



MEETING OF SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

Monday, 13 July 2026

HEADED ITEM NO. 10 (a.)

Capital Programme Update

Mayor & Councillors,

Progress on key capital projects is outlined below along with relevant contextual information to provide you with a detailed update on our three-year capital programme.

Housing Delivery

We continue to progress housing delivery through a range of mechanisms, including our own-build programme, partnerships with Approved Housing Bodies, and from turnkey and Part V arrangements. With 537 homes delivered to date this year, we expect to exceed our target delivering 788 social homes, and a report showing current developments on site, with planning approval and in pre-planning accompanies this report. Following receipt of guidance and details of future housing targets last week from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH), we will now prepare an updated **Housing Delivery Action Plan** to align with the new national housing plan, Delivering Homes, Building Communities.

All 88 social and affordable homes in the fifth phase of the **Kilcarbery Grange** development have now been completed, marking the conclusion of this landmark mixed-tenure project, which has now delivered a total of 1,122 new homes.

In **Clonburris SDZ**, construction continues to progress on Kishoge Gardens, which will deliver 284 social, affordable, and cost-rental homes from late next year. Following approval from An Coimisiún Pleanála for 1,252 social and affordable homes across three further sites on council-owned lands, work has begun to procure delivery partners for these homes which will be delivered alongside the Part 8-approved Lynch's Lane development that was previously included in the PPP scheme. Invitations to submit final tenders for the delivery of approximately 640 social, affordable purchase, and cost-rental homes at Kishoge Urban Centre recently issued with a preferred delivery partner to be appointed later this year.

Ground and infrastructure work continue to progress steadily at **Killinarden Foothills**. The first phase of the project—comprising social and affordable homes, the parkland, and the community and sports centre—remains on schedule for completion by mid-2027, as part of the wider development of 635 homes. This project recently secured approximate funding of €17.5 million under the DHLGH Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund to support delivery of the spine road, sustainable urban drainage systems and parkland which are all essential to delivery of the new homes.



Recent aerial view of Killinarden Foothills development

Age friendly housing developments at St. Aongus' Green, Sarsfield Park, St. Ronan's Crescent, and Alpine Heights are expected to be complete by September delivering 39 new homes while further projects at Pearse Brothers Park and Deansrath/Melrose, comprising an additional 37 new age friendly homes, should also be complete by the end of this year.

The development of 16 social homes at Rossfield is scheduled for completion early next year while Part 8 approved developments at Stocking Lane and Castlefield are undergoing detailed design. The proposed mixed-tenure redevelopment of Oldcastle Park will proceed to Part 8 public consultation in the coming weeks following further recent engagement with local elected members.

Non-statutory community engagement has been undertaken in relation to the proposed mixed tenure development of approximately 130 homes at Rathcoole and this will inform the Part X planning application that is now being finalised for submission to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

Affordable Housing Sales

Our development partners Arden are preparing to launch initial affordable homes for sale in the Killinarden Foothills development with expressions of interest now being sought (see <https://www.daft.ie/new-home-for-sale/foothills-killinarden-tallaght-dublin-24/6606071> for further information). Full details of homes for sale in Phase 1 will be advertised on 23 July, with the online application portal opening on 6 August for a three-week period.



CGI of Killinarden Foothills development

We are at the final stages of closing out three affordable schemes advertised last year, with 53 sales agreed at Canal Bank, 67 sales agreed at Kilcarbery Grange Phase 5 and 26 sales agreed at Swiftbanks.

25 affordable homes in Keeper's Lock, Clonburris were advertised for sale in April, with 477 applications received. 15 homes are currently sale agreed and applications are being assessed for the remaining 12 homes. These homes are being delivered by a private developer through Part V arrangements.



New affordable homes at Keepers Lock

We also recently received approval from DHLGH under the Affordable Housing Fund for grants to support the sale of 93 affordable homes that are currently under construction at Kishoge Gardens and we intend to launch these homes for sale towards the end of this year.

Competitive Dialogue

We are progressing to the second phase of a competitive dialogue housing delivery procurement process where shortlisted candidates will be invited to present their proposals during August. After this stage, selected candidates will be invited to submit final tender proposals in advance of contract award.

Acquisitions Programme 2026

13 properties have been successfully acquired under our Acquisitions Programme this year. A further 18 properties are currently sale agreed or progressing through conveyancing, while an additional 49 properties are under negotiation or at various stages of due diligence.

(Councillors should note that tenancy sustainment (tenant in situ) acquisitions are a last resort policy option to prevent households in receipt of HAP or RAS from becoming homeless on foot of a valid notice of termination only, after engagement on maintaining the tenancy and/or alternative accommodation options have been exhausted and where all mandatory criteria set out by DHLGH are met.

Households at risk of homelessness should contact our homeless support team to examine all available options for accommodation before any referral for potential acquisition can be considered.)

Traveller Accommodation Programme

Detailed design work is now commencing for the proposed development at Lock Road following Part 8 approval at the council meeting in May.

As referenced earlier, new Traveller accommodation will be delivered as part of the redevelopment of Oldcastle Park which will now progress to Part 8 public consultation in the coming weeks.

We will also look to commence feasibility studies this year for redevelopment of Traveller accommodation at Stocking Hill and Hazel Hill as part of adjoining new developments.



Proposed Lock Road Traveller accommodation

Planned Housing Maintenance

Energy efficiency works on our social housing stock continue under the national **Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme** (EERP) with a funding allocation of €5 million received from DHLGH to facilitate retrofitting on at least additional 125 properties this year with 31 homes completed to date and further works planned for homes in Donomore, Cushlawn, Tymon North, Owendoher Crescent, Airlie Heights, Neilstown, St. Mark's and Shancastle this year.

The current status of the EERP by local electoral area is as follows:

Local Electoral Area	Pre-Tender	Tender	Contractor	Onsite	Complete
Tallaght South	0	0	60	15	82
Tallaght Central	13	0	5	0	78
Firhouse Bohernabreena	0	0	0	0	63
Rathfarnham Templeogue	7	0	0	0	12
Clondalkin	0	0	0	0	67
Palmerstown Fonthill	51	0	0	3	110
Lucan	9	0	0	3	17
Total	80	0	86	21	429

Separately, progress on our **Windows & Doors Programme**, which will see works this year in areas including Arthur Griffith Park, Droim Na Coille, Foxdene, Shancastle, Greenfort, Neilstown, Harelawn, Moorfield, Lindisfarne, St. Finian's, Brookview, Rossfield, Kilcarrig, Kilmartin, Glenshane, Cushlawn, Castle Park, Glenmore and Whitechurch, is outlined below, with works to 68 homes completed to date.

Local Electoral Area	Pre-Tender	Tender	Commenced	Complete	Total
Tallaght South	0	0	52	394	446
Tallaght Central	0	0	7	83	90
Firhouse Bohernabreena	0	0	4	67	71
Rathfarnham Templeogue	0	0	15	13	28
Clondalkin	0	0	14	88	102
Palmerstown Fonthill	0	0	83	126	209
Lucan	0	0	11	16	27
Total	0	0	186	787	973

We are also rolling out stock condition surveys to proactively assess our housing stock with 3,000 properties surveyed to date. This data will inform our future planned maintenance programme and associated budgetary and resource requirements so we can minimise reactive maintenance works. Our safety works programmes are also ongoing with works issued for fire alarm replacement and improvement works to 570 homes.

Painting Programme

This year's programme is well under way with external painting works completed on 91 homes in Meile An Rí, Buirg An Rí Glen and Oldcourt Mill. Further works are also planned in Buirg An Ri Walk, Liscarne Court and Mac Uilliam estate.



Before (left) and after (right) images of external painting works at Meile an Rí

Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

133 grants have been paid to successful applicants for the refurbishment of vacant and derelict houses into permanent homes with a further 139 applications approved to date. The full breakdown of all 318 applications received under this scheme is as follows:

Status	Number
Grants paid	133
Final approval stage	34
Approved/Approved in principle	84
Applications with law	21
Further information requested	10
Declined/withdrawn	36
Total	318

Roads, Infrastructure and Public Realm

The infrastructure programme for **Clonburris SDZ**, funded by the DHLGH Urban Regeneration and Development Fund, the National Transport Authority, the council and private landowners, continues to progress.



Official opening of Clonburris Southern Link Street

The Southern Link Street achieved substantial completion last December and will open in tandem with occupation of adjoining phases of housing development with an initial section opened in April.

Planning permission for the 2.5km North Link Street and associated infrastructure was granted in February 2025. This project has been split into two phases with the first phase comprising works to support early activation of adjacent housing commencements. Approval has been received from DHLGH to appoint the contractor for the first phase and work has commenced. Detailed design for the second phase is complete, and a tender process will now commence with the objective of appointing a contractor by Q1 2027, subject to progressing through two separate DHLGH approval gateways.

Three new parks in the southern section of the SDZ (Griffen Valley Park Extension, Na Cluáinte Park South, and Canal Park South), were granted planning permission last September and detailed design has been completed in advance of seeking approval from DHLGH to proceed to tender.

External consultants have also been appointed to progress design work on new rail, community facilities and parks buildings.

Transport, Village and District Enhancements

Work at the village green and the demesne as part of the **Lucan Village** project are complete and open while works to the promenade are expected to be finished later this month, completing a project that already appears to be well received and popular locally, notwithstanding the understandable frustration with the delays encountered in the project that have been previously outlined.



Lucan Village Green

The **Bawnogue** district centre scheme is substantially complete, including pilot solar-powered public lighting for adjoining pedestrian links, but engagement continues with the contractor to ensure appropriate planting as part of the scheme. Design consultants have been appointed for the district centre enhancement project at **Neilstown**, while we will now progress to further stakeholder engagement on the **Tallaght Village** enhancement scheme as we commence detailed design on the project following Part 8 approval at the council meeting in June.

Tenders for design consultants for the **Clondalkin Village** enhancement scheme are currently being evaluated following a briefing for local councillors on the proposed engagement strategy for the project. Section 38 public consultation on a proposed traffic calming and regeneration scheme for **Brittas Village** saw four submissions received, all supporting the proposals, and this project has now progressed to detailed design stage. Similar public consultation on upgrade of the Kilcarbery Junction was undertaken with two submissions received and a project briefing will now be held with local councillors before any decision on next steps.

The appointment of a transport-led multidisciplinary consultancy team to undertake a comprehensive transport assessment for the west of the county and to formulate a series of district and local transport plans using area based transport assessment methodology is progressing with a detailed procurement brief now prepared for a tender to issue in the coming weeks.

Design work is progressing for traffic flow strategy and associated landscape improvements to the central section of the N81 in Tallaght following the appointment of consultants with initial proposals anticipated to be presented to councillors later this month.

Construction of our new Mechanical Services Depot at Palmerstown commenced in April, with an expected 52-week construction programme. Site clearance is now complete and foundations for steel structure have been poured while works on drainage and boundary treatment are also progressing.

Active Travel & Climate Action

The **Templeville Road Phase 2 and Glendown Road** schemes are progressing. Works at Wainsfort roundabout and Glendown Road are completed with the exception of some road resurfacing, road marking and minor snagging works. On the Springfield end of the scheme concrete footpaths along with resurfacing and road markings will be completed by end of July.

Works are ongoing on the Firhouse Road active travel improvement scheme to enhance existing cycle lanes along Firhouse Road along with improvements to junctions at Ballycullen Road, Ballycullen Avenue and Ballycullen Drive and works there are currently due to be completed by October.

Phase 1 of the Castletymon Road scheme (north of the district centre - Scoil Íosa to Greenhills Road) and **Phase 1a of the Grand Canal to Lucan Urban Greenway** (Canal to N4) have both now been completed.



Aerial view of Castletymon Road Phase 1 active travel scheme

The **Hazelhatch to 12th Lock section of the Grand Canal Greenway** officially opened in May, providing a continuous greenway from the Grand Canal to Sallins in Kildare and beyond.

Following Part 8 approval for the **Knocklyon to Ballyboden Active and Sustainable Travel Scheme** in May, tender documents for detailed design are now being developed with consultant appointment anticipated in Q3. Smaller elements of the works will be progressed by a small works contractor with tender documents being prepared in house. In relation to other active travel schemes:

- Works will commence in August on Tallaght to Clondalkin Phase 1 scheme.
- Detailed design is complete for Castletymon Road South (Phase 2) and a tender for a main works contractor was recently published.
- Tenders have been received for Lucan Urban Greenway Bridges (Phase 1C) and a contractor should be appointed in August to commence works.
- Request for tenders will issue this month for Wellington Lane which should see works start around October.
- Old Bawn Road Active Travel Scheme: non-statutory consultation in relation to southern junctions (Killinniny Road, Kiltipper Road and Firhouse Road West) commenced on 24 June and will run for 6 weeks. Preliminary design to be finalised post non-statutory consultation with a Part 8 process to proceed by year end.
- Consultants have been appointed to commence an options study to link Baldonnell to Grand Canal via Clondalkin and Corkagh Park.

Following surveys by An Taisce, designs are now being developed for third round of **Safe Routes to School:**

- Glenasmole National School and Sacred Heart Senior National School will proceed in July/August.
- Scoil Áine Naofa, Scoil Naomh Áine, St. Thomas' Junior National School in Lucan require detailed design with consultants currently undertaking this work which should be done by September to allow works to proceed in the final quarter of this year.
- St. Colmcille's Senior National School in Knocklyon is included in Knocklyon to Ballyboden Active Travel Scheme.

A new tranche of **Safe School Zones** which were presented to area committees in June will also now proceed to construction over the summer.

Flood Alleviation Schemes

The **River Poddle** scheme (www.poddlefas.ie) continues with works ongoing on defence walls at the rear of Glendale Park with cladding of the new defence walls in the Wainsfort area to recommence this month. The landscaping works in Tymon Park are now complete with over 16,000 tree whips planted for the formation of a new mini woodland.

Works on the remainder of the river at the rear of Whitehall Close are scheduled to commence this month for approximately 12 weeks. 90% of defences within our administrative area on this project have now been completed with most of the remaining works being within the Dublin City Council's administrative area, and the overall scheme is likely to be completed by the middle of next year.

Flood defences on the **Whitechurch Stream** scheme (www.whitechurchfas.ie) from St. Gatien's Court to St Enda's Drive are almost complete with flood gate installation works to be completed this month. Works in the areas from St. Enda's Drive to Willbrook Lawn and from Willbrook Lawn to Willbrook Road are also continuing with the installation of the flood defence walls, erosion control measures and the full removal of existing invasive species.

Over 900 trees have recently been planted in St Enda's Park as part of the scheme's tree replacement programme. Over 70% of the scheme's total flood defences have now been installed with the remaining defences scheduled to be in place by December of this year. The scheme is currently expected to be completed in mid-2027.



Flood defence walls at Whitechurch

Newcastle to Hazelhatch Surface Water Pipeline



Works on Newcastle to Hazelhatch pipeline

Construction of a new 2.5km public stormwater pipeline and communications ducting between Newcastle and Hazelhatch commenced in February. Works are currently progressing between Loughtown Junction and Newcastle Village with an associated road closure facilitating these works. 730 metres of the surface water pipeline has been laid to date along with approximately 650 metres of the ducting, and resurfacing works are ongoing.

Energy Upgrades

Planning has commenced for delivery stage of Energy Performance Contracts (EPC) for energy upgrades and decarbonisation of six council-owned buildings which accounts for 29% of our total annual energy demand. This will see investment of over €8.5million from SDCC and the SEAI Pathfinder Programme for energy upgrades to County Hall, Clondalkin Civic Offices, Rua Red, Civic Theatre, Tallaght Leisure Centre and Clondalkin Leisure Centre, involving extensive solar arrays, removal of fossil fuel boilers, ventilation upgrades and energy efficient lighting. Data collection, site inspections and preliminary design work is underway with Part 8 applications required for external heat pumps and for solar PV arrays greater than 300m². Works are expected to commence following the approval of the relevant Part 8 applications and should deliver up to 50% reduction in energy use for these buildings, eliminating fossil fuel dependency and reducing yearly greenhouse emissions by 870 tonnes of CO₂.

A separate contract has been awarded for solar array installations for over 20 additional council-owned buildings which will provide electricity generating capacity of more than 1,100 MWh per year, reducing yearly greenhouse emissions by over 520 tonnes of CO₂. Battery technology will also be included where appropriate to provide storage to further offset energy grid usage. Installations of solar PV have been completed for community centres at Kilnamanagh, Fettercairn, and Quarryvale, with commissioning being finalised while installation is scheduled for Ballyroan Library this month. Electricity connections are progressing for similar works at North Clondalkin and Castletymon libraries, Jobstown and Brookfield community centres as the programme rolls out.

A contractor has been appointed for the installation of a 200kw ground mounted solar array at **Arthurstown landfill** to power the on-site aftercare leachate facility. A grid connection application has been made to allow surplus electricity to be fed back to the national grid. Subject to a favourable grid application approval, installation works of the solar array are expected to commence in August. The estimated 150,000kWh/year generated will provide annual savings of 51 tonnes of CO₂ from operations there. A planned second phase of the project to provide 500kw on-site battery storage should also progress in the autumn.

Fleet Decarbonisation



Our fleet decarbonisation strategy to reduce CO² emissions and enhance the efficiency of the fleet and plant items is ongoing. This forms a key part of meeting our target of a 51% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 with the fleet originally having been our third largest source of emissions at 11% of the overall total. We continue to operate at 100% decarbonisation of our existing road fleet, while transitioning smaller suitable vehicles to electric equivalents, which is a significant local climate action milestone. To date this year, we have procured two large electric vans and six medium electric vans, along with two electric ‘Green Machine’ street sweepers which were deployed for use in the Clondalkin and Lucan areas. In addition, we will shortly publish a tender for EV charging infrastructure in our depots to facilitate the continued move to EV use.

Public EV charging infrastructure

The provision of fast ‘destination’ charging facilities at 15 sites across council-managed car parking areas at parks, libraries, district centres and leisure centres continues. The Dublin local authorities’ contracted regional partner for the installation of public EV charging infrastructure has progressed electricity connection agreements for initial sites in South Dublin, with connection offers now received for 11 sites. Chargers are now installed at four sites, Tandy’s Lane, Adamstown Park, Dodder Valley Park (R114), Dodder Valley Park (Old Bawn) and Corkagh Park, with final electricity connections to allow public use expected this month. Further locations will follow as the programme rolls out across Dublin and each location will include measures to ensure the chargers are accessible to all drivers.



Newly installed fully accessible public EV charging in Corkagh Park

Solar Bins

A second phase of installation of solar compactor bins is ongoing in Templeogue, Saggart, Rathcoole, Walkinstown and Newcastle that will bring the total number of such bins in operation to approximately 150.

Tourism & Enterprise

As part of the **Hellfire Dublin Mountains** project, works on a trail within Massy's Wood is now complete and procurement has commenced for further trails there, with the expectation that all trail development in that area will be finalised before the end of the year. A separate trail package being advanced in parallel will provide a range of looped walking routes and equestrian trails, commencing at Montpelier Hill while conservation works to the Hell Fire Club building are now expected to start this summer once procurement is complete. We still await the outcome of ongoing tree felling licence processes that will determine the timeline for commencing site clearance for the proposed visitor centre and car park and for progressing road upgrade works. While these appeals are obviously very protracted and impacting on progress, we are fully committed to working with Coillte and relevant agencies to advance the project.

Consultant architects have been appointed to deliver the masterplan for **Lucan House** and a detailed programme of works is now being developed. Priority conservation and repair works will continue on the property in parallel with the master planning process. The grounds have now opened to the public at weekends and have been well received, with strong usage and positive engagement from visitors enjoying the space.

Detailed design has been finalised, and procurement has commenced for the **Rathfarnham Castle Courtyard** development, with a contractor appointment expected this summer for the estimated 18-month programme. The first phase of works will focus on delivering the core courtyard construction elements in line with the approved plans. Further community engagement has informed refinements to the layout of the reimagined Seán Keating Garden, the car parking area and security, ensuring the design aligns with local community feedback and project objectives.

Negotiations have successfully concluded to purchase currently vacant premises in the town centre for development of the proposed **Tallaght heritage centre**. A tender for detailed design for architectural services for this project will now be published this month with a view to progressing to Part 8 as soon as practicable. This follows feasibility studies and cost estimates for alternative vacant properties in Tallaght town centre with the objective of integrating the centre with other related cultural uses to enhance its viability and value to the area.

Vision Contracting have been appointed to develop the **12th Lock** multi-media studio. Works are now commencing on an estimated 14-month build programme. We also hope to appoint a contractor for construction of the cafe, creche, artist studios and canoeing facility at Grange Cottage will also commence in the summer, following appointment of the contractor.



Proposed 12th Lock multi-media studio

Parks, Community, Libraries & Sports

Work on **Central Boulevard Park** in Adamstown is progressing on schedule. The stepping stones are due to be laid east of the veteran oak tree forming an important feature that will help integrate the existing hedgerow and veteran oak tree within the overall park design. The associated bridge was installed in June. To date, over 70% of the pathways throughout the park have been completed and installation of park furniture is currently underway.



Works on Central Boulevard Park in Adamstown

Kiltipper Park (Phase 2 works) was officially opened in May for works that included extension of the existing carpark, upgrade to footpaths and the northern pedestrian entrance, renovation of the existing hedgerows and new SuDS swales, along with two new football pitches and a new GAA pitch that are now establishing. New accessible picnic areas and benches have been introduced, ensuring the park can be enjoyed by all members of the community while a winter bird food crop has also been created in a designated area of the park to support the local birdlife.



Official opening of phase 2 works at Kiltipper Park

The enhancement works at **St Cuthbert's Park**, Clondalkin recommenced in May with the removal of vegetation around the 12th century church ruin and remaining works are expected to be finished this month. Once complete, the 12-hectare park area will form an integral outdoor space for the community, with the addition of two playspaces, a teenspace, a 3x3 basketball court, a multi-use games area, new footpath/cycle routes, lighting and drainage upgrades to existing pitches.

The tender for the Part 8 approved proposed upgrade works to **Butler McGee Park** upgrade should be published in the coming weeks for works that aim to transform the 20-acre greenfield site into a welcoming community park, featuring focal entrances, landscape and biodiversity enhancements, play, exercise and sports facilities, and improved links to wider cycle routes. Works will take approximately 12–15 months to complete once a contractor is appointed.

Tenders for the refurbishment of **Camac Valley Caravan & Camping Park** have been received and are being evaluated after which redevelopment works will be scheduled as soon as a works programme is agreed with the successful contractor.

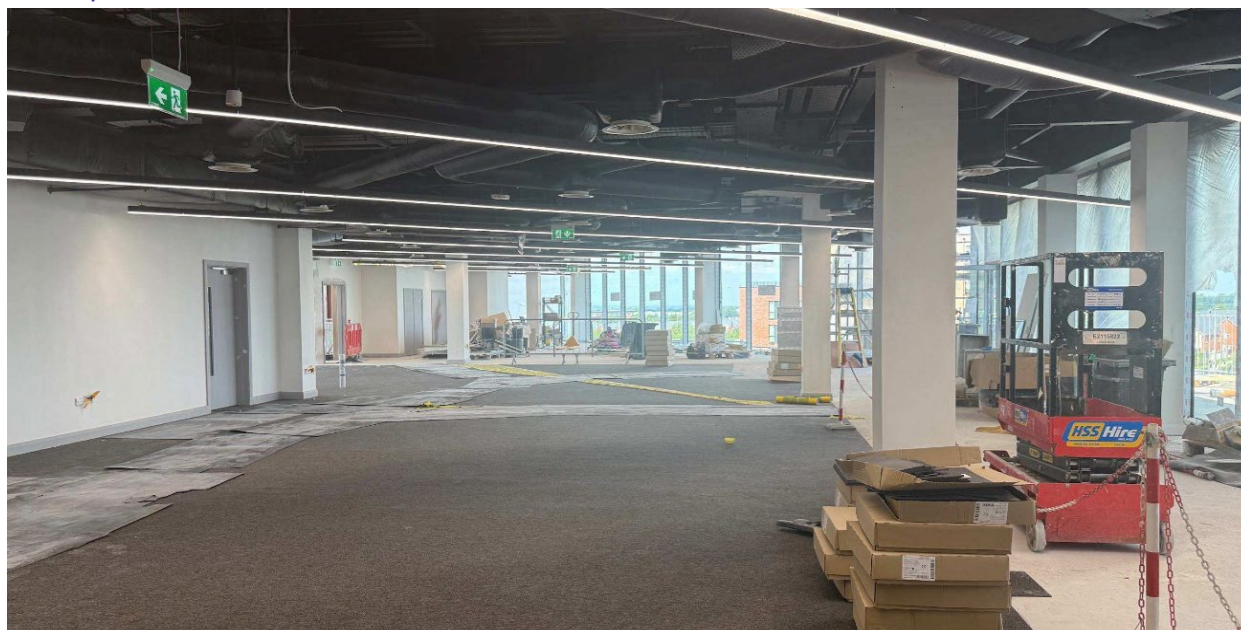
Work is now complete on the **Whitestown Greenway**, providing a new green infrastructure corridor along Whitestown Stream, between Killinarden Park and Sean Walsh Park. The greenway was officially opened in May delivering a new 640-metre pedestrian and cycle route that connects West Tallaght to the town centre, with further links to the Dublin Mountains Way and the Dodder Greenway. The project received funding support from the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht's Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme.



Whitestown Greenway official opening

Investment in library infrastructure continues to be prioritised to enhance access to services. Construction of **Citywest Library** is nearing completion, with fit-out works to follow with a projected opening next spring. This new library will provide a vital community hub in one of the county's fastest-growing areas.

Detailed design work continues for the **Adamstown Library & Enterprise Centre** which received planning permission in March. Plans to introduce library facilities at **Rathcoole Courthouse** are progressing with the next step being to undertake a conservation review to ensure that this key heritage asset is fully protected as we bring more active community use to the building through core library services and by providing space for events and cultural activities. At **Clondalkin Library**, a detailed review has identified the opportunity to deliver a comprehensive refurbishment that will significantly enhance and future-proof the building as well as providing universal access. A procurement process will begin this month, with construction expected to commence next April.



Works are progressing on Citywest Library

A number of significant community facility projects continue to progress. The construction of **Kilcarbery Community Centre** is now nearing completion, with fit-out works to follow, subject to agreement on costs, and handover targeted for December. Detailed design is underway for the extension and upgrade of **Ballyroan Community and Youth Centre** with a tender process also due to commence this quarter. Construction on **Citywest Community Centre & Creche** should commence in September. A tender process to appoint consultants to progress designs for the provision of a youth space at **Citywest Quarter** has completed. Part 8 documentation for the extension and upgrade of **Newcastle Community Centre (St. Finian's)** will issue **once** agreement is received from landowners to proceed. Detailed design is progressing for the **Clonburris District Park Hub** which will provide a significant new sports and community facility there.

A currently vacant unit in Tallaght Town Centre has been identified for potential development of **artist studios** and is currently being assessed for suitability.

The Part 8 proposal for an **all-weather pitch at Greenhills Park** was approved by council at the June meeting and will now proceed to detailed design, with potential additional upgrades to the park also to be examined. Given the increasing demand for all-weather pitches, our current three-year capital programme included an increased allocation of €9.35 million for the sports pitch strategy to deliver a number of additional pitches. Accordingly, various sites are currently being considered and evaluated, and we will present more details to local elected members shortly once further feasibility assessments are complete.

Environmental screening processes are now complete for the proposed **Whitechurch Sports Facility**, which will provide facilities for Whitechurch Boxing Club and Wanderers GAA club on the grounds of Scoil Mhuire, and we will now proceed to Part 8 public consultation for this project.

Pavilions Programme

The initial modular pavilions at Corkagh Park and Griffeen Valley Park are now nearing completion after some delays due to utility connections. With funding of €12 million for this programme in our current capital programme, procurement has commenced for five further pavilions at Kilnamanagh, Tymon Park South, Sean Walsh Park, Arthur Griffith Park and Collinstown Park and further updates on timelines for these facilities will be provided when this stage is complete.

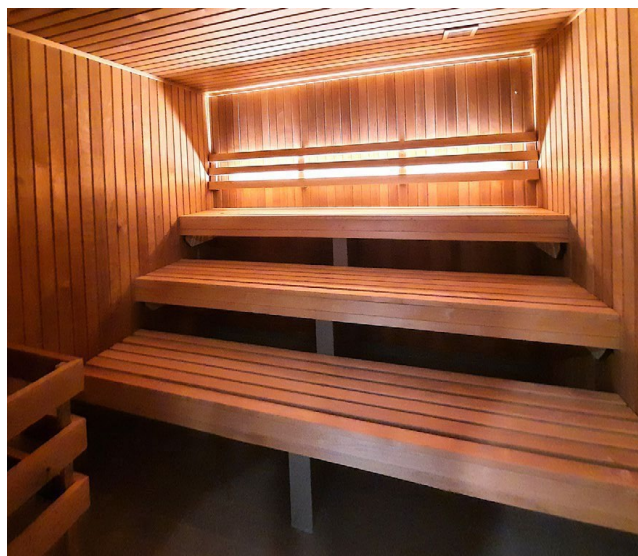


Pavilion at Corkagh Park

No tender submissions were received for the **Sean Walsh Park Bowling Green** so we will now have to seek appointment of a suitable contractor through direct negotiation.

The **Teen Space Programme** is progressing, with works in Carrigmore Park now complete and St Cuthbert's Park due for completion this month. Further projects in Rathcoole Park, Clondalkin Park, Sean Walsh Park and the western section of Dodder Valley Park are scheduled to commence on site this month and should then be ready to open later in the year with remaining projects at Griffeen Valley Park North in Lucan, Dodder Valley Park at Cherryfield, Whitechurch and Kingswood then to be progressed.

The final phase of **Lucan Leisure Campus**, including the swimming pool, changing village, sauna suite and associated facilities, was opened to the public at the beginning of May. It is already proving to be a great amenity for the people of Lucan and beyond, and an official opening of the facility will be arranged soon.



Recently opened pool and sauna facilities at Lucan Leisure Campus

Capital Finance

Capital expenditure for the second quarter of this year shows significantly increased expenditure of €84 million, an increase of 50% compared with expenditure of approximately €56 million in the first quarter. Of the €140 million total capital expenditure so far this year, €109.4 million or 78% was for housing provision, including over €34.6 million for direct delivery of social housing by the council and a further €70.45 million combined supporting Approved Housing Bodies and affordable housing. Over €7 million has been committed for infrastructure provision in Clonburris while significant investment has also continued for village and district centre initiatives and active travel projects. A further €9.7 million of expenditure was incurred for recreation and amenity facilities while over €4.5 million has also been invested in land acquisition to support future development.

On the income side, grants received amounted to over €77.3 million, compared with €23.1 million in Q1, representing an increase of almost 235%, reflecting our ongoing engagement with state agencies to fund more homes and facilities for our citizens. As the waiver scheme for development levies ends, our overall income has reduced, resulting in a reduced overall capital account balance, going from €523 million to €494.3 million.

Your ongoing support for our significant capital programme and planned investment in the county is greatly appreciated and each director and I are available to provide further information to you on any of the projects above as required.

Yours sincerely,



Colm Ward

Chief Executive