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South Dublin  
County Council

# Draft Litter Management Plan 2026-2029

13 APRIL 2026

Meeting of South Dublin County Council

# Legislation and Timelines

## Legislation:

- The Litter Management Plan (LMP) is prepared as prescribed in Section 10 of the Litter Management Acts
- Section 11 sets out the requirements of the LMP
- Section 12 sets out the procedure for making, amending or replacing the LMP
- Section 13 provides that the making, review, amendment or replacement of the plan shall be a reserved function
- SDCC proposes to replace the Litter Management Plan 2023-2025.

## Timelines:

- Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change SPC, February 2026 – Review of LMP 2023-2025 & initiation of 2026-2029 plan
- Draft Litter Management Plan open for public consultation Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Feb–Fri 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- 12<sup>th</sup> March - Meeting of Circular Economy SPC subcommittee
- 30<sup>th</sup> March – SPC members, consideration and recommendation to council.
- 13<sup>th</sup> April – Chief Executive’s Report on public consultation at April Council and draft LMP 2026-2029 to Councillors for approval

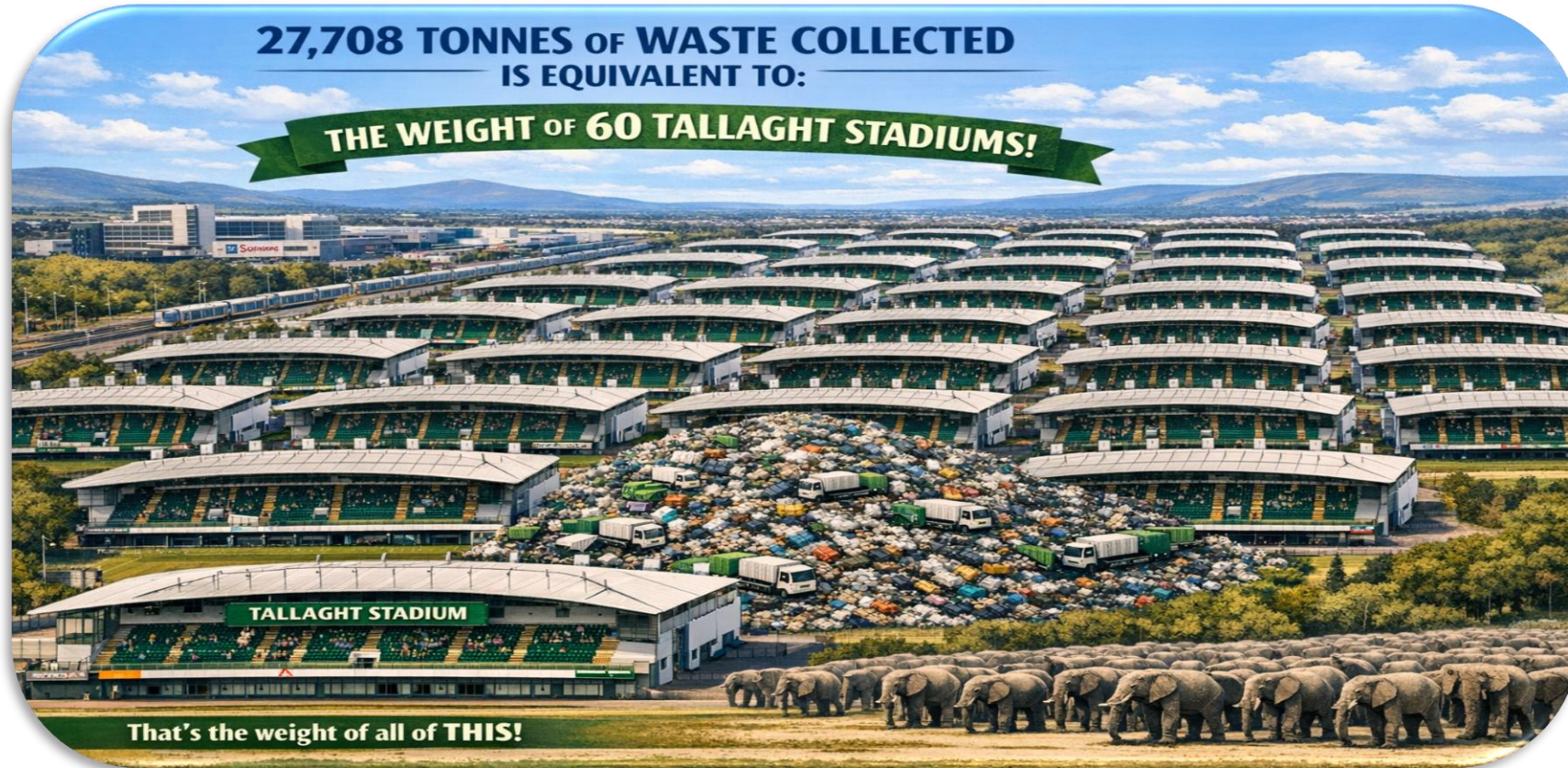
# Why this matters?

- Cost of litter to the Council, in 2025 the spend on Litter Management was €2.3 million and the 2026 budget allocation has increased to €2.4 million
- This expenditure is comparable to an upgraded park in the county, for e.g. **Whitestown Stream Park upgrade (€2.5 million)**



# Why this matters?

- The impact it has on tourism, local businesses, and resident satisfaction. 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
- Throughout the life of the last Litter Management Plan 2023-2025, 27,708 tonnes of waste was collected



# Why this matters?

- Environmental consequences - wildlife, waterways, microplastics
- Our aim is to prevent it from entering our aquatic systems
- SDCC installed 28 drinking water stations
- To date, the number of litres of water dispensed was 52,520 litres
- The number of plastic bottles saved was 105,040



# Highlights of the Litter Management Plan 2023 - 2025

- Significant improvement in the IBAL results in 2025 on previous years with Tallaght jumping ten places in the national rankings
- Commencement of the roll out of solar-powered compactor bins
- 135 Primary and Post Primary schools registered with the Green Schools Programme
- 28 drinking water stations installed
- Over 660 community enhancement and clean-up events in 2025
- New online form for reporting Graffiti
- Over 80 Anti-Litter workshops facilitated by Environmental Awareness team



# Circular Economy sub-committee policy objectives

Ensure Circular Economy is considered and suitably addressed through the lifetime of the SDCC Litter Management Plan 2026 – 2029 under the following named actions:

1. Promote the Circular Economy and sustainable alternatives to litter disposal (upcycling, composting, reuse and repurpose)
2. Encourage and support active participation in Local, National and Regional litter prevention and awareness programmes
3. Engage with, support and provide initiatives for young people that promote litter prevention including delivery of the Green Schools Programme
4. Utilise social media, our website, and all available channels to promote and report on the litter prevention programmes and campaigns to encourage engagement with our citizens
5. Promote and celebrate successful local litter prevention initiatives in communities throughout the county



## Draft LMP 2026-2029 Public Consultation

- Public Consultation opened Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- Published on SDCC Public Consultation Portal
- Advertised on radio and in the local press
- Regular promotion through SDCC social media channels
- 8 submissions were received in total under a number of different themes
- Chief Executive's Report on Public Consultation has provided responses to all submissions

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Within the 8 submissions, there were 35 items raised under 14 different topics related to litter management within the administrative area



| Topic Number | Theme                      | Number of Observations |
|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1            | <b>Litter Management</b>   | <b>6</b>               |
| 2            | <b>Litter Bins</b>         | <b>4</b>               |
| 3            | <b>Sources of Litter</b>   | <b>3</b>               |
| 4            | <b>Household Waste</b>     | <b>3</b>               |
| 5            | <b>Litter Wardens</b>      | <b>2</b>               |
| 6            | <b>Public Realm</b>        | <b>2</b>               |
| 7            | <b>Enforcement</b>         | <b>2</b>               |
| 8            | <b>Graffiti</b>            | <b>2</b>               |
| 9            | <b>CCTV</b>                | <b>1</b>               |
| 10           | <b>Waste Management</b>    | <b>1</b>               |
| 11           | <b>Litter Prevention</b>   | <b>1</b>               |
| 12           | <b>Illegal Dumping</b>     | <b>1</b>               |
| 13           | <b>Cleansing Schedules</b> | <b>1</b>               |
| 14           | <b>Additional Comments</b> | <b>6</b>               |

- Greater emphasis on litter prevention initiatives and circular economy
- Increased collaboration between Environmental Awareness and Litter Enforcement
- Installation of solar-power compactor bins in village locations
- Overall improved aesthetic of SDCC bins throughout the county
- Further use of CCTV to deter illegal dumping where appropriate, and where less intrusive measures have not had the desired impact
- More effective promotion of SDCC services and resources related to the prevention and control of litter within the county
- Improve collaboration and communication with fast-food outlets in the county to address litter pollution

# Our priorities for the duration of new LMP

## Immediate Priorities

- Greater use of CCTV and other technologies to deter illegal dumping where appropriate
- Greater emphasis on litter prevention initiatives and the circular economy
- Continued installation of solar-power compactor bins
- Improve collaboration and communication with fast-food outlets in the county to address litter pollution
- More effective promotion of SDCC litter services and resources
- Higher visibility of Litter Wardens on patrol

## To be developed throughout lifetime of LMP

- Litter Wardens working with schools/groups to promote Litter Campaigns
- Overall improved aesthetic of SDCC bins throughout the county
- Emphasis on prevention of litter and creating a more collaborative approach

## LMP 2026 - 2029

This Litter Management Plan is now before members for approval

Having considered the CE Report this Council may:

Approve the Litter Management Plan 2026-2029 in accordance with the draft LMP 2026-2029 as presented

Approve the Litter Management Plan 2026-2029 subject to such changes as the Elected Members may make at its discretion

Not approve the Litter Management Plan 2026-2029



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# Thank you