers our environment and our economy, it pollutes our neighbourhoods, decreases property values, and can make areas in the county appear unwelcoming and unattractive. Littering and illegal dumping contributes to air, land, and ocean pollution.

Litter pollution comes at a significant cost to SDCC. The adopted budget for 2026 accounts for €2.4 million for litter management, and a total of €14.7 million for litter management and cleansing. Waste Regulations, monitoring and enforcement accounts for a total of €1.4 million.



Local authority expenditure on areas such as the repeated removal of illegally dumped material is expenditure that could be spent in other areas by SDCC, such as the provision of further amenities in our parks and open spaces, to the benefit of the residents of the county.

Litter Monitoring

Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) Surveys

An Taisce conduct litter monitoring surveys on behalf of Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) and publish annual results. The IBAL surveys take place in forty towns and cities nationwide, including Tallaght within the SDCC administrative area. In 2025, Tallaght received a result of 'Clean to European Norms'. This marked a significant improvement from the previous year, with Tallaght jumping ten places in the national rankings.

IBAL have reported on the impact of the Deposit Return Scheme on the cleanliness of towns and cities nationwide. Nationally there has been a 10% drop in the prevalence of cans and plastic bottles compared to the previous year. IBAL report that these two types of litter are now sixty percent less common than when the Deposit Return Scheme was introduced in early 2024.

For more information on the IBAL surveys, please visit the following link: [Irish Business Against Litter | IBAL](#)

National Litter Pollution Monitoring System ('NLPMS')

SDCC engages NLPMS to complete surveys in forty locations throughout the administrative area. The NPLMS surveys provide SDCC with essential data to facilitate decision-making in relation to litter management at a local level. NLPMS provides monthly information on the following:

- the extent and severity of litter pollution in each selected area;
- the types, most likely sources and causes of litter;
- the changes in litter levels from location to location and over time;
- the location of litter black spots; and
- the impact of new anti-litter measures

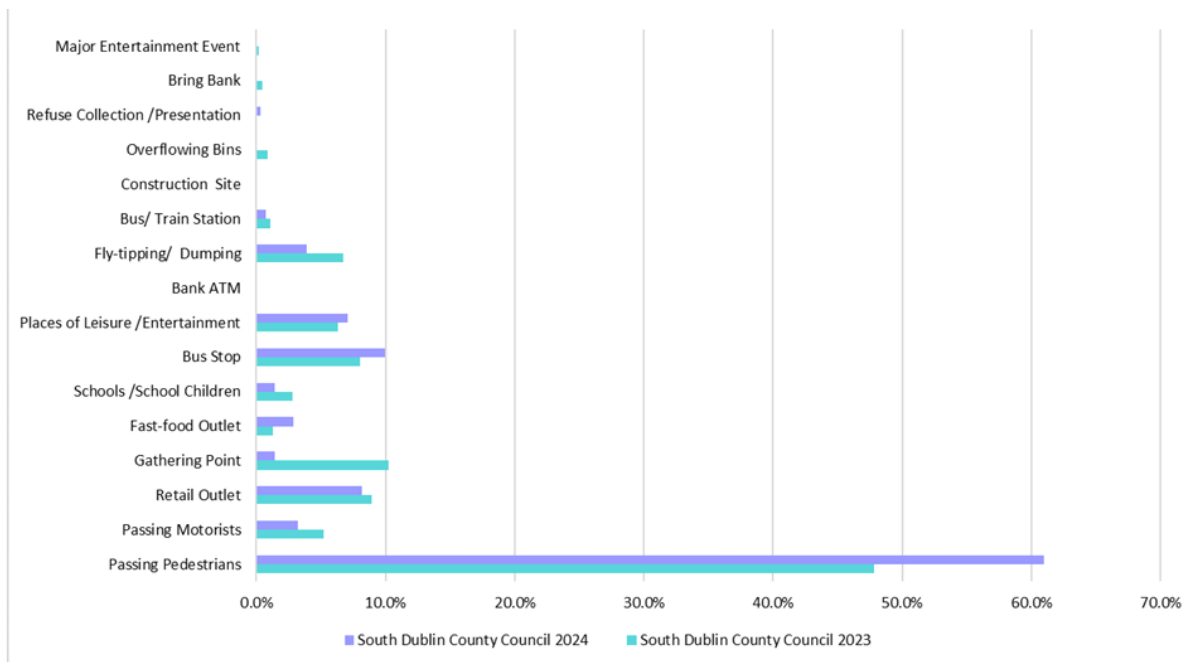
Litter Composition in SDCC 2025

LITTER COMPOSITION	Count	% of Total
Cigarette-related Litter	1007	43.1%
Packaging Litter	537	23.0%
Sweet Related Litter	377	16.1%
Food Litter	176	7.5%
Paper Litter	95	4.1%
Vaping litter	82	3.5%
Bulky Litter	24	1.0%
Miscellaneous Litter Items	19	0.8%
Deleterious Litter	13	0.6%
Plastic Litter (non-packaging)	4	0.2%
Rubber litter	4	0.2%
TOTAL LITTER ITEMS	2338	100.0%

Figure Data taken from the National Litter Pollution Monitoring System 2025

The results of National Litter Pollution Monitoring surveys conducted throughout 2025 demonstrate that cigarette-related litter, packaging litter, sweet related litter, and food related litter accounts for a significant proportion of litter present throughout the county.

Evidence from surveys conducted highlights passing pedestrians, retail outlets, bus stops, and places of leisure/entertainment as the main causative factors for litter throughout the county.



Comparison of Causative Factors of Litter Pollution in South Dublin County 2023-2024

Responsibilities: Who is Responsible for what?

General Public

Residents and visitors to the SDCC administrative area have responsibilities when it comes to litter prevention. There are penalties in place for parties that fail to meet their responsibilities under the Litter Pollution Act.

Members of the public are required to take measures to prevent the creation of litter.

The public are responsible for:

- Keeping private property that is visible from a public place litter free (including graffiti).
- Picking up after yourself – do not drop cigarette butts/chewing gum/paper/food etc on the ground.
- Cleaning up after your dog in a public place and disposing of your dog’s litter in a proper manner – remember ***Any Bag, Any Public Bin.***
- Ensuring that waste of any kind is presented for collection in an appropriate waste receptacle and is given only to an authorised waste collector.

- Disposing of takeaway packaging appropriately when consuming food or drinks in a public area.
- Properly securing all materials and items to prevent any escape or discharge from your vehicle in a manner that may result in litter.
- Ensuring that household waste is not disposed of in public litter bins, as this is an offence under the Litter Pollution Act 1997.
- Submitting a witness statement to SDCC if they observe a litter offence, to enable the issuing of a fine under the Litter Pollution Act 1997.

Business Community

The owner or person responsible for a place to which the public has access is required, so far as it is practicably possible, to keep the area adjoining their premises litter free, regardless of how the litter got there. This places an obligation on businesses to:

- Keeping footpaths and pavements litter free and ensuring that all litter associated with the operation of the business is removed within a 100m radius
- Ensuring that transporting goods or materials does not cause litter and that the material is sufficiently secured to prevent the creation of litter
- Engaging with SDCC on managing litter/waste originating from your premises, in particular take-away packaging/litter
- Abiding by any notices issued by SDCC regarding the removal, prevention or defacement of property (graffiti), per section 20 of the Litter Pollution Act
- Not erecting posters or signage in a public place or place advertising leaflets on the windscreens of vehicles
- Not to dispose of commercial waste in a public bin
- Not to dispose/dump material in an area other than an appropriate waste receptacle or an authorised waste facility

Owners or persons in charge of mobile outlets are obliged to:

- Provide an adequate number of litter receptacles
- Ensure that all litter associated with the operation of the mobile outlet is removed within a 100m radius.
- Operators of mobile outlets are also required by SDCC to hold a valid Casual Trading Licence.

More information on Casual Trading within the SDCC administrative area is available at the following link:

[Casual Trading - SDCC](#)

The organisers or promoters of major events are required to ensure that they have litter control measures in place at and in the vicinity of the venue before, during and after events. This applies to sporting events, social events, festivals and shows at which large crowds are expected to attend.

South Dublin County Council

South Dublin County Council is responsible for ensuring that the following are kept litter free, in so far as it is practicably possible:

- Public roads, cycle lanes, and footpaths,
- Council owned Green/Open Spaces/Laneways
- Council managed Play Spaces,
- Community Gardens,
- Rivers, streams flowing within Council property.

SDCC is also responsible for the following:

- Preparation and adoption of a Litter Management Plan.
- Taking all practical measures to allow for the prevention, control, and correct disposal of litter.
- Taking steps to promote awareness of litter pollution and its effect on the environment.
- Encouraging participation from the public and businesses in preventing and overcoming litter pollution through coordinated awareness campaigns.
- Providing access to appropriate facilities/receptacles and waste bins for our citizens and arranging for regular emptying and cleaning.
- Enforcement and Regulation
- Routine and non-routine inspections
- Public Realm operations programmes, including the collection and disposal of litter and the provision, installation and maintenance of litter receptacles.
- Delivering Communication, Education & Awareness programmes.
- Developing protocols for response to service requests.
- Promoting the Customer Care Contact System as point of customer contact.
- Ensuring the Litter Warden service engages with the business community on a regular basis to remind them of their responsibilities in keeping the areas outside their premises litter free.
- Engaging with businesses who sell take-away food to reduce waste and eliminate litter from their premises, including the issuing of Notices where necessary, under the Litter Pollution Act.

Penalties for Littering

Depositing litter in a public place or in a place that is visible from a public place is an offence, which is subject to a fixed penalty notice of €150 or to a fine not exceeding €4000 through the Courts. A person convicted of a litter offence may also be required by the Court to pay the costs incurred by the Council in investigating the offence and in bringing the prosecution to Court.

Large scale dumping may be prosecuted under the Waste Management Act, with penalties on conviction or indictment of up to €15million and/or a 10-year prison term.

The Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2026 was signed into law on 12th March 2026. The Act creates a legal basis for updated penalties under the Litter Pollution Acts. Should a Statutory Instrument be signed by the relevant Minister, SDCC will be required to update the penalties for breaches of the Litter Pollution Acts, in line with national legislation.

Litter Prevention and Control

Background

Litter Prevention and Control is central to the SDCC Litter Management Plan 2026 – 2029.

Strategy

SDCC will take all practical measures to allow for the prevention, control, and correct disposal of litter to include promotional/awareness campaigns, community engagement/participation in new initiatives, provision of appropriate facilities/receptacles and waste bins for the public to dispose of their waste and enforcement of the law where necessary.

Objectives

- Ensuring that there are a sufficient number of bins throughout the county and monitoring the provision of same
- Provision of solar compactor bins in areas of high footfall such as town/village/district centres and busy park entrances
- Ensuring the presence of a high visibility Litter Warden service to deter littering throughout the county
- Ensuring that the locations of recycling facilities throughout the county are regularly updated and promoted through SDCC channels

- Ensuring the responsible use of CCTV schemes, in line with the Circular Economy, Codes of Practice, to prevent littering/illegal dumping in targeted locations
- Reviewing and responding to all requests for anti-littering signage throughout the county
- Update and modernise anti-littering signage to align with the new SDCC brand guidelines.



The first phase of the provision of solar compactor bins has been completed with installations of over 100 units across Tallaght, Rathfarnham, Clondalkin in quarter three of 2025 and more recently in Lucan. The three-year capital programme 2026-2028, has provided additional funding of €500,000 (€250,000 in 2026 and €250,000 in 2027) for the continuation of the phased roll out of solar compactor bins. The additional installations will be targeted at high-footfall areas such as town/village/district centres and busy park entrances.

In 2026, approximately 50 units will be installed across the villages of Rathcoole, Saggart, Palmerstown and Templeogue, as part of the second phase of the project. A further 50 units will be installed in 2027 as part of the third phase, with locations to be determined based on the operational demands of the existing bin provision within the county.

Drinking Water Stations

SDCC has installed 28 drinking water stations with more installations planned. To date, the number of litres of water dispensed was 52,520 litres and the number of plastic bottles saved was 105,040.

Mattress Amnesties

Waste Enforcement held eight mattress amnesty events throughout 2025, which saw 1,125 mattresses diverted from the waste stream.

3 -Bin Waste System

SDCC has launched a new 3-Bin Waste System in County Hall, Tallaght. The system makes it easier for staff to 'sort it out' at work and aligns with national MyWaste standards to improve sustainability and reduce waste.

The following bins are now provided in staff areas:

✅ Green: Mixed Dry Recyclables (Paper, plastic, cans, tins) ● Brown: Food & Organic Waste (Food scraps, tea bags, compostables) ● Black: General Waste (Non-recyclable, non-compostable).

For more, visit the following link:

[County Hall is Upgrading! ♻️ New 3-Bin Waste System Has Launched!](#)

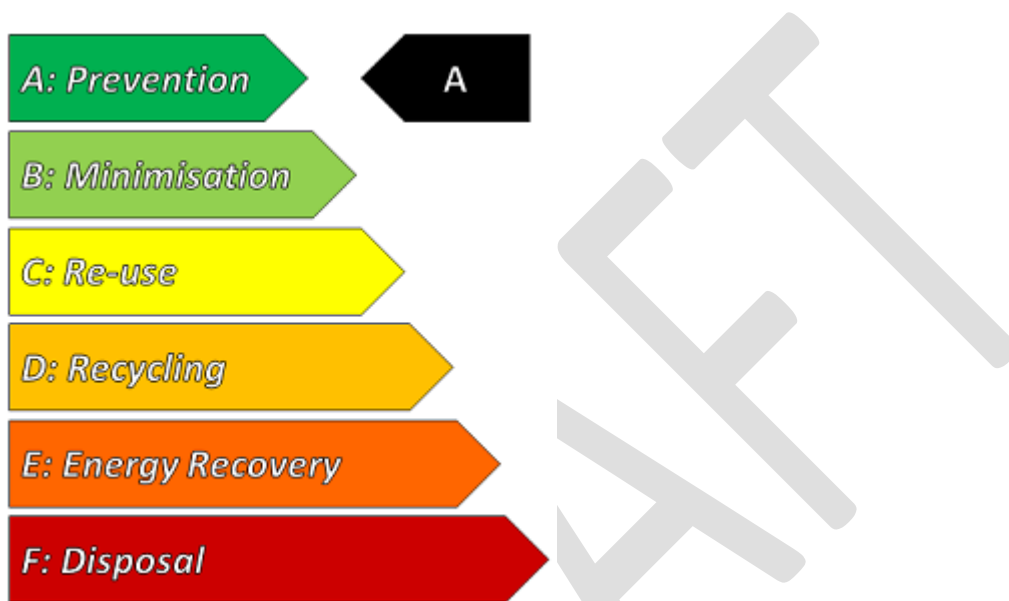


Community Engagement, Education and Environmental Awareness

Background

Communication, education, and awareness are key components in fostering a greater understanding of the impact that littering and illegal dumping has on our environment.

A strong emphasis on prioritising litter /waste prevention must be effectively communicated, as the most important action on the waste hierarchy.



Strategy

To promote the anti-litter and litter prevention message throughout the South Dublin County Council administrative area.

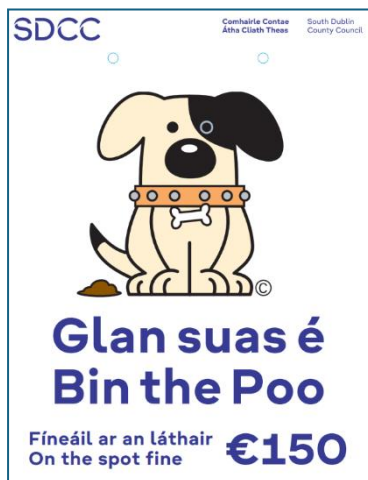
Objectives

- To promote targeted anti-litter and litter prevention initiatives and awareness campaigns, including graffiti, dog fouling, illegal dumping along with cinema and radio advertisement.

SDCC is actively involved in anti-litter campaigns focusing on cigarette butts, dog fouling, vaping materials, litter, and illegal dumping, to promote a clean environment throughout South Dublin County.

The Environmental Awareness Section in SDCC provides new and replacement Anti-Litter and Dog Fouling Signage throughout the county. This encourages the public to dispose of their litter in the appropriate way and for dog owners to bin their dog waste bags in a nearby public bin or bring it home to dispose of in a safe manner. On

the spot litter fines will be issued by authorised SDCC staff under the Litter Pollution Act.



SDCC will continue to promote the enhancement and transformation of the graffiti-impacted traffic light boxes into beautiful works of art, through the [Dublin Canvas Project](#). The Dublin Canvas Project runs from Spring to late Autumn every year. Each piece of artwork reflects the surrounding area, creating a meaningful connection to the local community and is transforming South Dublin County.



- Provide regular information on how the public can engage in litter prevention within communities across the county.

Radio and social media campaigns will run over the course of this plan to highlight the dangers and environmental impacts of litter and waste materials in our shared spaces and to provide regular updates on how the public can engage in litter prevention initiatives.

- To encourage and support active participation in Local, National and Regional litter prevention and awareness programmes.

SDCC will continue to work with local communities on campaigns such as [Bulbs Not Bonfires](#) during the Halloween period to facilitate the removal of bonfire materials and by providing residents associations, schools, and community groups with bulbs to plant for pollinator friendly spring flowers to replace bonfire scarred open spaces.

SDCC will continue to participate in Irelands largest and longest running anti-litter [National Spring Clean](#) initiative which promotes local responsibility for litter, waste reduction and recycling, in partnership with An Taisce and the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government. SDCC encourages people of all ages to gather friends, family, classmates, neighbours, or colleagues to unite and join in the month-long anti-litter initiative of cleaning their shared green spaces together throughout the month of April. Volunteers can register on the www.nationalspringclean.org to receive Free Clean-up Kits, including bags, gloves, and vests and SDCC will arrange collection after the clean-up to maintain a clean county.



SDCC connects with the [Gum Litter Taskforce](#) on the streets of South Dublin County during the summer period every year to promote positive gum litter disposal, a combined initiative between the gum industry and the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications. The Summer Roadshow campaign promotes the importance of proper litter disposal through fun educational and awareness initiatives that highlight the negative environmental impacts of gum litter and draw awareness to the €150 gum litter fine. SDCC will continue to support this sustained public engagement and education campaign during this plan to encourage a downward trend in gum litter pollution.



- To engage with, support and provide initiatives for young people that promote litter prevention including delivery of the Green Schools Programme

SDCC will continue to support the high participatory rate for primary level and second level schools in the **Green-Schools Programme**, by facilitating educational workshops and carrying out school visits in coordination with An Taisce. Our Environmental Awareness Team will continue to encourage schools which are not yet involved in Green Schools to positively influence their school and communities by initiating action on the litter and waste prevention.



SDCCs anti-litter awareness programme includes a primary and secondary schools **Anti-Litter Poster and Slogan Competition**. The winners from two age categories (under and over age 9) will have their poster professionally printed and placed on ‘Big Belly’ compactor bins in strategic locations in South Dublin County to promote litter prevention.

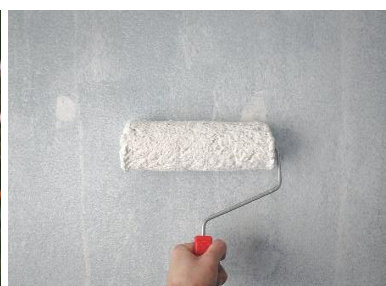
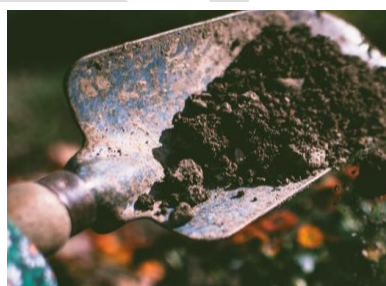
SDCCs **Eco Week** is an engaging annual event for primary and secondary school students that raises awareness about environmental topics including litter and waste, through a variety of fun and educational hands-on activities

delivered by scientists, environmental specialists, and creators. SDCC aims to build on the success of the twenty-two Eco-Week events run prior to the commencement of this Plan and foster the passion, creativity, and energy to carry out positive litter prevention actions at home and in the community.



- To support community groups in litter prevention, litter awareness, and community clean ups.

The Environmental Awareness Section will continue to assist residents, schools, youth and community groups, through the promotion of SDCCs community-focused [Social Credits Scheme](#). The initiative encourages people to come together to carry out pro-environmental actions including litter clean-ups, gardening, maintenance and painting of public green spaces, community gardens and schools through the provision of resources (anti-litter signage, litter pickers, gloves, refuse sacks, biodegradable leaf bags and gardening tools), plants and the support of a Biodiversity Expert.



- To create awareness and support amongst householders of the litter prevention message and of their responsibilities and obligations.

“No Dumping – River Starts Here” Pro-Environment Campaign

SDCC has taken a step towards cleaner waterways with the launch of its new "No Dumping - The River Starts Here" labelling selected kerbsides and gullies initiative. The pro-environment collaborative project, involving local residents, school children and community representatives was launched in 2026 to highlight the direct and often forgotten link between litter and the local rivers.

The community-led approach emphasises that protecting our environment requires a shared responsibility, highlighting that everyone can do their bit to protect their local river and that small actions can have a significant impact. SDCC will engage with other local schools and community groups to place the "No Dumping - The River Starts Here" labels across the county. By participating in this campaign, we are committing ourselves to do something simple but powerful to help clean our rivers, keep our wildlife safe, make our community proud, and protect our shared spaces for this and future generations.



- To provide support to new and existing community links encouraging community involvement in maintaining a clean county.

SDCC will continue to part-fund and support projects through the [Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Grant](#), in conjunction with the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications. The Environmental Awareness team strives to continue to support local communities in combating littering and graffiti by empowering individuals, schools, and community groups with supports and resources for activities including painting of estate walls and murals, litter prevention workshops, art materials for anti-litter campaigns and the creation of areas for biodiversity.

Public awareness and environmental education litter prevention initiatives such as “Zero Trace” and “Zero Waste” are resourced to promote the reduction of litter and involve schools and young people in anti-litter and anti-graffiti action. SDCC also part-funds the litter-picking programme “[Picker Pals](#)” every year, providing a school-based programme of learning about litter, raising awareness about the impact of litter on the environment and inspiring waste reduction ideas in primary school children.

Environmental Awareness team will continue to provide a “Picker Pals” litter picking pack for students to take home and go litter-picking with their family, empowering pride, and a sense of responsibility in their local environment.

- To promote and celebrate successful local litter prevention initiatives in communities throughout the county.

SDCC is committed to building on the achievements of the Tidy Towns groups to date and has recognised their outstanding voluntary commitment. The Environmental Awareness Team regularly engage with Tidy Towns Groups to ensure continued support around all adjudication categories including ‘Tidiness and Litter Control.’ Recommendations highlighted in Tidy Towns Adjudicator Reports are addressed in these engagements and SDCC is committed to funding initiatives and building on the achievements of the Tidy Towns Groups.



- To promote successful engagement with businesses throughout the county to reinforce the positive impact businesses can have in preventing litter pollution.

To reinforce the positive impact businesses can have in litter prevention SDCCs Environmental Awareness team encourages businesses to participate in local anti-litter initiatives and connection with local Tidy Towns Groups. The Environmental Awareness officer will continue to

collaborate with local businesses and support regular clean-up events by providing them with supports and resources such as litter pickers, bags, and promotional materials. The Litter Wardens and Waste Enforcement Section will provide additional information to businesses to assist in litter prevention and with meeting regulatory requirements.

- To promote the Circular Economy and sustainable alternatives to litter disposal (upcycling, composting, reuse and repurpose).

Disposable Vapes Pilot Project:

The SDCC ‘Disposable Vapes Pilot Project’ with the Junior Safety Forum students and Technological University Dublin commenced in March 2026 to further develop the students *Escape the Vape* initiative and explore the repurposing of Disposable Vapes collected during litter cleanups. A short awareness film will be distributed at the end of the pilot capturing the student’s involvement, the deconstruction of the waste vapes materials and the design process involved in repurposing the disposable vapes. The project highlights how powerful young people’s voices can be when their ideas are recognised and supported by partners such as Healthy Ireland, SDCC’s Environmental Department and TU Dublin.



Public Realm Operations

Background

The **Public Realm section** refers to the part of the council that is responsible for managing, maintaining, and improving the publicly accessible spaces and landscape throughout the county.

The works undertaken by the Public Realm section includes but is not limited to litter bin servicing, grass cutting, park maintenance, removal of illegal dumping, village cleansing, pitch maintenance etc.

In addition to the services provided by direct labour the Council has a road sweeping and associated services contract in place with Oxigen Environmental Ltd. Under this contract, dual carriageways, main roads, housing estates and industrial estates are provided with a road sweeping and litter picking service at a set frequency¹. The associated services provided under this contract are weed control (from April to September inclusive), gully cleaning and leaf removal during winter months.

The SDCC Street Sweeping Schedule is available at the following link:
[Oxigen Environmental - Street Sweeping Schedule](#)

Strategy

To deliver an integrated approach to achieving high quality maintenance and improvement of our public realm.

Objectives:

- To undertake street (town/village) cleaning programme including daily litter bin inspections and servicing as appropriate.
- To provide litter picking in conjunction with grass cutting.
- To ensure that all cleansing services are always adequately resourced.
- To monitor and ensure that cleansing services are always provided to an acceptable standard.
- To ensure a speedy response for the removal of graffiti on public property.
- To ensure that areas subjected to on-going litter and dumping are cleaned on a weekly basis at a minimum.

¹ Current frequency as follows:

- Housing Estates @ four times per year (13 weeks) – some every 6 weeks
- Main Roads @ twelve times per year (4 weeks) – some every 2 weeks
- Industrial Estates @ twice per year (26 weeks)
- Dual Carriageways @ quarterly (13 weeks)

- To continuously monitor and review the litter bin stock around the County as deemed to be necessary.
- To continue to support the Tidy Towns and residents' group clean ups through the social credits scheme.
- To ensure that SDCC Bring Banks are serviced and maintained to a high standard.
- To endeavour to respond to reports of illegal dumping within a 24-to-48-hour timeframe.

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Enforcement & Regulation

Background

South Dublin County Council is committed to improving the aesthetic appearance of our County, making it an attractive place in which to live and do business. The Council is committed to fully enforcing the provisions of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended, the Waste Management Act 1996, as amended, and associated regulations to tackle individuals and/or businesses that are responsible for littering and illegal dumping.

Currently, the Council employs a team of 6 Litter Wardens who patrol the County daily investigating incidences of littering and illegal dumping. All reports of litter and illegal dumping are recorded on the Environmental Complaints System, where they are tracked from original complaint through investigation to enforcement.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued when sufficient evidence is found or provided and direct prosecution is initiated when deemed appropriate. Those who fail or refuse to pay Fixed Penalty Notices are prosecuted through the Courts.

The Council's Waste Enforcement & Licensing Section's Waste Enforcement Officers are authorised to carry out many functions under the Waste Management Act 1996, as amended. This includes enforcement of the Council's Household & Commercial Waste Byelaws, 2018, and various Waste Management Regulations covering waste collection, storage, and disposal. They work in tandem with the Council's Litter Wardens to ensure a thorough investigative regime is in place to tackle issues of illegal dumping and waste disposal to identify those responsible, secure successful legal and remedial actions.

The Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022 (the Circular Economy Act) was signed into law on the 21st of July 2022. The Circular Economy Act provides for amendments to the Waste Management Act and the Litter Pollution Act 1997 (The Acts). The proposed amendments include provisions for the approval of CCTV schemes by local authorities, subject to conditions, for the purposes of deterring environmental pollution and facilitating the deterrence, prevention, detection, and prosecution of offences under the Acts.

SDCC is committed to availing of CCTV and Mobile Recording Devices (MRD) in its efforts to deter, detect and prosecute litter and illegal dumping offences in accordance with the Codes of Practice of the Circular Economy

& Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 2022. A small number of CCTV schemes have been implemented to tackle littering and illegal dumping.

The further introduction of CCTV will be implemented on a phased basis, subject to the approval of the CCTV oversight board. Areas with the highest recorded levels of littering and illegal dumping will be prioritised initially, if less intrusive measures are demonstrably unsuccessful. SDCC will pursue enforcement actions against any identifiable person who unlawfully deposits waste in our County.

Strategy

To continue a high level of enforcement to prevent and control litter (including illegal dumping).

Objectives

- To continue to improve the visibility of the Litter Warden Service
- To provide a targeted focus on known litter generators, particularly around time of known occurrences
- To investigate all complaints and enforce regulation and legislation as appropriate
- To continue to operate Customer Relations Management Systems
- To continually examine options for surveillance to reduce incidences of littering and dog fouling
- To continue to provide and promote the Council's Litter Warden Hotline on 014149220 and the Environmental Protection Agency's anti-dumping hotline 1850 365 123
- To ensure procedures to tackle illegal signage are robust and deter future/repeat offences
- To use technology as a tool to combat littering and illegal dumping, in locations where less intrusive measures have not had a tangible impact on reducing littering and illegal dumping.

Annual Action Plans

SDCC is required to report on the operation of the Litter Management Plan indicating the measures which we are/have taken in relation to the prevention and control of litter across the administrative area.

A comprehensive Action Plan will be developed for each year of the plan to evaluate and monitor progress in accordance with Section 10(3) of the Litter Pollution Acts. This will be reported annually to elected members through the Area Committee meetings in the first quarter of each year. Annual Action Plans will include, but will not be limited to the Actions set out in Appendix I.

The report will include an assessment of:

- All litter prevention and control measures undertaken
- Extent of promotion of public awareness, education, and information measures
- Level of co-operation and assistance provided by the Council for the purpose of preventing and controlling litter
- Extent of enforcement action taken.

Annual Action Plans will have regard to:

- Learning from previous year
- RMCEI Plan (Recommended Minimum Criteria for Environmental Inspections)
- NLPMS (National Litter Pollution Monitoring System)
- IBAL Surveys (Irish Business Against Litter)
- Climate Action Plan
- Mission Statement and Objectives of the SDCC Corporate Plan
- The proper planning and development of the county and the provisions of the County Development Plan.

Appendix I: SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

Communication and Awareness

- Promote Anti-Litter & Anti-graffiti promotional/media awareness schedule (dog fouling, anti-litter, illegal dumping, anti-graffiti radio and cinema advertisement campaigns).
- Provision of South Dublin Canvas project to combat graffiti on traffic light boxes.
- Administer Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grant.
- Promote environmental school poster and slogan competition.
- Promote National Gum Litter Task Force.
- Promote and support National Spring Clean.
- Promote and support Tidy Towns Initiative.
- Promote and provide support to Social Credit Scheme.
- Provide support and administer the Green Schools Programme.
- Promote Seasonal Campaigns.

Public Realm

- Operation of village cleaning programme including weekend and bank holiday services.
- Continued provision of the road sweeping services contract and expansion to newly developed areas as required.
- Planned and scheduled clean-ups of identified litter blackspots in the county.
- Servicing and maintenance of SDCC Bring Banks to ensure that they are litter free.
- Continually review litter bin provision in the Public Realm having regard to Litter Bin Placement Protocol.
- Review bin provision in villages and identify suitable bin type to be used.
- To improve the aesthetic of bins throughout the county.
- Work with sporting clubs to ensure litter control measures are in place in accordance with the Allocation of Pitch/Sporting Facilities – Policy and Conditions document.
- Use of internal systems to track and manage the removal of graffiti from public property.
- Targeted programme to remove bonfire material from public places in advance of Halloween.
- Mapping of Halloween bonfires to identify trends and inform planned interventions.
- Clean up and removal of Halloween bonfire material in a timely manner.
- Operate Laneway Maintenance programme at identified locations across the county and continue to seek solutions to issue.

Litter Enforcement

- Continue to operate the Customer Relations Management Systems (Members Reps, Customer Contact System, Environmental Complaints System) to track complaints/reports from initial contact to resolution
- Maintain high profile targeted warden service with foot and drive by patrols as appropriate across the county
- Issue of notices and fines for breaches of environmental legislation, regulation, and byelaws, including littering, illegal dumping, dog fouling and unauthorised signage, where sufficient evidence is available
- Initiate legal proceedings for non-payment of fines, where appropriate
- Initiate direct prosecutions, where appropriate
- Use overt and covert CCTV cameras and other technologies including drones and audio devices to monitor areas prone to illegal dumping and to support enforcement action
- Ensure procedures to tackle illegal signage are robust and deter future/repeat offences, due to the increased reports of illegal signage throughout the county
- Promote and support the PURE Initiative
- Develop targeted communications for fast-food outlets in the county regarding litter pollution responsibilities.

Waste Enforcement

- Enforcement of Household & Commercial Waste Byelaws 2018, including storage, management and disposal of waste, household surveys
- Enforcement of Producer Responsibility Legislation (Tyres, Packaging, WEEE, Batteries)
- Combat unauthorised waste collectors, e.g., man in a van, scrap collections
- Targeted inspections of unauthorised waste sites
- Initiate legal proceedings for offences under the Waste Management Act 1996, as amended
- Manage and promote annual Anti-Dumping Initiative schemes
- Enforcement of the Separate Collection (Deposit Return Scheme) Regulations 2024, to investigate businesses suspected of not complying with the Regulations
- Operate Mattress and WEEE amnesty initiatives
- Operate Christmas Tree Recycling initiatives.

Appendix II: BONFIRE MANAGEMENT

The Air Pollution Act, 1987, was introduced to counter air pollution in Ireland, particularly in urban areas by means of Special Control Area Orders. The burning of a range of materials in an urban area is prohibited in areas covered by a Special Control Areas, and these would include the materials/ waste typically used for Halloween bonfires.

The main objective of Section 32 of the Waste Management Act 1996, as amended, is to prevent environmental pollution and the creation of nuisance emissions.

The Council's Byelaws for Parks and Open Spaces 2011, under Section 5.2. Consideration for other Parks users, state: *No person shall Make any bonfire, fire, barbecue, possess or light any firework save with the prior permission of the Council and subject to the terms and conditions of such permission.*

In 2025, SDCC Identified a total of 192 Halloween Bonfires sites across the county. The Council's response to Halloween over the period of the Litter Management Plan will continue to involve the following:

- Adopt a cross-departmental approach to Halloween using the resources that are required, working with Public Realm, Waste Enforcement, Environmental Awareness, Library Services, Housing and Community Services to prevent damage and promote the "Safe Halloween" message
- Liaise with An Garda Síochána to ensure that actions taken by both the Council and Gardaí are coordinated and effective
- Liaise with local resident groups who can help to identify the locations of material stockpiles
- Engage with local communities by providing information and opportunities for alternate and a safe way to celebrate Halloween
- Promote 'Bulbs not Bonfires' initiative where resident groups are provided with flowering bulbs to plant in their estate to promote pride in their green areas
- Promote social media posts advising risk of bonfires to environment and personal safety
- Operate Mattress and WEEE amnesty initiatives in the lead up to Halloween to provide disposal of waste which frequently is found illegally dumped or burnt on bonfires
- Deliver SDCC Samhain/Halloween family friendly events held across the county

- Engage with elected members to identify additional or alternate methods to help reduce the occurrence of bonfires and the resulting damage.

There is still a likely requirement for dealing with the collection/stockpiling of Halloween Material. In order to prevent the availability of bonfire material,

- SDCC will provide contact details for the public to report locations of suspected bonfire material. In the weeks prior to Halloween, SDCC crews, in conjunction with local Gardaí, will arrange for the collection of the stockpiled material and ensure its correct disposal
- SDCC will write to business owners reminding them of their obligations under the Waste Management Act for the correct safe storage and disposal of waste. As required, Waste Enforcement will carry out further inspections to ensure compliance with the act.

As most of the bonfires take place in parks, open spaces and other public areas, the Council is tasked with the removal of bonfire material before, during and after Halloween. This activity carries a high risk and appropriate Risk Assessments are in place as part of the Council's Safety Management System.

Where bonfire material in a public place is reported to the Council, removal will continue to be prioritised having regard to the following:

- Under power lines
- Against or immediately adjacent to housing or other property
- On main roads where there is likely to be a threat to public transport
- Locations as identified by An Garda Síochána as likely to present a threat to public safety.

The Health and Safety of the Council staff involved will be assessed and removal of material will be undertaken during normal working hours. Locations will be checked and prioritised for removal in accordance with the above. The location will be risk assessed by supervisory staff, and Garda support will be sought as appropriate.

In managing this service, the Council is mindful of minimising damage to property and essential services and will prioritise the resources available to ensure best use. It is not physically possible to remove all bonfire material from every reported location at Halloween.

The Council will not remove bonfire material from:

- Private property
- Gated developments
- Gated laneways in housing estates.

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Appendix III: CCTV & ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES

The Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2022 (the Circular Economy Act) was signed into law on the 21st of July 2022.

The Circular Economy Act provides for amendments to:

- The Waste Management Act 1996 (the Act of 1996) [Part 3 of the Act] and
- The Litter Pollution Act 1997 (the Act of 1997) [Part 4 of the Act]

The amendments to the Act of 1996 and the Act of 1997 include provisions for the approval of CCTV schemes by local authorities, subject to conditions, for the purposes of deterring environmental pollution and facilitating the deterrence, prevention, detection, and prosecution of offences under the Act of 1996 or the Act of 1997.

The Act includes a requirement that The Local Government Management Agency shall prepare and submit to the Minister for approval draft codes of practice for the purposes of setting standards for the operation of CCTV schemes by Local Authorities. It is also provided in the Act that the codes of practice must be in place prior to Parts 3 and 4 of the Act being commenced and any CCTV schemes being proposed for approval.

SDCC is committed to availing of CCTV and Mobile Recording Devices (MRD) in its efforts to deter, detect and prosecute litter and illegal dumping offences in accordance with the Codes of Practice. A small number of CCTV schemes have been implemented to tackle littering and illegal dumping.

The further introduction of CCTV will be implemented on a phased basis, subject to the approval of the CCTV oversight board. Areas with the highest recorded levels of littering and illegal dumping will be prioritised initially, if less intrusive measures are demonstrably unsuccessful. SDCC will pursue enforcement actions against any identifiable person who unlawfully deposits waste in our County.

Appendix IV: CLEANSING

SDCC engages multi-tasking crews in litter picking, cleansing, and the removal of illegally dumped material. Street/ road cleaning, litter picking and servicing litter bins is undertaken on a scheduled basis.

Road Sweeping:

The Council has a road sweeping and associated services contract in place with an external provider. All roads, housing estates and industrial estates are provided with a road sweeping and litter picking service at agreed frequencies. The associated services provided under this contract are weed control, gully cleaning, and leaf collection.

Link to schedule: [Oxygen Environmental - Street Sweeping Schedule](#)

Bring Banks:

There are currently 62 recycling/ bring centres in the county. These provide the public access for the recycling of bottles, metal cans, and clothes.

SDCC is committed to continue to identify opportunities to expand the current offering of recycling facilities for the public throughout the county.

Three (3) service providers are currently engaging with the Council in relation to the provision of textile recycling facilities. There is a contract in place for the servicing (emptying) of the glass recycling banks; this is a regional contract in collaboration between the four Dublin local authorities.

The service (emptying) at glass recycling banks varies in accordance with the level of need. Most frequently used facilities are emptied every 2-4 days, others on a less regular basis, depending on usage. The operator is responsible for tidying up the surrounding area of the facilities. All litter/ broken glass in the surrounding area (up to 5m away from bottle bank) is collected.

To provide evidence of the cleaning, a picture is taken by the glass collection service before and after each cleaning event. This information is provided to the Council via an online reporting tool.

In addition to cleaning carried out by the service provider during glass collections, a scheduled cleaning service is also provided by the glass collection service provider. The service provider is only contractually obligated to clean litter directly related to glass recycling, such as broken glass, cardboard boxes, crates, and plastic bags.

If the litter is unrelated to the bottle bank the contractor notifies the Council, where there is high activity of inappropriate use/ dumping at these facilities the council provides a cleaning service at these locations as deemed necessary.

Litter Bins:

SDCC currently provides more than 800 public litter bins across the County. These are strategically located in town and village centres, high-footfall areas, parks, and along key pedestrian routes. Public litter bins are not generally provided within residential housing estates. Bin surveys are ongoing to assess usage, condition, and servicing requirements of the existing network and to ensure provision remains appropriately targeted.

Community Clean Ups:

Community Clean Ups are managed through the [Social Credit Scheme](#) where community groups and schools can apply for assistance with community clean ups.

Applicants for assistance must provide the Council with the following details:

- date and location of clean up,
- contact details of organiser, and
- location where waste materials will be stored for removal.

Waste collected through community clean ups is collected by the Council from the location agreed with the group prior to the clean-up.

Appendix V: DOG FOULING MANAGEMENT

Dog faeces is a health hazard and may cause Salmonella or an infection called Toxocariasis which can pass to humans through contact with contaminated faeces.

Allowing dogs to foul in public places is not acceptable. Under the Litter Pollution Act 1997, dog owners are legally obliged to clean up after their dogs if they foul in public places. ALWAYS BAG IT AND BIN IT. If you do not clean up after your pet, you are liable to receive an on-the-spot fine of €150. Failure to pay this fine can result in prosecution with a maximum fine of €4000 if convicted. Contact the Litter Warden on 01 414 9000 to report dog owners who do not clean up after their pets.

Dog fouling is dealt with under Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act, 1997, as amended. Under this Act the person in charge of the dog is subject to a fine or prosecution if they do not immediately remove any faeces deposited by their dog in certain places, and/ or if that person fails to ensure that their dog litter is properly disposed of in a suitable sanitary manner.

The difficulty with enforcement of this section of the Act is the requirement for witness testimony, to report that the offence happened and that an identified person is the person in charge of the dog. The Council continues to encourage residents' groups and/ or individuals to assist the Litter Warden Service in this regard.

While a substantial number of dog owners take responsibility for their dog and cleaning up after it, it is the case that there is a considerable minority who do not, and will not, clean up after their dog.

The council continues to raise awareness on the issue of dog fouling and has mounted several campaigns on radio, newspapers and on social media in that regard. SDCC is committed to promoting responsible dog ownership.

[SDCC Responsible Dog Ownership.pdf](#)

Dog litter, if properly bagged can be disposed of in a standard litter bin. The Council provides standard type litter bins in its main parks and at the dog runs which have been provided in those parks.

Dog Litter Signage continues to be available and requests for signage are considered on a case-by-case basis, and signs are erected on demonstrated need. The location of the request is examined for suitability and if deemed suitable signs can be erected. If there is/are registered group(s) in existence in an area, signage may be provided directly to the group through the Social

Credits Scheme with the caveat that such signage erected must have due regard for public health and safety, and must not impede visibility or restrict traffic, cycling and pedestrian flow.

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Appendix VI: GRAFFITI RESPONSE

Graffiti can be reported to SDCC through an online form at the following location:

[SDCC Forms - Graffiti Report](#)

The Council recognises that certain locations experience recurring graffiti and these areas are monitored as part of ongoing maintenance. Reports of graffiti are logged and addressed. Offensive or discriminatory graffiti is treated as a priority and removed as quickly as possible.

To assist in combatting graffiti, the Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grant is made available to community groups and schools through the Environmental Awareness Section. In addition, the South Dublin Canvas project will be continued.

It is an offence to deface property, and it is a requirement of Section 19 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 for property owners to remedy defacement.

The purpose of this protocol is to set out clearly the basic principles for the Council's management of graffiti, and to provide consistency in approach to graffiti removal across the county:

- If the graffiti is on public property, the Council will arrange for its removal. Depending on the type of surface, chemicals or paint will be used
- If the graffiti is on utility boxes belonging to utility companies, the company concerned will be contacted and requested to remove the graffiti. There is currently a formal Memorandum of Understanding in place with four utility providers. These will be kept under review as part of this protocol
- It is the responsibility of all property owners to remove graffiti from their premises. Where graffiti is on private property the Council will request the property owner to remove the graffiti in the first instance. Depending on the location, and if the property faces onto a strategic public place, the Council will endeavour to have the defacement removed. The Council will require indemnity from the property owner or an agent of the property owner to enter onto the property for the purpose of removal of the defacement. The property owner or an agent of the property owner will sign an indemnity, and, in all cases, there will be a fee involved. No works will take place on private property in the absence of such indemnity, and no chargeable work will be carried out until such charges are agreed by both parties.

In a limited number of circumstances, it may not be possible to remove the graffiti owing to difficulties accessing sites.

South Dublin County Council Graffiti Indemnity form for Private Property

This form contains important provisions about our liability to you.

Please read it before signing.

I, _____ [insert name] being the freehold owner/freehold owner's agent/tenant/tenant's agent/other (please specify) _____ of the premises known as _____ (the "Premises") give South Dublin County Council or any contractors appointed by them, permission to enter the Premises to remove and/or paint over fly-posting and/or graffiti from the external walls, windows and fronts of the premises.

I understand that this work will be carried out for which there may be a charge incurred to me, as part of South Dublin County Council's initiative for the prevention and removal of graffiti.

I understand also that no chargeable work will be carried out until I have agreed the charge. I also authorise South Dublin County Council and any contractors appointed by them to erect signs warning of prosecution if acts of graffiti or fly posting persist.

I acknowledge that South Dublin County Council, nor any of their contractors, have carried out or arranged to be carried out any inspections, building surveys, assessments, or tests regarding the suitability of the Premises for the removal processes used, including (but without limitation) the use of power washers and high-pressure hoses.

If the Premises (and/or related property and/or other premises) are damaged because of the above removal then neither South Dublin County Council, nor their contractors, shall be liable to any party in any circumstances for any damage whatsoever and however caused (including without limitation in tort, contract and by negligence). South Dublin County Council, and any contractors appointed by them, do not attempt to limit, or exclude liability for death or personal injury arising from negligence. I hereby indemnify South Dublin County Council and their contractors from and against any claims, costs, liability, and/or proceedings in respect of any damage caused from the removal of such graffiti / fly posting as set out above.

If I am not the property owner, I confirm that I have the freehold owner's permission and full authority to provide this consent and sign this disclaimer on behalf of the freehold owner.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ **Email:** _____

Please return this form to: South Dublin County Council

Alternatively Email To: info@sdblincoco.ie

Appendix VII: LITTER BIN MANAGEMENT

The Public Realm Section is responsible for litter control in all public spaces within the Council's administrative area. As part of this service, Public Realm section provides and maintains a network in excess of 800 litter bins. These are strategically located in town and village centres, high-footfall areas, parks, and along key pedestrian routes. Public litter bins are not generally provided within residential housing estates.

The purpose of litter bin management is to address the following issues with the overall objective of improving the cleanliness of the county:

- Ensure litter bins are of an attractive and robust design, fit for purpose and placed in the right locations
- Clear criteria against which litter bin requests can be assessed.

The Climate Action Directorate is the main directorate that provides and services litter bins in the county. These bins are managed by the Public Realm Section. To optimise resources and ensure that bins are provided in the most cost-effective manner, while ensuring that they deliver maximum service, it is important to establish the principles of where litter bins will / will not be provided.

It is neither desirable nor effective to simply provide litter bins on a request basis. This protocol aims to set out the basic principles for litter bin placement to provide consistency and appropriate coverage in all parts of the county. This should provide greater understanding of litter bin provision and inform requests for new litter bins.

Locations where requests for bins should receive priority for litter bin placements are:

- Town and village centres
- Vicinity of shops such as newsagents, food retailers, supermarkets
- Areas where people congregate e.g. bus stops, tram stops, post offices, public service buildings/offices
- Main routes to schools, and
- Larger parks greater than 16 hectares in size e.g. in the vicinity of playgrounds and dog runs.

Capacity of the location to facilitate safe access for maintenance vehicles (side loader) will be considered in all cases.

Locations that are not considered suitable for litter bin as they tend to attract dumping, vandalism are:

- Residential areas with no mixed usage, especially cul-de-sac type developments, as they attract dumping of household waste around the litter bins, and
- Parks less than 16 hectares in size where they are in residential areas, unless some demonstrable demand exists that cannot be met by bin placement on street.

In managing this service, the Council is mindful of all costs when considering requests for new bins. These include not just the initial purchase and installation cost but must also have regard to the ongoing maintenance and servicing costs for each new bin.

Where a request is received for a new/replacement litter bin, each location will be assessed having regard to the criteria set out above, as well as the existing provision of litter bins nearby i.e., within 400m.

Bin surveys are ongoing to assess usage, condition, and servicing requirements of the existing network and to ensure provision remains appropriately targeted.

Appendix VIII: HELPFUL LINKS

Governing Legislation

[Environmental Protection Agency Acts 1992 and 2003](#)

[Waste Management Act 1996, as amended.](#)

[Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended.](#)

[Air Pollution Act 1987](#)

[Local Government \(Water Pollution\) Act 1977](#)

[Local Government \(Water Pollution\) \(Amendment\) Act 1990](#)

[Protection of the Environment Act 2003](#)

[Household & Commercial Waste Byelaws](#)

[Parks & Open Spaces Byelaws](#)

[Circular Economy \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act, 2022](#)

[National Waste Management Plan for a Circular Economy 2024-2030](#)

Information

[Recycling and Waste Information - SDCC](#)

[Manage Household Waste - SDCC](#)

[Litter Management - SDCC](#)

[Bring Banks - SDCC](#)

[Abandoned Vehicles - SDCC](#)

[Dog Fouling - SDCC Responsible Dog Ownership.pdf](#)

[Ballymount Civic Amenity Information - SDCC](#)

[Casual Trading Information- SDCC](#)

Community & Business Initiatives

[Social Credits Scheme- SDCC](#)

[2025 Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grant - SDCC](#)

[Pickers Pals - Voice Ireland](#)

[National Spring Clean - An Taisce](#)

[National Spring Clean 2026 - SDCC](#)

[Green-Schools | Working Together for a Sustainable Future](#)

[Gum Litter Task Force](#)

[Irish Business Against Litter | IBAL](#)

[Dublin Canvas - Colour in the City](#)

Forms

[New Bulbs Not Bonfires.pdf](#)

[SDCC Forms - Graffiti Report](#)

Schedules

[Oxigen Environmental - Street Sweeping Schedule](#)