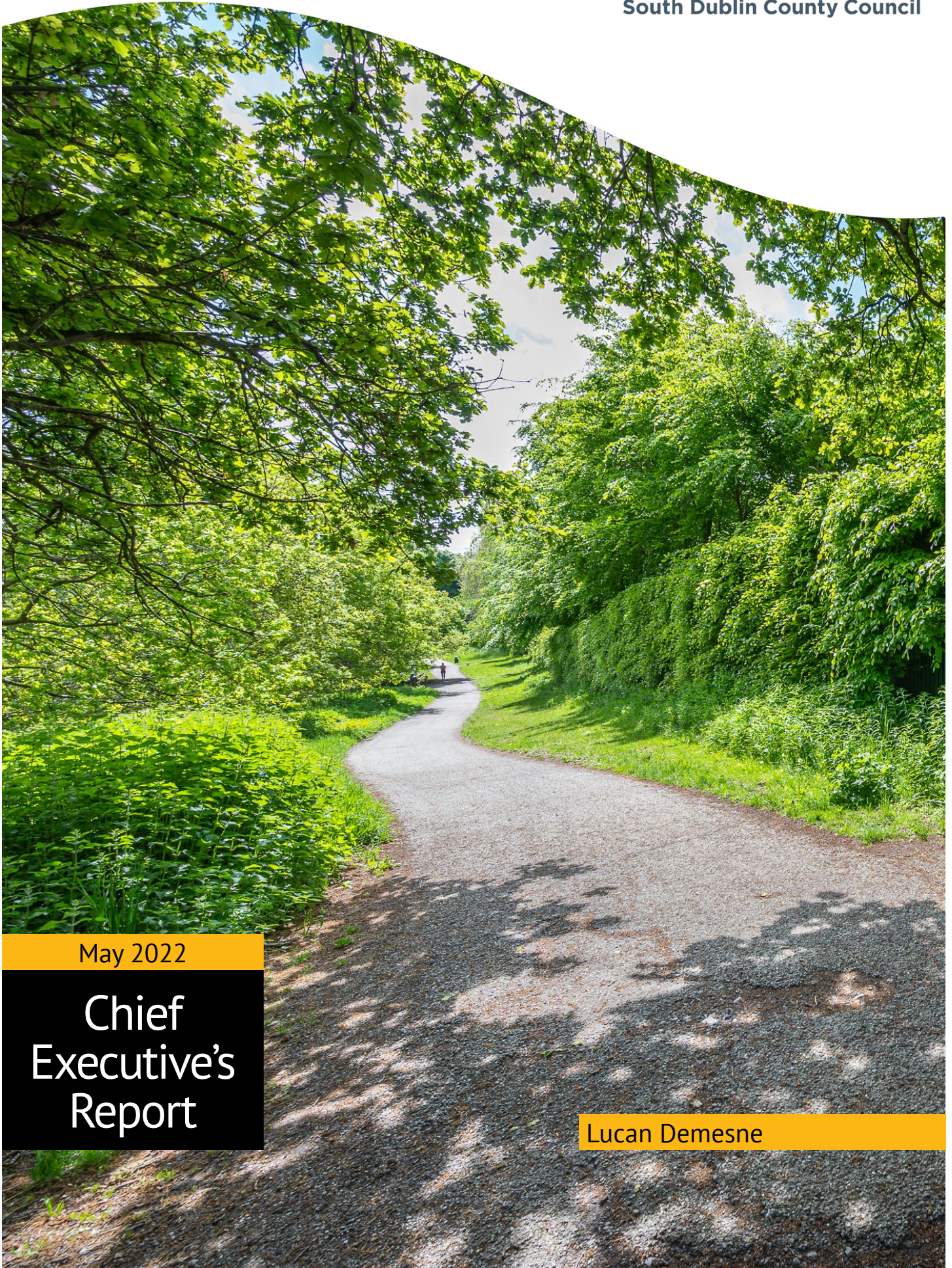




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Chief Executive's Report

Lucan Demesne

About the Chief Executive's Report

South Dublin County Council's Chief Executive's Report is presented to elected members at Council every month and details important achievements across our various departments whilst highlighting key statistics and images from events that took place that month.

The report also highlights major news pieces and puts a focus on an area of the Council that doesn't always get the attention it deserves.

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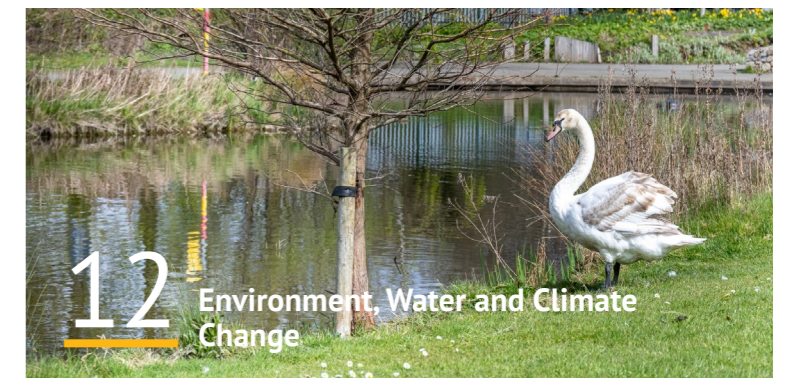
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Land Use, Planning and Transportation



Footbridge Maintenance

In 2022, maintenance works will be carried out on the following footbridges across the County,

- N4 footbridge at Mount Andrew Court
- M50 footbridge at northern extent of Tymon Park
- M50 footbridge at the National Basketball Arena
- M50 footbridge at the Scholarrstown Interchange
- N81 footbridge at St. Dominic's Road

The works will primarily consist of removing the existing bridge surface, re-waterproofing the bridge structure and re-surfacing the bridge and are due to be carried out between May and July this year. The bridges will be closed to the public for approximately two weeks with exact dates still to be confirmed. Diversion routes will be provided for the duration of the works. The Council has a Section 85 Agreement with Kildare County Council for the maintenance of footbridges on the National routes so these works are being overseen by Kildare County Council.



Historic Structures Funding

The Council has secured €50,000 of Historic Structures Funding to make conservation enhancement works to St. Lukes's Church at Peamount Hospital.

This is the first time the Council has secured this type of funding. The Council will now work with the landowner to deliver these works.

Limekiln Road active travel scheme

The Council are progressing plans to deliver a new Active Travel route along Limekiln Road. These improvements are identified as route number 29 in the Cycle South Dublin programme.

The scheme will provide improved cycle connectivity from Whitehall Road West to Limekiln Road via Limekiln Lane, Fernhill Road and Mountdown Park. It is a 1.1km route that provides a better active travel link to local amenities, schools and parks for the community of Walkinstown, Greenhills and Templeogue.

The objectives of the scheme are;

- Improved connectivity within the community
- Safe and segregated shared pedestrian and cycle facilities
- Traffic calming in Greenhills and Templeogue to improve safety
- Improved commuting infrastructure
- Improved access infrastructure for Local School

The Council will progress this scheme over the coming months using section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994. To help inform a final design a non-statutory public consultation is now underway and runs from 13 April to 11 May, more information can be found on the Council's consultation portal.



Limekiln Road

A new Active Travel route along Limekiln Road is planned.

Active Travel School Zone

The Active Travel School zone programme was agreed upon by Council in November 2020 and aims to engage schools, and their communities, to improve safety outside the school gate to better support active travel modes. The project is supported by the National Transport Authority and delivered by the Council. The schools participating in the first round of schemes are:

- Gaelscoil Chluain Dolcáin and Coláiste Chillian,
- Scoil Lorcaín B.N.S. and St. Brigid's G.N.S., and
- St. Mark's J.N.S. and S.N.S., Springfield, Tallaght.



Active Travel School Zone

Housing, Social and Community Development



Public Consultation on Proposed Clonburris SDZ Housing Developments

The Council has advertised two Part VIII planning applications for public consultation for proposed residential developments on Council-owned sites within Clonburris Strategic Development Zone (SDZ). An Bord Pleanála approved the current planning scheme for Clonburris SDZ in May 2019 and the Council owned land within the SDZ has the potential to deliver approximately 2,600 new homes. The proposed developments form part of the Council's Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022-2026 which aims to deliver approximately 6,500 social and affordable homes.

The first development, located in

the Canal Extension sector of the SDZ, proposes 118 social and affordable purchase homes comprising houses, duplexes, triplexes, an apartment building with associated landscaping and play space. The second scheme is in the Kishogue area of the SDZ and proposes 263 homes consisting of apartments, duplexes, single and two storey houses in a mix of social, affordable purchase and cost rental homes along with community facilities and parkland/open space.

These are the first Council sites to be progressed within the SDZ, having been designed in line with its objectives and overarching principles, and full details of the proposed developments, together with details of how to make a submission can be found on the Council's Consultation Portal.



Clonburris

Two Part VIII planning applications for public consultation for proposed residential developments have been advertised.

Making Inclusion a Reality

'Making Inclusion a Reality' is a joint initiative of the Council and Independent Living Movement Ireland (ILMI) which has received funding support from the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission. This initiative aims to develop a model of best practice for the participation of disabled people in the Council's Housing and Disability Steering Group (HDSG). HDSG collaborated with IMLI and the South Dublin Disability Platform to develop the model which sees two representatives of the platform participating in the group, inputting on policy and contributing to decision making on accommodation issues for disabled people in the County.



Making Inclusion a Reality

Community Response Forum

The Council has re-established the South Dublin Community Response Forum to coordinate the community-led response to support Ukrainian refugees as they arrive in the County.

The forum, which is chaired by the Council's Chief Executive, brings relevant statutory, community and voluntary agencies together at a local level to be an information source and signpost to services including local health, education, social and other integration needs as well as identifying and addressing issues arising for Ukrainian refugees in the County where possible. The Mayor of South Dublin County, Councillor Peter Kavanagh, also participates in this forum on behalf of the Elected Members of the Council.



Community and Sports Grants

The Council recently launched a funding call for 2022 Community Grants and Sports Grants with community groups encouraged to apply for a wide range of funding supports. The grants programme aims to provide financial assistance to community and voluntary groups that are responding to locally identified needs within their communities. Please visit the Council's website for further information.

Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development



NOISE Moves

NOISE Moves annual youth dance festival curated by Carla Fazio, is a platform for youth dance to be seen and created. It is an initiative of NOISE Dublin, South Dublin County Council's Youth Arts Programme. Youth dance groups and young choreographers from across the country were invited to be part of this event through an open call. The mainstage event featuring a webcast of dance films highlighting youth dance groups nationwide was broadcast live on Friday 29 April.

EMERGENCE young choreographers, Mogbeke Akinyemi, Sumaira Chady, Sarah Deane, Ciara Hannon, Kate Lohan, Niamh McPhillips also presented five new works on Saturday 30 April in Rua Red.

EMERGENCE is an eight-month artistic development opportunity placing young aspiring choreographers in a professional programme to further develop their choreographic skills. This year's cohort has been mentored by choreographers John Scott, Lucia Kickham and Jessie Keenen.



Student Enterprise Programme

LEO South Dublin held the Student Enterprise Programme County Final on 5 April 2022. 80 students from around the County participated and with nine schools selected as finalists. The National Finals will take place at an event on 18 May in the Helix at Dublin City University with Loreto High School (Crazy Candles), and St Colmcilles, Knocklyon (Hand Sanitizer) representing South Dublin County.

Think Big Space

On 7 April, South Dublin Libraries in partnership with Amazon Web Services launched the Think Big Space in Tallaght.

The AWS Think Big Space is a new educational lab located beside the Tallaght Luas stop, which aims to inspire an interest in science, technology, engineering, arts, and maths. It provides a dedicated space for students, educators, and communities to explore innovative and imaginative ideas through interactive hands-on technical education. AWS has opened AWS Think Big Spaces across the world; however, this is the first AWS Think Big Space to launch in Europe.

South Dublin Libraries and AWS

will host an innovative programme of events in the AWS Think Big Space. Events will take place every month and feature Creative Hut Robotics workshops and virtual reality (VR) workshops. The VR workshops will introduce students to the technology behind VR as well providing a hands-on experience and the chance to see VR in action. In the Creative Hut robotics workshops, students will have the opportunity to collaborate and create amazing robots, take on challenges and get an introduction to robotics technology. Students and teachers will be encouraged to "Think Big" by using their creativity and imagination as they explore the technologies on offer. So far over 150 students have attended workshops and it is estimated that figure will grow to nearly 2,000 by the end of the year.



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Polish Community Events

Tallaght Library hosts a regular programme of events aimed at promoting the library service to newer members of the community from Poland. Izabela Razniak, one of the Council's library assistants, initiated a monthly get-together for Polish seniors when she recognised that many Polish grandparents living in Ireland were lonely. Izabela and her colleague Radek Gawron also host monthly Polish storytimes where children not only listen to stories in their native language but also play, sing and dance to traditional Polish songs and other events. Everyone attending these events is given a library card and access to all our services.



Polish storytime at Tallaght Library

Corporate Performance and Change Management



Mayor's Receptions

Several Mayor's Receptions were held in April to honour and celebrate groups throughout the County. A reception for the survivors of institutional abuse was held in County Hall on 12 April that included speeches, poetry, and music from survivors.

The South Dublin Comhairle na nÓg were shown around Council Chambers at County Hall on 13 April to promote local democracy and recognise the great work Comhairle are doing in the County. Finally, Lucan Harriers trio Carol Kearney, Annette Durkan and Leanne Wellings were hosted with a reception on Friday 22 April to honour their achievements at the European Masters Indoor Championships.



Transgender Day of Visibility

The Council flew the transgender flag over County Hall, Tallaght and the Civic Offices in Clondalkin to celebrate International Transgender Day of Visibility.

International Transgender Day of Visibility occurs each year on 31 March and the Council flies the flag from then until 30 April to promote awareness around transgender rights.

€300k Have Your Say

The project submissions phase of this year's €300k Have Your Say closed on Friday 6 May. €300k Have Your Say is currently being run in the Rathfarnham – Templeogue local electoral area with idea generation workshops held in person and online during April and early May.

The ideas submitted by members of the public will be evaluated by Council officials and the participatory budget steering group during May with a shortlist of projects going to the Council meeting in June for approval before the public vote opens. A results night will be held in late June to announce the winners of the vote.

€300k Have Your Say allows resi-

dents to develop project proposals for their local area and then vote on shortlisted proposals to select winning projects to be funded up to the value of €300,000. There are no barriers to taking part and every proposal is treated with respect. Simply put, €300k Have Your Say is about helping to create community-led projects that directly benefit you, your neighbours, friends and family.



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Freedom of the County

The Honorary Freedom of South Dublin County was conferred on Ms Jackie Fox at a ceremony in County Hall, Tallaght on Friday 6 May.

Elected members agreed to honour Ms Fox in recognition of her campaigning for legislation to make online bullying a crime and its passage into law as 'Coco's Law' and in honour of her daughter, Nicole. On that date, Ms Fox's name was inscribed on the roll of Honorary Freedom of South Dublin County pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2001.



Jackie Fox receives Honorary Freedom of the County

Environment, Water Climate Change



WOODLAND
WALK

Starting to bloom! Pollinator planting schemes for 2022

The South Dublin County Council Pollinator Action Plan is based on the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan, and it sets out a broad range of actions that the Council has committed to implementing over the next five years. All actions are based on reversing the decline in the bee population in Ireland. Bees are declining because we have drastically reduced the areas where they can nest and the amount of food our landscape provides for them.

The main action undertaken by the Council that benefits pollinators and biodiversity involves a restructuring of mowing patterns

and timings with a one-cut per annum grassland management regime, called long flowering meadows. Currently, the Council manages over 160 hectares (ha) as natural meadows (long flowering meadows), this has increased from 145ha in 2021.

The Councils intend to add additional meadows where appropriate throughout the lifetime of the plan. We intend to develop Short Flowering Meadows on a trial basis in 2022 with areas which have been designated as short flowering meadow being cut once every 6 to 8 weeks (or approximately 5 cuts per annum). The trial locations have been chosen throughout South Dublin County and will comprise nine hectares in total.



Pollinator Plan

The Council has been taking action to support pollinators on public land.

Anti-Litter Campaign

The Mayor of South Dublin County, Councillor Peter Kavanagh, has launched a new anti-dumping bin poster/sticker campaign at an event in Corkagh Park. The poster/sticker was designed by Comhairle Na nÓg and Foróige in conjunction with the Environmental Awareness section of the Council and highlights the importance of not leaving your rubbish on or around bins when they are full. While the Council's park rangers and public realm crews are constantly working to keep on top of collections, we are asking that people locate another bin or bring the rubbish home if they find that a bin is full.



Anti-litter bin sticker campaign

Teenspace Survey

South Dublin County Council's Teenspace programme is continuing to be rolled out across the County. Collinstown Park Teenspace, Ballycragh Park Teenspace and Tandy's Lane Teenspace are all being well used and enjoyed by teenagers as they are adding great spectacle to these parks. Following a consultation process, we are progressing plans for a Teenspace in Bancroft Park and we have just awarded the tender for another teenspace at Griffeen Valley Park.

All of the designs to date have been based on consultations with teenagers and this has resulted in lots of fresh new ideas. The Council thought this would be a good time to seek feedback from teenagers around the county on how they were enjoying the existing teen spaces, what they would like to see in new teenspaces and how we could improve the teenspaces for all teens.

Visit www.sdcc.ie for more information.



Meet the Park Rangers!

The Council's park rangers have been engaging with schools in the Lucan/Clondalkin area on several educational talks over the last few months. The aim is to showcase our parks and facilities and encourage the use of them by all age groups. The talks have proved to be so popular that we have approximately twenty schools waiting to receive talks along with men's sheds and scout's groups in the area.

Libraries Membership Drive



South Dublin Libraries has launched a new membership drive called 'Here for you in 2022 and beyond'.

South Dublin Libraries want to let all the citizens living, working, or studying in the South Dublin County Council area know who they are and what they do!

Your library card is your passport to events, social groups, seminars, workshops, talks, clubs, STEAM, storytime, books, digital resources and so much more. We have eight branch libraries and two brand new mobile librar-

ies that service all of South Dublin County.

Your South Dublin Library card also gives you the freedom to use any library in Ireland and to take advantage of the incredible national catalogue of over 12 million resources.

All items are free to borrow and if you are visiting other places in Ireland, you can borrow a book and then leave

Palmerstown Little Library

South Dublin Libraries are also excited to announce that they will be piloting Saturday opening in the Palmerstown Library Hub. The Palmerstown Little Library on Saturdays will run through May and June with children's events taking place in the mornings and again in the afternoons. Events include lego robotics, arts and crafts, Superhero Party and face painting, a reptile zoo visit and a fun-believable science show! To book a place for any of the events above contact Palmerstown Library Hub at 01 467 8909 or email ptowndigihub@sdblincoco.ie. Palmerstown Library Hub currently opens Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-8pm

it back to us and we will return it safely to its home.

The range of services and events at South Dublin Libraries is ever expanding with music gigs, Irish language events, STEAM, career and business start up talks to name but a few. We also provide a vast array of online resources which include language classes, downloadable books and over 3000 magazines and periodicals. We have PCs, WIFI and 3D printers all free to use.

South Dublin Libraries' flexible spaces allow people to meet, have discussions, or just read the newspapers. There is something for everyone and our highly trained staff are always on hand to help and advise.

For more information on where your nearest library, is upcoming events, online resources available to you and how you can join South Dublin Libraries, please visit the Library section on www.sdcc.ie.



Libraries membership drive has launched

Take Part in Bealtaine Festival



The month of May belongs to the Bealtaine Festival, celebrating art and creativity as we age.

South Dublin County Council has organised a varied programme of events throughout May for the over 55's in the County to celebrate Bealtaine Festival

There has never been a better time to get involved and stay connected. The Council has produced this programme to advertise the wide variety of events and activities that are planned for the festival. The Bealtaine Festival

improves the quality of life of older people by promoting their greater participation in various aspects of life.

Each year, the Age and Opportunity organisation invites local authorities, arts centres, libraries, active retirement groups, care settings, community groups and clubs, associations from every part of the country to run Bealtaine events that celebrate creativity as we age.

A national festival

Bealtaine is Ireland's national festival which celebrates the arts and creativity as we age. The festival is run by Age and Opportunity, the leading national development organisation improving the quality of life of people aged 50 to 100 plus. It aims to:

- encourage more older people to participate in the arts and to increase the quality and opportunities of existing participants,
- support the careers of older professional artists and offer them more opportunities to develop and show work,
- support arts organisations who prioritise (or wish to prioritise) older people, and,
- provide opportunities for intergenerational exchange and more.

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Bealtaine takes place each May for the entire month. Established nationally in 1995, Bealtaine is one of Ireland's largest co-operative festival and the world's first national celebration of creativity in older age. The Festival brings together people from all over Ireland to foster and inspire creativity among older people and to promote the skills, experiences and exposure that can lead to a rich creative life for all older people.

In South Dublin County we have developed useful links and working relationships between our partner agencies and service providers. We

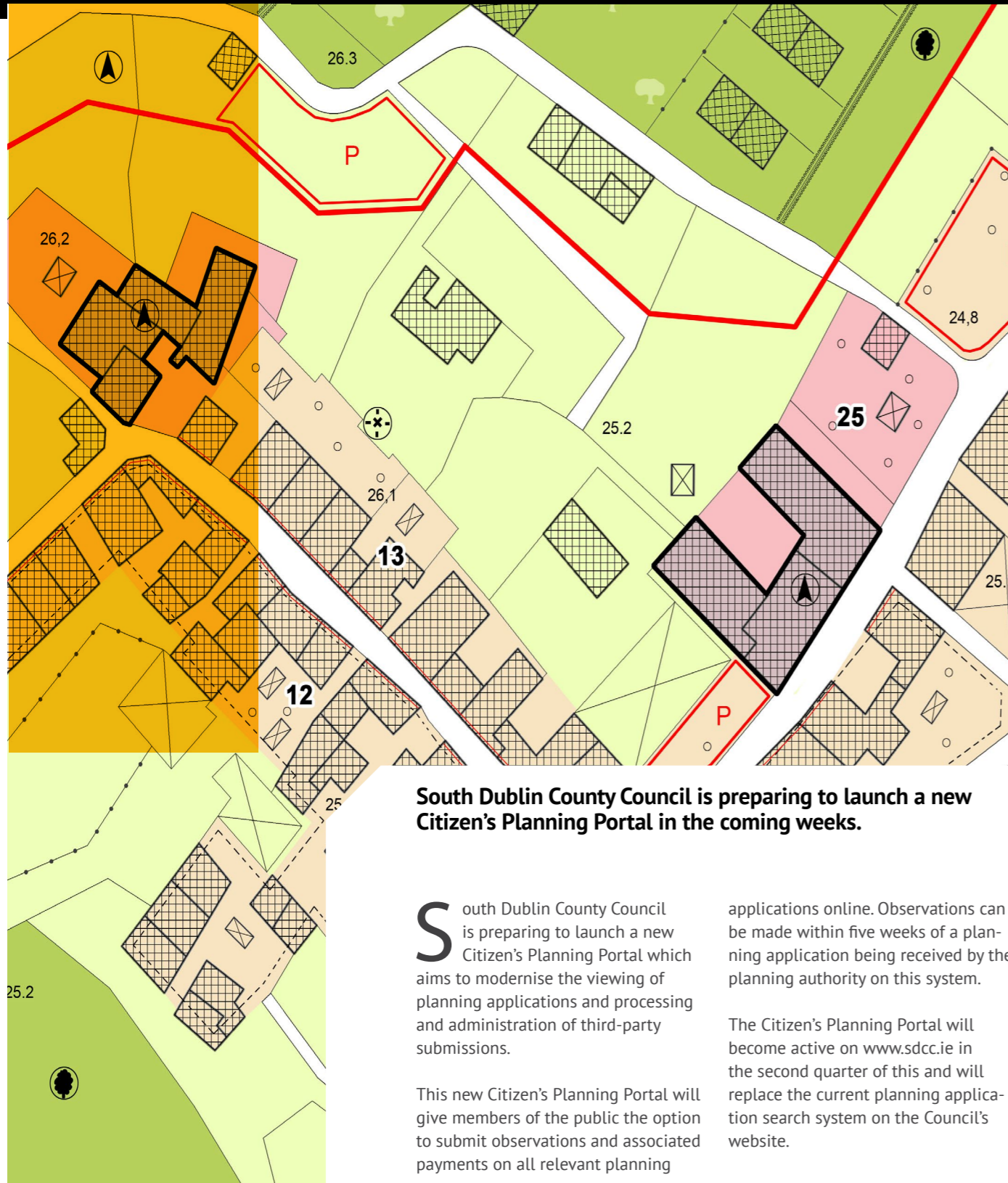
have established the Age Friendly County Alliance and Tús Nua Older People's Council. It raises more awareness of issues affecting older persons and allows us to put the necessary structures in place to address this. South Dublin County is fully committed to being an Age Friendly County.

To view and download a full calendar of events, you can go to www.sdcc.ie



Bealtaine Festival runs throughout May

Launch of Citizen's Planning Portal



South Dublin County Council is preparing to launch a new Citizen's Planning Portal in the coming weeks.

South Dublin County Council is preparing to launch a new Citizen's Planning Portal which aims to modernise the viewing of planning applications and processing and administration of third-party submissions.

This new Citizen's Planning Portal will give members of the public the option to submit observations and associated payments on all relevant planning

applications online. Observations can be made within five weeks of a planning application being received by the planning authority on this system.

The Citizen's Planning Portal will become active on www.sdcc.ie in the second quarter of this and will replace the current planning application search system on the Council's website.

Consultation Portal

The South Dublin County Council consultation portal enables residents, businesses and other stakeholders to have their say on all Council consultations, including key planning issues and future developments.

To view or take part in current active consultations, please visit <https://consult.sdublincoco.ie>.

The Citizen's Planning Portal is an integral step in South Dublin County Council's move to provide a full ePlanning system.

At present, members of the public, developers or agents can't make planning applications online to South Dublin County Council. This means that applications, including associated documents such as maps, drawings and newspaper notices must be submitted in hard copy to the Council's planning department.

South Dublin County Council is currently engaging with the LGMA (Local Government Management Agency) to progress the implementation of the national online ePlanning system, through which planning applications will be submitted. Once fully rolled

out, ePlanning will provide an online option for the public to engage with the planning system, in addition to the existing paper-based system.

Once implemented, the ePlanning system will improve efficiency in the statutory planning process and deliver on the government strategy to move more public services online. Information will be more readily available to the public, as files can be made available for viewing online more quickly than paper files. There will also be cost and environmental savings for applicants, from reduced use of paper and ink.



A new Citizen's Planning Portal is being developed



Grange Castle Business Park



Opening of the Grange Castle West Access Road

The access road includes a full services corridor with gas, water, electricity and fibre broadband to allow South Dublin County Council to offer fully serviced sites to prospective clients.

The provision of this new road is very significant in terms of the continuing economic development of the County, is consistent with national, regional and local policy and guidelines and opens up this serviced development land for Foreign Direct and Indigenous (FDI) Investment. This is fundamentally about job creation which is a top priority for South Dublin County and the wider region.

The completion of the new Grange Castle West Access Road infrastructure represents progress and change, investment and improvement and enhances Grange Castle Business Park's reputation as an accessible and strategic location within reach of our national roads and motorways network.

This project and what this area can achieve in terms of employment, job creation and creating a centre of economic significance will have a major impact on the future economy of South Dublin County, the Dublin Region and the Irish economy itself.

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The Grange Castle West Access Road is the first phase of infrastructure delivered that will provide access to approximately 500 acres of development land in Grange Castle West.

Grange Castle Business Park has a proven track record as a business location of choice that positions South Dublin County Council to attract inward investment and proactively support job creation and economic development. Grange Castle Business Park is home to 6,500 jobs, including 2,500 jobs in the construction sector, with plenty

of high-profile international clients such as Google, Amazon, Cyrus 1, Microsoft, Grifols, Pfizer, Arysza and Takeda.

The Grange Castle West Access Road commenced in July 2017 with the appointment of Consulting Engineers, Clifton Scannell Emerson Associates (CSEA) to provide Technical Consultancy Services for the planning process. In March 2020, following a detailed tender process, Clonmel Enterprises Limited was appointed to construct Phase 1 of the road.

Grange Castle West Access Road contains over 1km of dual carriageway and comprises one double lane and three single lanes with fully segregated roundabouts with pedestrian and cyclist crossing facilities provided.

A Focus on the Grange Castle West Access Road



Cutting the ribbon



Grange Castle West Access Road

Images of the Month



Lucan Harriers' reception

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Tymon Park in Spring



Palmerstown Library

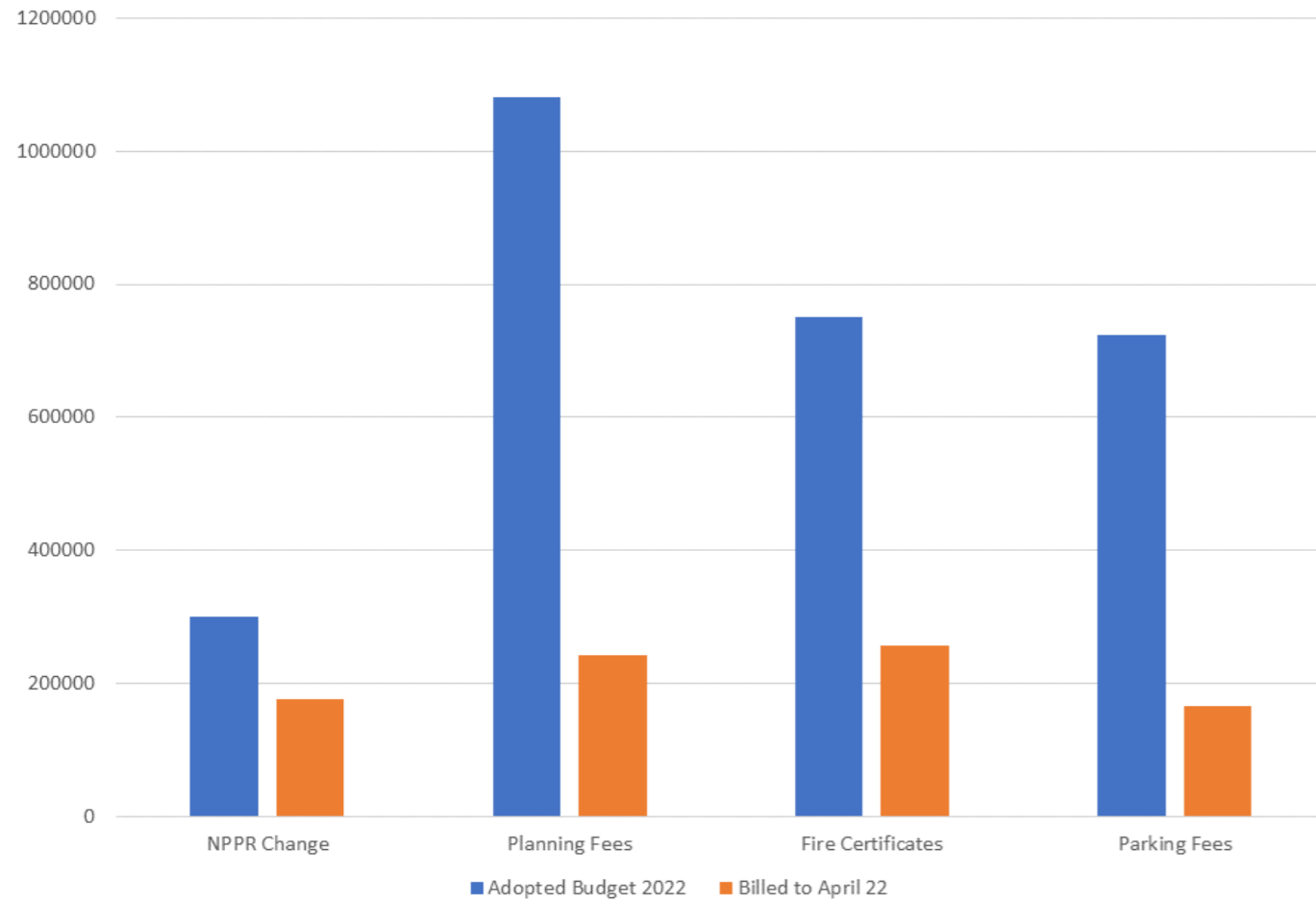


Comhairle na nÓg tour of County Hall

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