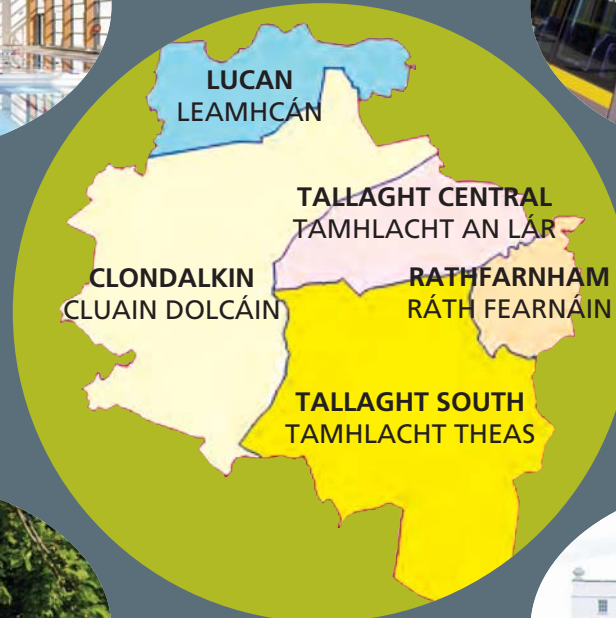


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Message from the Mayor

When I was first elected as Mayor of South Dublin County Council there were a number of key issues which I identified as priorities for my term of office. In particular I hoped to improve the quality of life for those who live in South Dublin County by developing a more inclusive county, where every individual can reach their potential. The key priority was to ensure that those who are at risk from social exclusion gain the opportunities and resources necessary to participate fully in the civic, economic, social and cultural life of the county. During my year in office I have worked to encourage the positive inclusion of all people young and old and in particular I have sought to promote the participation of members from our newer communities here in South Dublin County. Highlights of the year included the opening of the 'Garden for All Seasons' in Sean Walsh Park, the Polish/Irish Family Day in the National Basket Ball arena and the Cultural Diversity Seminar which celebrated the richness and diversity of cultures that we are lucky to have here in South Dublin County.

I have been very privileged to meet the many young people of South Dublin County who participate positively in the civic and cultural life of our county through initiatives such as Comhairle na nÓg and the 'Green Flag' schools programme. I would especially like to recognise the many achievements of young people from the county who have excelled in their chosen sport at both national and international level during the year. South Dublin County Council provides a wide range of high quality leisure and sporting facilities and hopefully we will continue to foster the development of our talented sports men and women into the future.

Over the past year there has been significant progress and investment in many areas and the recent economic downturn should not eclipse the facilities that we were wise to create in the good times. Great new projects including the magnificent new Rua/Red County Arts Centre, the 'Big Picture' exhibition centre and infrastructural developments such as the Outer Ring Road, upgraded N7 and M50 and the proposed extension of the Luas Red Line to Citywest.

I am very honoured to have been Mayor of South Dublin County and I would like to acknowledge the work and contributions of my fellow Councillors, the County Manager Joe Horan, staff of the Council and most importantly the members of the communities here in South Dublin County that I am proud to have served during my term in office.



Cllr. Marie Corr
Mayor of South County Dublin County Council

Message from the County Manager – Joe Horan

In 2008, despite the economic downward, South Dublin County Council continues to develop and support innovative initiatives to address and support the key challenges which individuals face at each stage of life in accordance with the objectives laid out in 'Towards 2016'. This means a focus on the needs of children, young adults, people of working age, older people and people with disabilities. South Dublin County Council provides access for all citizens to some of the best educational, cultural, social, recreational and employment opportunities in the country.

The changed economic circumstances have led to a greater sharing of facilities and resources with other agencies, both statutory and voluntary in the county. By working closer with our partner agencies we can tackle more effectively the many challenges

facing our county, such as the economy, unemployment, community safety and social inclusion:

Some of the key achievements in 2008 include the following:

County Library

A re-imagined County Library opened in April 2008 as a light filled, flexible and welcoming space at the heart of the new Cultural Quarter. A public 'living room' for local communities – a beautiful and welcoming space where customers can read, relax, surf and study. Critical to the success of this building has been the introduction of the latest technologies to enhance the customer experience. The building was awarded the LAMA Best Public Building award for 2008.

South Dublin County Children's Services Committee

The South Dublin County Children's Services Committee promotes interagency working to ensure children and families get appropriate and timely services from the many organisations they encounter in their daily lives. By working together we can make a positive difference to the lives of children and young families in South County Dublin.



Sensory Garden- Sean Walsh Park

South Dublin's Social Inclusion Unit and Parks Department have worked closely with Menni Services to create a Sensory Garden in Sean Walsh Park. The clients of Menni Services (Children & Adults with Disabilities) are using the outdoor garden for horticultural therapy and instruction. It is an opportunity for persons with physical and intellectual disabilities to participate in the creation and upkeep of a visually stimulating garden.

Integrated Economic Strategy

An Integrated Economic Strategy for South Dublin County was completed in late 2008 in conjunction with South Dublin County Development Board and provides a framework to drive the development and growth of the economy over the coming years. This strategy sets out actions targeted at areas of opportunity that will support sustainable economic growth and ensure that South Dublin County will be well placed to return to a growth trajectory when national and global economic conditions improve.

In addition to the above, work continued on the following:

- Infrastructure projects – upgrading of N4/M50 and Outer Ring Road
- Environmental/Sustainable initiatives- Accessible bring bank opened in Sean Walsh Park
- Arts & Cultural Projects- Noise Project
- Community Projects- Brookfield Youth and Community Centre
- Planning for the Future – Clonburris SDZ

Looking forward to 2009, we will continue to develop South Dublin County Council as a place of innovation and creativity. In particular we will work with those who have recently become unemployed by developing Intellectual Enterprise Zones helping to create a Knowledge Economy by promoting new business start ups and the creation of a Virtual Business Campus in the County.

We can be proud of the many services and facilities we provide to the people of South Dublin County and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Mayor, the elected members, Strategic Policy Committees, the Corporate Management Team and all the staff of the Council for their on going support and commitment to the continued development of South Dublin County.

Joe Horan

County Manager



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Gogarty died on 21st May 2008)*

Elected Members Clondalkin / Lucan



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Trevor Gilligan
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Shane O'Connor
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Robert Dowds
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Derek Keating
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Guss O'Connell
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Tony Delaney
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Marie Corr
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Karen Warren
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John Lahart
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(GP)

Eamonn Walsh
(LAB)

Paddy Cosgrave
(LAB)

Area Committees

Lucan/Clondalkin

Chairperson:

Cllr. Derek Keating (FG)

Dorothy Corrigan (GP) – 14/07/08

Eamonn Tuffy (LAB)

Trevor Gilligan (FF)

Thérèse Ridge (FG)

Alan McGaughey (PD)

(resigned 22/08/2008)

replaced by Tony Delaney (FG)

08/09/2008

Shane O'Connor (SF)

Robert Dowds (LAB)

Guss O'Connell (IND)

Tallaght

Chairperson:

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Jim Daly (FF)

Joe Neville (FF)

John Hannon (FF)

Mark Daly (SF)

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08/09/2008

Mick Murphy (SP)

Karen Warren (FG)

Marie Corr (LAB)

Terenure / Rathfarnham

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Eamonn Walsh (LAB)

Cáit Keane (FG)

Strategic Policy Committees

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Cllr. Eamonn Maloney
(Chair Housing and Social)

Cllr. John Hannon
(Chair Arts, Culture and Gaeilge)

Cllr. Eamonn Tuffy
(Chair Economic Development and Planning)

Cllr. Tony McDermott
(Chair Environment)

Cllr. Karen Warren
(Chair Transport)

Cllr. Cathal King
(Chair Sports and Recreation)

County Development Board

Local Government Sector

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- Cllr. Marie Corr Mayor
- Cllr. John Hannon - Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Education and Libraries, SPC Chair
- Cllr. Eamonn Maloney - Housing and Social Policy, SPC Chair
- Cllr. Cathal King - Sport, Recreation, Communities and Parks, SPC Chair
- Cllr. Karen Warren- Transportation SPC Chair
- Cllr. Tony Mc Dermot- Environment SPC Chair
- Joe Horan – County Manager

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- Anna Lee - Dodder Valley , Partnership
- Loman O'Byrne - South Dublin Enterprise Board
- Ruth Shortthall/ Cliona Frost - South Dublin County Childcare Committee
- Michael McBennett - Rural Dublin Leader
- Alan Breathnach - South Dublin Enterprise Board

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- Corinne Lincoln- Dublin Tourism
- John Moloney- Department of Education and Science
- Julie Cruickshank- Health Services Executive
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- Peter Byrne- South Dublin Chamber of Commerce
- Sile O'Brien - South Dublin Community Forum

Council Membership of Committees and Statutory Bodies

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Cllr. Thérèse Ridge

Dublin Regional Authority

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Cllr. Mark Daly (resigned 22/08/08)
Cllr. Sean Crowe (replaced M. Daly
08/09/08)
Cllr. Máire Ardagh
Cllr. Colm Brophy

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Cllr. Jim Daly

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Cllr. Guss O'Connell
Cllr. Eamon Tuffy
Cllr. Tony McDermott
Cllr. John Hannon

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Cllr. Sean Crowe
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Cllr. Joe Neville
Cllr. Karen Warren

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Cllr. Shane O'Connor
Cllr. Robert Dowds
Cllr. Trevor Gilligan

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Cllr. Robert Dowds

Lucan 2000 Community Group

Vacancy
Cllr. Guss O'Connell

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Cllr. Joe Neville
Cllr. Colm Brophy

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Cllr. Cáit Keane

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Cllr. Eamon Tuffy

Board of Rural Dublin Leader

Cllr. Jim Daly

Meath Foundation at Tallaght Hospital

Cllr. Eamonn Maloney

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Cllr. John Lahart
Cllr. Paddy Cosgrave

Civic Theatre

Cllr. Eamonn Walsh
Cllr. John Hannon

KWCD Partnership

Cllr. Tony McDermott

Tourism Task Force

Cllr. Caitríona Jones
Cllr. Mark Daly (resigned 22/08/08)
Cllr. Sean Crowe (replaced M. Daly
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Cllr. Máire Ardagh
Cllr. Guss O'Connell

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Cllr. Shane O'Connor
Cllr. Thérèse Ridge
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Cllr. Guss O'Connell
Cllr. Eamon Tuffy

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Cllr. Shane O'Connor
Cllr. Colm Brophy (13/09/08, replaced Stanley Laing who resigned Dec. 07)
Cllr. Eamonn Maloney (09/06/08, replaced Cllr. Robert Dowds who resigned Dec. 07)

Tallaght Integrated Area Plan Implementation & Monitoring Committee

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Clondalkin Integrated Area Plan Implementation & Monitoring Committee

Cllr. Robert Dowds

Dublin 12 Drugs Task Force

Cllr. Eamonn Walsh

Regional Drugs Task Force

Cllr. Marie Corr

Dublin County Vocational Education Committee

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Cllr. Thérèse Ridge
Cllr. John Lahart (resigned 5/06/08)
Cllr. Jim Daly (replaced J. Lahart 09/06/08)
Cllr. Tony McDermott
Cllr. Eamon Tuffy

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Cllr. Colm Brophy

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Cllr. Marie Corr
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Cllr. Joe Neville,
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Cllr. Jim Daly,
Cllr. Marie Corr, Mayor who replaced
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Cllr. John Lahart,
Cllr. Tony McDermott,
Cllr. Eamonn Walsh,
Cllr. Cáit Keane,

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Charlie O'Connor T.D.
Pat Rabbitte T.D.
Cllr. Paul Gogarty T.D.

Garda Officers (2)

John Manley,
Chief Superintendent DMRS
John Twomey,
Chief Superintendent DMRW

Local Authority Officers (2)

Joe Horan, County Manager
Frank Nevin, Director of Planning

Community/Voluntary Sector (3)

Michelle Keairns replaced Maria Price
Bolger
Tom Aspil replaced Michael McLoughlin
Jim Lawlor

Events 2008

January

- Food Policy Meeting re Farmers Markets
- LAMA Awards in Citywest Hotel
- Shamrock Rovers in Tower Hotel

February

- F.A.I. 18th Annual Soccer Awards
- Adult Learners Fair in Tallaght
- Quarryvale Community Centre Inaugural Tea Dance
- Children's Photo Shoot
- "Satellite" Art Exhibition
- Art Exhibition in Lucan by Yuliya Awobajo
- Opening of "The Get Ahead Club" in Clondalkin

March

- Sr. Carmel "Earls Beacon of Light" in Clondalkin
- Young Social Innovators in Moran's Red Cow Hotel
- Coffee Morning for Prevention of Self Harm & Suicide
- Prize giving on World Book Day, Castletymon
- Opening of Seachtain na Gaelige

- Prize Giving Ceremony in Colaiste de hIde
- 4th Annual International Food Fair, Killinarden
- Public Sculpture by Mark Joyce in Marley Park House
- St. Patrick's Day Parade, Lucan
- Visiting BRC Shooting Club Bohernabreena
- Opening of Halifax/ Bank of Scotland Citywest

April

- Green Flag Ceremony, Scoil Maelruain Senior School
- Meeting Members from Palmerstown
- National Learning Network Certification Ceremony Tallaght
- Soccer Blitz, Clondalkin
- Meeting Oireachtas Members
- Art Exhibition Lucan – June & Pat Doyle
- Unveil Sculpture in Lucan - St Mary's School Rowlagh
- Gala Night (Freidhreichs Ataxia) Finnstown Country Hotel
- Dance – between Earth, Sky & Home, Civic Theatre
- Awards for Beautiful South Dublin

- Book Launch by St. Muirins called "Flower Gathering"
- Green Flag Ceremony, Gaelscoil Naomh Phadraig, Esker
- Social Inclusion Awards
- Newspaper Colouring Competition Prize Giving
- Annual Meeting of PAKT, Roadstone
- Junior Achievers Springfield
- Social Inclusion Event – Camogie
- Mayor of Brent visit
- Junior Achievers Award – Willsbrook Lucan



May

- Alzheimer Meeting, Spa Hotel, Lucan
- Irish Poems by children from 3 Gael Scoils
- Launch of iWalks in Corkagh Park
- Opening of new school Colaiste Bride Clondalkin
- Green Flag Ceremony – Sacred Heart JNS Killinarden
- Green Flag Ceremony – Nano Nagle School, Bawnogue
- Junior Achievers – Tallaght
- African Day Celebrations – Tallaght Library
- Extension to the Luas Red Line – Red Cow Depot
- African Contributions in Aras Chronain
- All Ireland Street League Tournament Clondalkin
- Picnic for Families with Young Children Ballyowen
- Present Certificates in Jobstown Community Centre
- Fetac Certificates in I.T. Tallaght
- Green Flag Ceremony – Scoil Mhuire SNS Lucan
- Green Flag Ceremony - Scoil Mhuire Clondalkin
- Sports Day St. Mary's Tallaght

June

- Fused Arts Festival in Lucan (Ruallie Buaille)
- Official Opening of New County Library Intercultural Centre, Clondalkin Village
- Dublin City Tours with Dualway Coaches – Aras Chronain
- Green Flag Ceremony – Sacred Heart JNS Killinarden
- Community Awards – Clarion Hotel, Lucan
- Pearse Brothers Park 50th Celebrations – Pearse Park Green
- Storytelling – County Library and St. Aidan's SNS Brookfield
- Green Flag Ceremony – St. Mary's NS Bancroft Greenhills
- Opening of the Clondalkin Sports and Leisure Centre
- Reception for South Dublin County Childcare Committee
- Green Flag Ceremony – St. Mary's Boys NS Lucan
- Gum Litter Taskforce Rathfarnham Village
- Official opening of the Lucan Skatepark
- West Tallaght Resource Centre 21 Years Brookfield

- Green Flag Ceremony – St. Brigids SNS Palmerstown
- South Dublin Chamber Presidents Lunch – Citywest
- Youth Café Griffeen – Griffeen Park
- Link-up between Shamrock Rovers and Maltese Club Floriana
- Greenhills Community Garden Project
- Aylesbury Festival – Aylesbury Tallaght
- The Get Ahead Club Graduation – Neilstown
- Green Flag Ceremony – Scoil Maelruan JNS
- Spóirt Teic/Sports Certificates Ceremony
- Green Flag Ceremony – Scoil Aonghusa Junior Balrothery
- Annual Meeting – Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor
- 10th Year Anniversary of Irish National Baseball – Corkagh Park

July

- Art Exhibition in Lucan – Maura Kennedy
- Oireachtas Meeting – Council Chambers
- Report on the needs of Older People in Nth Clonalkin
- Traveller Culture Exhibition
- Launch of SDCC Language Skills
- Tallaght Disability Advocacy Project – Tower Hotel
- Bursary Awards – Concourse
- Art Project with Students from New Orleans
- Jobstown Arts Group – Tallaght Community Arts
- Clondalkin Carers Association – Green Isle Hotel

August

- Opening of Sacred Heart Football Club Killinarden
- Sod Turning Ceremony – Avonbeg Gardens
- Polish/Irish Family Day – Tymon
- Art Exhibition – The Spa Hotel Lucan – Past and Present
- South Dublin Oral History Collection Launch

- Finals of Tallaght Idol – Killinarden
- Ahmadiyya Muslim Annual Conference – Maynooth

September

- Art Exhibition Lucan – Marina Coffey
- Official Opening of Educate Together School Lucan
- Clondalkin Camera Club's Annual Photographic Exhibition
- New Underground/Wheelchair Accessible Bring Bank – Sean Walsh Park.
- Launch New Book "Drinking the Colour Blue" by Eileen Casey
- Audio Book Launch "If Those Trees Could Speak"
- The People of the Year Awards 2008 – Citywest
- New Community Healthy Living Centre and the Pieta House
- Outreach Service in Neilstown
- Opening of the Cycle Lane on the Outer Ring Road
- Community Alive Week Photocall
- Present Prize to Winner of Housing Dept. Draw
- Launch of Book "Clondalkin in the Summer of 2008"

- Childhood Development Initiative
- Launch of BSmart Programme Neilstown
- Know your Number Roadshow
- Bicycle Power Smoothie Maker Launch
- Lucan Tidy Town Awards
- Fettercairn Community Health Space Open Day
- Launch of Archaeology Book Tallaght
- New Tallaght Office of South Dublin County Volunteer Centre
- Retired Staff Dinner
- Launch of South Dublin Placenames and Streetnames Directory
- Special Olympics 30 years Celebrations

October

- Beautiful South Dublin County Awards Night – Tower Hotel
- Children's Book Festival – Tallaght
- Art Exhibition Lucan – Ann Gilleece, Bebhinn Nic Liam & Angela Shivnan
- Presentation of I.T. Bursary Awards Tallaght
- First ITT Dublin Student Enterprise Competition
- Launch Exhibition of paintings by Students of VEC Portals

- Attend the Stop Drugs event in Council Chamber
- Vodaphone Innovation in Government Awards – Dublin Castle
- The opening of Clondalkin/ Fonthill Railway Station
- Opening of New Resource Centre Balgaddy.
- Photoshoot for Halloween
- Dublin Chamber of Commerce Awards – Moran’s Red Cow
- Westside Boxing Club Gala Dinner – Green Isle
- Tallaght Cancer Support Group – St. Dominics
- St. Andrews Centre – Pensioners Awards – Greenhills
- Presentation to Rebecca Dillon, Kickboxer from the Panther Club Martial Arts and Kickboxing.
- Newspaper Childrens Colouring Competition
- Presentation of Prizes to Oidhreacht Heritage Photographic Competition.
- Book launch “A Rural Place” by Sean Bagnall followed by
- Leo Swan Memorial Lecture
- The Big Picture Launch

November

- Art Exhibition Lucan – by Joe Houghton
- Gala Awards Dinner – Crowne Plaza Hotel
- IT Bursary Awards
- Readers Day – Tower Hotel
- Presentation of prizes for best Walking Class Jobstown
- Art Exhibition – Tallaght Community Arts Centre – “How does it Feel”
- Official Opening of Rossecourt Resource Centre – Balgaddy
- Launch of Cookery Book – Ballycragh
- Meeting of European Teachers in relation to Glenasmole School
- Tallaght Photographers Exhibition
- Presentation of Certificates to Students from Tallaght Centre for the Unemployed
- Tallaght Person of the Year Awards – Plaza Hotel
- Awards at IACI-Network
- Launch of Social Inclusion Week
- Launch of Bloom Garden –Balrothery
- Launch of Cookery Book in relation to Social Inclusion Week
- Launch of short stories from Ballyroan Library Writers Circle “Branching Out”
- Disability Awareness Seminar – Tower Hotel

- Launch of SDCC Public Art Programme
- Karate Awards 20th year celebration – Sheldon Hotel

December

- Art Exhibition Lucan – Ger Bowden
- Clondalkin Travellers Development Group Strategic Accommodation Plan
- Dublin Fire Brigade Recruit Passing-Out Parade – Marino
- Garden for All Seasons – Sean Walsh Park
- Tallaght Christmas Sparkle
- Official Lighting of Christmas Tree in Clondalkin
- Poetry Reading Night – St. Maelruains Hall by St. Muirins Writing Group
- Presentation of Certificate to participants of Parenting Course in Bernardos, Fettercairn
- Public Art in School – Rua Red Arts Centre
- Poetry Book Launch by Dermot Bolger
- Official Lighting of Tallaght Christmas Tree
- South Dublin County Ethiopian Partnership Project – Tallaght
- Presentation of Prizes to children for Seachtain Na Gaeilge Competition.

Conferences Attended in 2008

Home Conferences

Conference: Merriman Winter School
Venue: Hotel Westport, Westport Co. Mayo
Theme: Forbairt Na Gaeilge 1958 – 2008

Conference: Local Government and the Planning Service
Venue: Clonlea Strand Hotel, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford
Theme: Planning Issues

Conference: Mid West Regional Authority Conference
Venue: Woodlands House Hotel, Adare Co. Wicklow
Theme: Planning for Renewable Energy

Conference: AMAI Spring Seminar
Venue: Trim Castle Hotel, Trim Co. Meath
Theme: Various Topics

Conference: Irelands Newest Immigrants
Venue: Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Theme: Ensuring their Participation in the European and Local Elections 2009

Conference: Colmcille Winter School
Venue: Colmcille Heritage Centre. Gartan, Co. Donegal
Theme: The Mutual Benefits of North South Co-Operation

Conference: Association of City and County Councils Conference
Venue: Roganstown Country Club, Swords, Fingal
Theme: Various Topics

Conference: Annual Energy Seminar
Venue: Raheen House Hotel, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary
Theme: Energy Issues

Conference: LAMA Spring Conference
Venue: Knightsbrook Hotel, Trim Co. Meath
Theme: Various Topics

Conference: Practical Implications of an All Island Economy
Venue: Cavan Chrystal Hotel, Cavan
Theme: All Island Vision

Conference: Kerry Environmental Conference
Venue: Golf Hotel Ballybunion, Co Kerry
Theme: Environmental Issues

Conference: Effective Communications for Councillors
Venue: Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Theme: Communications

Conference: Sherkin Island Marine Conference
Venue: Carraigaline Court Hotel, Co. Cork
Theme: Water Challenges for Users

Conference: Local Economic and Development Conference
Venue: Marriott Hotel, Limerick
Theme: Economic and Development Issues

Conference: Planning Seminar for Councillors
Venue: Patrick Punch Hotel, Limerick
Theme: Planning Issues

Conference: Local Government Planning Service
Venue: Ballyvaughan Coast Hotel, Co. Clare
Theme: Planning Issues

Conference: Local Government and the Housing Service
Venue: Bellingham Castle Hotel, Castlebellingham Hotel, Co. Louth
Theme: Housing Issues

Conference: IPA Green Paper on Local Government Conference	Conference: Alternative Enterprise the Key to Rural Development	Conference: General Humbert Summer School
Venue: Waterford	Venue: Manin Bay Hotel, Clifden Co. Galway	Venue: Newman Institute, Ballina, Co. Mayo
Theme: Green Paper on Local Government	Theme: Rural Development	Theme: Various Topics
Conference: Carlow Tourism Council	Conference: The Role of Local Government in Sport	Conference: Local Government and the Arts
Venue: Killerig Hotel, Killerig, Co. Carlow	Venue: Oughterard, Co. Galway	Venue: Dooley's Hotel, Birr, Co Offaly
Theme: Tourism	Theme: Sport	Theme: Arts
Conference: Byrne and Perry Summer School	Conference: Douglas Hyde Summer School	Conference: Benedict Kiely Literary Weekend
Venue: Christian Brothers School, Gorey Co. Wexford	Venue: St. Nathy's Collage Ballaghderreen	Venue: Strule Arts Centre, Omagh
Theme: From Murder to Modern Education	Theme: Traditional Music	Theme: Benedict Kiely
Conference: Local Government Planning Service	Conference: John Hewitt Summer School	Conference: National Advisory Council Conference
Venue: Baltimore Hotel Co. Cork	Venue: Armagh Market Place Theatre	Venue: Lyrath Estate Hotel, Kilkenny
Theme: Planning Issues	Theme: The Wide Hearth – Ready to Talk	Theme: The Benefits of Good Water Quality to our Community
Conference: IPA Green Paper on Local Government Conference	Conference: Parnell Summer School	Conference: Folk Life Studies Conference
Venue: Hilton Hotel, Limerick	Venue: Avondale House, Co Wicklow	Venue: Mucross House, Killarney, Co. Kerry
Theme: Green Paper on Local Government	Theme: Educating Ireland	Theme: Lakeland Culture Recording Change
	Conference: Irish Course	Conference: Energy Efficiency Conference
	Venue: Inis Mhór	Venue: Manin Bay Hotel, Clifden Co. Galway
	Theme: Irish Language	Theme: Heat Recovery and Energy Recycling for the Domestic Dwelling.
	Conference: Merriman Summer School	
	Venue: Ennis, Co. Clare	
	Theme: Irish Language and Culture	

Conference: Citizen First Conference
Venue: The Old Ground Hotel, Ennis
Theme: Using Technology to include all citizens

Conference: Getting a Grip Conference
Venue: Malton Hotel, Killarney Co. Kerry
Theme: Addiction Proofing Our Communities

Conference: Freedom of Information Conference
Venue: Ballina, Co. Mayo
Theme: Freedom of Information

Conference: The Role of Local Government in Protecting our Water
Venue: Connemara Gateway Hotel, Oughterard, Co. Galway
Theme: Protecting Irish Waters

Conference: Third Sector Forum
Venue: Killarney Plaza Hotel, Kenmare Place, Kenmare, Co. Kerry
Theme: Local Authority Financing

Conference: North South Confederation of Councillors
Venue: Clifden Station Hotel, Clifden Co. Galway
Theme: Good Friday Agreement 10 years on

Conference: Irish Language Course (2)
Venue: Furbo Co. Galway
Theme: Irish Language

Conference: Anti Social Behavior Conference
Venue: Carraig Hotel, Carraig on Suir, Co. Tipperary
Theme: Anti Social Behavior and Associated Health and Safety Issues

Conference: Local Government Budget 2009
Venue: Carlton Millrace Hotel, Bunclody, Co Wexford
Theme: Budget 2009

Conference: Public Relations and Communications for Councillors
Venue: Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Theme: Public Relations and Communications

Conference: Information and Communication technologies for Councillors
Venue: Carlton Millrace Hotel, Bunclody, Co Wexford
Theme: IT and Communications

Conference: LAMA Winter Conference
Venue: TF Royal Hotel, Castlebar, Co. Mayo
Theme: Road Safety and Health and Safety

Conference: Clare Tourism Conference
Venue: Falls Hotel Ennistymon, Ennis Co. Clare
Theme: Co- Operation and Integration the Key to Successful Tourism

Conference: Effective Communications for Councillors
Venue: Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo
Theme: Communications

Home Conferences €59,841.53

Conferences Abroad

Conference: European Social Services Conference
Venue: Paris
Theme: Shaping the Future of Social Services in Europe

Conference: Airports Council International World Conference and Exhibition
Venue: Boston
Theme: Airport Issues and Shaping Future Strategies

Conference Abroad €24,501.83

Excellence in Local Government Awards 2008

- Africa Day Awards – Public Sector Award to South Dublin County Ethiopian Partnership Project
- ICT Excellence Awards – Open Source Project of the Year to Enovation Solutions. The subject of the submission was South Dublin County Council’s Connect School Initiative
- Excellence in Local Government Award 2008 in the Technology Section – Virtual Learning Environment Connect Schools Programme at St. Aidan’s Community School, Tallaght
- LAMA Local Government Awards:
 - Best Public Building – New County Library in Tallaght
 - Best Private Housing Development – Adamstown Development in South Lucan
 - Best Affordable Housing Development Project – Adamstown Development in South Lucan
 - Best Mixed Development Project – Arena Development in Tallaght
- Brookfield Youth & Community Centre was awarded the 2008 Architecture Association of Ireland Downes Medal for Excellence and Architectural Design and was also highly commended in the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland’s Awards 2008



Community Services

Community Services Department, has in the main, responsibility for the County Development Board, the RAPID Programme, the Social Inclusion Unit, the Community Development Teams and the Sports and Arts Offices. The Department also continues to administer its traditional role of promoting and assisting ongoing development of community activity at a local level throughout the County as well as being responsible for the day to day running of a number of community facilities in the County. The Department supports the Area Committees of the Council and two Strategic Policy Committees viz. Sports, Recreation, Community and Parks and Arts, Culture, An Gaeilge, Education and Libraries. The main achievements of the Department during 2008 are set out below under each Unit heading.

SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD South Dublin

2008 was a very productive year for South Dublin County Development Board. It saw the progressing of the final year of the current implementation plan: South Dublin - A Place for People 2006-2008. The 11 Working Groups/Sub-groups outlined in the Implementation Plan have continued to progress the Plan's priority actions. The County Development Board met five times in 2008. The business of the Board dealt with the Indecon report on the Review and Strengthening/Developing of County/City Development Boards. This report highlighted the special onus on local government as the lead agency on the CDBs to continue to support the work of the Boards.

Other projects included:

- The completion of an Integrated Economic Development Strategy for South Dublin County

- The Establishment of two new Local Development Partnerships (Dodder Valley Partnership & CPLN Partnership) for South Dublin County under the Cohesion Process.
- The work of the Interagency Traveller/ Children's Services Committee Initiatives
- The Social Inclusion Measures/Monitoring of RAPID Programmes

The CDB has adopted disability as a key theme and promotes co-ordination between the relevant service providers in South Dublin County with regard to services for persons with a disability. A seminar was held in November 2008 entitled "Connecting Services to people with a disability living and working in South Dublin County". This was attended both by persons with a disability and representatives of organisations providing services.

Interagency Traveller Strategy South Dublin

South Dublin County Traveller Interagency Group met on four occasions in 2008. South Dublin County Interagency Traveller Strategy is divided into nine actions and each of these nine actions is progressed by a lead agency. The CDB Executive had responsibility for the following actions which included the development of a set of performance indicators for each of the nine actions outlined in the Strategy. An interagency debate was organised on the theme of Traveller Education, in respect of which there was a large attendance from the Travelling Community, Local Schools, Department of Education, County Childcare Committee, Travellers Development Groups and Pavee Point.

Interagency meetings for frontline staff were held quarterly during 2008 and frontline staff from the following agencies attended: HSE, South Dublin County Council, Local Employment Organisations, St Basils Traveller Training Centre, county Dublin VEC, An Garda Siochana, Saoirse Women's Refuge, Clondalkin Travellers CDP, Tallaght Travellers CDP, Tallaght Traveller Youth Services, Department of Social and Family Affairs, South Dublin County Enterprise Board and the Department of Education and Science.

South Dublin County Children's Services Committee South Dublin

In March 2008, the County Development Board organised a very successful workshop with members of South Dublin Comhairle na nÓg and the Children's Services and Local Sports Partnership Committee members. The purpose of the workshop was to give the young people of South Dublin County a voice in the design, implementation and monitoring of recreational policies and facilities and to create opportunities for children/young people to participate in the decision-making process.

South Dublin County Joint Policing Committee

The purpose of South Dublin County's Joint Policing Committee is to provide a forum where the Local Authority and the senior Garda officers responsible for the policing of that area, with the participation of Oireachtas members and community interests, can consult, discuss and make recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the area. The Committee met 5 times in 2008 and the following items were discussed/advanced:

- Establishment of a sub-committee on Drug and Alcohol related issues

- Estate Management and Pro-Social Initiatives
- Mediation Services
- Crime Rates/Statistics in South Dublin County Council
- CCTV Schemes
- Graffiti and Litter

COMHAIRLE NA nÓG South Dublin

2008 was a busy year for South Dublin Comhairle na nÓg, with eight members of South Dublin County Comhairle na nÓg representing South Dublin County Council at Dáil na nÓg in February. Delegates from Comhairle na nÓg were elected to represent their local area at the annual Dáil na nÓg (National Youth Parliament) which is organised by the National Youth Council of Ireland and funded by the Office of the Minister for Children. This event had substantial media coverage and some of our members were interviewed on the Pat Kenny Radio Show, NewsTalk 106, and also appeared on Ireland AM. Gemma Harding, Vice-Chairperson of Comhairle na nÓg was elected to the Dáil na nÓg Youth Council, which progressed the recommendations through 2008 made by young people in attendance.

The 'Feast or Famine' Poverty Awareness Campaign was launched in March 2008. This was an initiative supported by the Social Inclusion Unit of South Dublin County Council to increase awareness levels of poverty in our County amongst 2nd level students.

Works were also completed on the Comhairle na nÓg Student Council Network website. This website was developed to allow student councils within the County keep in touch with each other and let each other know what is going on within their school councils.

<http://www.studentcouncilnetwork.ie/> With the support of Connect, we have offered Student Councils across South Dublin County the opportunity to develop and build their own website. Over 40 entries were received from schools and youth organisations across South Dublin County for a Youth Council Logo Competition.

In December 2008 our new Comhairle na nÓg Website was developed. This is a work in progress.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Work in 2008 included the following:

- Management Assistance Grants were paid to 17 Community Centres
- The continued successful sponsorship of 8 Community Employment Schemes, 1 Job Initiative Scheme, together with the Spóirt Teic and Sports Flexibility Programmes. In June 2008, 24 trainees successfully graduated from the Spóirt Teic Programme and 14 from the Sports Flexibility Programme. In September 2008, 32 new trainees enrolled on the 2008/2009 Spóirt Teic Programme and 26 on the Sports Flexibility Programme
- 13 Deputation meetings were serviced during 2008
- Children in 25 Primary Schools were provided with sandwiches, fruit, yogurt and milk through the School Meals Scheme during 2008
- 143 grant applications under the Community Grants Scheme were processed in 2008
- Four Family Days took place during summer 2008 in Griffeen Park, Lucan (in conjunction with National Play Day), Corkagh Park, Tymon Park and at Adamstown
- Very successful Community Awards ceremony was held in June 2008 with groups and individuals awarded under 6 different categories
- In July 2008, the Clondalkin Community Development Team, in partnership with Rapid, Rowlagh Women's group and Clondalkin Partnership, launched Needs of Older Person's Research Report, based on research carried out in Palmerstown and North Clondalkin
- The Community Development Team continued to provide support to Management Committees of numerous Centres, community development projects, community childcare and afterschool groups, safety forums and various other community support groups
- The Team continued to work closely with Residents Associations and Environment Groups and during 2008 provided a series of presentations for new groups dealing with Formation (Constitutions, Companies) and Roles (Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary). They also disseminated information on the Deputation process

- Connect training was completed in all of the Community Centres and a member of the Community Development Team was assigned in 2008 to support Centres in maintaining their websites
- The Team supported new communities, particularly in the areas of Balgaddy and Adamstown. New infrastructure opened in Adamstown during 2008 which included Adamstown Information Centre., St John's the Evangelist National School and Giraffes Childcare and Early Learning Centre
- Community Development Team supported the multicultural week held in Archbishop Ryan School in March 2008
- Surveys were carried out on all the schools, hotels and sports facilities in the Clondalkin/ Palmerstown/Lucan and Adamstown area
- Audits on all Community Centres in Clondalkin/ Palmerstown/Lucan and Adamstown area were completed
- In partnership with Stewarts Hospital, the Community Development Team initiated a very successful Arts and Disability Programme
- Funding was provided to support the 2008 Access to Third Level Scholarship Programme in conjunction with the Institute of Technology Tallaght
- Two very successful Halloween Bonfires Projects were organised in 2008 in Tallaght and Clondalkin
- Other community development areas included Community Linkage funding to projects, South Dublin Community Forum and Platform activities, Young Peoples Facilities and Services Funding to projects and National & Local Drugs Strategy activities

RAPID (Revitalizing Areas by Planning, Investment and Development)

In 2008, RAPID Areas have benefited from a wide range of funding lines including:

- Educational Disadvantage Capital Works – funds used towards provision of Parents' rooms, Library facilities, Catering facilities
- Dormant Account Funds - funds used towards refurbishment of community space within Brookfield Enterprise Centre
- Health Capital - funds used towards older people's outdoor Trimtrail
- Physical Environment Improvement and Playgrounds/Recreation, in accordance with the countywide policy on the Development and Management of Playgrounds and Play Areas

In 2008, these funding streams brought an additional €3 million into the four RAPID areas in the County to address identified needs. Tangible examples of outcomes can be seen in West Tallaght where 8 play facilities have been built and 2 were upgraded from a base of 1 at the advent of the Programme. This means that all children in West Tallaght now have recreational spaces within walking distance of their homes. In conjunction with South Dublin County Council, and on a co-funded basis, €600,000 of additional environmental improvement works were delivered across North Clondalkin and West Tallaght in 2008.

Throughout 2008, work commenced to develop strategies and implementation plans for each of the 7 themes identified in the evaluation carried out by Fitzpatrick Associates on behalf of South Dublin County Council.

Following on from “Taking the First Steps to a Healthier Fettercairn”, a Community Health Initiative and Development Worker was put in place in 2008 to deliver better health outcomes locally. The initiative works closely with the local HSE Primary Care team.

During 2008, the North Clondalkin AIT contracted Community Action Network to review its community representation, resulting in five new community people being elected to the team.

With the support of South Dublin County Council’s Arts Office, an area dedicated Arts Development Worker began working in each of the RAPID areas. The Arts Development Workers began a two year programme which was completed in 2008, out of which a film production programme has emerged as Tallaght Young Filmmakers and a music initiative in North Clondalkin.

A comprehensive suicide prevention service, in conjunction with Pieta House, Lucan, has operated successfully in both North Clondalkin and West Tallaght throughout 2008.

Acorn Family Support Service, an early intervention model in conjunction with Barnardos, proved very effective in three of the communities of West Tallaght where the project workers are active.

The RAPID Programme works closely with the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs to address policy issues which impact on RAPID areas. In 2008, these included the dilution of disadvantage in Jobstown and the local impact of Childcare subvention.

A weekly RAPID Community News bulletin South Dublin, incorporating a wide range of useful community information and opportunity, continued to be published in 2008 and was also available on the website.

SOCIAL INCLUSION UNIT South Dublin

Key achievements of the Unit in 2008 included:

- Copper Bucket Making Programme for Travellers
- Golf Programme for Young Children
- 2nd Level Schools Social Inclusion Project
- Flavours of Home Cookery Book celebrating the Intercultural Year of Dialogue
- Design of Cookery Book Cover Competition for Young Children
- Social Inclusion Week 2008 – Spotlight on Disability
- Irish/Polish Family Day, in collaboration with the National Basketball Arena
- Horticultural Project in Sean Walsh Park for Adults with Disabilities
- Tea Dance for Older People in the County
- European Week against Racism – Competition for the Public to convey their own special message against racism
- Poverty Awareness Training and Living and Working in a Diverse Ireland Training for Staff
- Internship Scheme – an opportunity for members of the new community to gain work experience in an office environment
- Language Skills Dbase – continue to utilise our staff language skills to communicate with members of the new communities

During 2008, the Social Inclusion Unit also continued to co-ordinate/support the Council’s Cross Departmental Working Group on Social Inclusion, the Social Inclusion Measures Sub-Group of CDB and the South Dublin County Social Inclusion Network.

Website: <http://socialinclusion.southdublin.ie>

SPORT AND RECREATION OFFICE South Dublin

Some of the initiatives undertaken in 2008 were:

- Further expansion of the After Schools Programme, in association with the F.A.I., to promote soccer in primary schools within socially disadvantaged areas
- Promotion of and planning of Slí Na Sláinte routes in association with the Health Service Executive and the Irish Heart Foundation
- Continuation of the Sports Bursary Scheme with I.T. Tallaght
- Celebration of 30 Years of Special Olympics held in grounds of Clondalkin Sports & Leisure Centre
- Joint Venture with F.A.I. extending the "F.A.I. Football in the Community". Development Officers by the engagement of another Development Officer in 2008 to target the Terenure/Rathfarnham Area
- Joint Venture with I.R.F.U. establishing the "Rugby in the Community". Development Officer to promote and develop Rugby throughout the County
- Schools competitions & programmes in Football, Basketball, Badminton and Golf
- Promotion of sport across all areas of South Dublin County Council, particularly in Departments/Sections such as Parks, Social Inclusion and Roads
- Facilitation of an in-depth audit of all sports, community and arts facilities in the County as directed by the Department of Environment and Local Government
- Assisted in development of County Sports/ Recreation Strategy

SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

South Dublin County Sports Partnership had its first full year of operation in 2008. Additional representatives onto the Committee came from the educational sector – primary, secondary and third level; South Dublin Chamber of Commerce, An Garda Síochána, the Federation of Irish Sports and an ethnic minority group. The Committee is now representative of all areas of the community.

During the year, the Sports Partnership carried out various activities targeting many different groups in our community from pre-school age to older aged.

One of the main programmes rolled out was the Buntús programme in primary schools. Buntús provides schools with free equipment and teacher training to the value of approx. €700 each. The emphasis is on fun and participation and getting all children to participate in sport regardless of age, sex or ability. In 2008, 33 schools representing 571 teachers and 8,795 pupils came onto the programme. A similar scheme for preschools, Buntús Start, saw 20 creches come on board with equipment and training.

The Sports Partnership launched its website www.sdscsp.ie which will prove to be an invaluable resource for people who want to find out about what sport and recreation opportunities are available for them in the County.

Other services provided included:

- The provision of Code of Ethics/ Child Protection in Sport training for club coaches and administrators
- The management of €135,000 in club grants under a Dormant Account Scheme
- The development of an activities programme Living the Life for older aged people in the public leisure centres in Tallaght, Clondalkin & Lucan

ARTS OFFICE South Dublin

During 2008, South Dublin County Council's Arts Programme saw the completion of the construction of RUA RED, South Dublin Arts Centre, which is a key element of the emerging cultural quarter at the centre of Tallaght. The Arts Centre has a countywide remit which it will deliver through outreach and education activities.

The County's Music Education Service was initiated in 2008 in association with music and education partners and works with a number of secondary and primary schools in the County. A further development in music was the establishment of a Music Recording Project by the Council.

The Council has a particular focus on opportunities for young people to participate in the arts. With the support of the Arts Council, a Youth Arts Co-ordinator was appointed in 2008 who will manage this strand of programming.

Public Art Programme – In context 3

South Dublin County Council's In Context 3 Per Cent for Art Programme is one of the most ambitious and progressive local authority Public Art schemes in the Country. 2008 saw the successful realisation of projects by the five artists in residence.

Highlights included:

- The publication of Dermot Bolger's anthology of poetry Night & Day / A journey through a Dublin Day in the poetry of Dermot Bolger and other writers, including contributions from emerging South Dublin poets

- The Alight Exhibition at RUA RED in December 2008 featured work by Jennifer Walshe, Cleary & Connolly, Jackie Sumell and Bik van der Pol. Participation featured strongly in many projects, including City Loops by Cleary & Connolly, a film project which maps the urban/suburban context of the County through the daily journeys and memories of its inhabitants and Jackie Sumell's innovative A=AGHT project which facilitated creative exchange between young people in Tallaght and New Orleans, using digital and traditional technologies
- A strong Outreach and Education element was developed through the Mediation strand of the programme, including creative workshops for 600 primary school children and a series of exhibition tours and artists' talks for community groups, students, council staff and the general public
- The Marker Tree sculpture by Andreas Kopp, a distinctive landmark for the County, was commenced in 2008 and installation at the Kingswood Interchange will take place in 2009

For updates on all In Context 3 artist's projects, see <http://incontext.southdublin.ie/>

Assistance

20 Arts Grants were approved in 2008 under Section 6 of the Arts Act 2003.

13 Arts Contributions were approved in 2008.

7 Bursary Awards were awarded in 2008 under the Artist Bursary Scheme.

Events

- In 2008, FUSED South Dublin County Arts Festival presented a series of four festival weekend programmes across the County including a children's programme in Lucan. Events included workshops, exhibitions and performances of music, visual arts, literature and film. The festival provides a context for the enjoyment of the arts, and reflects the diverse range of interests of people in South Dublin County
- The Council's Arts Office also held their second Noise Concert Series in 2008. The final was held on the 30th October 2008 with the participation of 6 young Bands
- The fourth Autumn Classical Concert Series under the continued artistic direction of Finghin Collins took place in 2008

Arts development in RAPID Areas

Tallaght Young Filmmakers is a group which has emerged from the arts development programme in West Tallaght. The purpose of the arts development programmes in North Clondalkin and West Tallaght is to develop creative capacity in local areas by providing opportunities for participation, with the support of partner organizations and to enable access to resources to support programme development.

NOISE South Dublin County

Launched at the end of October 2008, Noise South Dublin is a virtual cultural space where young people can showcase and further explore their creativity. The objectives of NOISE are to:

- Harness the creative energy of young people (under 25) in South Dublin County
- Develop a distinct local body of work featuring work from young artists, writers, musicians and designers
- Feature work of cultural interest to young people under 25 years
- Act as a resource for Youth Arts in the County

A NOISE Project Artist works in residency via the website as well as facilitating young people directly to engage with digital media and technology in a creative and artistic way.

Since its public launch, the site has had over 2,000 individual visitors, 37% of which are return visitors who spend an average time of 5 minutes on the site actively engaging in all pages accessible on the site. www.noisesouthdublin.com

Civic Theatre

2008 was an exciting year for the Civic Theatre with 112 productions that covered all art forms - Drama, Ballet, Children's Theatre, Musicals and Contemporary Dance. Over 52,000 patrons came through the doors, 83% of whom reside in South County Dublin. The Theatre, in partnership with the Arts Office, produced the second year of Tenderfoot; a training programme of playwriting and stagecraft for transition year students in South County Dublin. Over 40 young people participated in the programme in 2008.

2008 also saw a new Restaurant launched – "The Interval" - which will be an added feature for the enjoyment of the many patrons of the Theatre.





Parks

South Dublin County Council is committed to the protection and sensitive, sustainable development of its physical and natural amenities, to promote access and to maximize their recreational value while protecting the County's environmental assets. The parks, open spaces and landscaped roadside margins in South Dublin County are an invaluable resource for active and passive recreational facilities, providing aesthetic enhancement and environmental improvement, thus contributing significantly to the quality of life for citizens and visitors alike. In this regard, the Council's strategy to provide for recreational, amenity and environmental pursuits and values, continued through the maintenance and improvement of existing facilities and the provision of new ones.

Sports and Recreational Facilities

The following recreational facilities are available to the community:

- 5 Regional parks and 50 neighbourhood parks
- Over 4,000 acres of parks and open spaces for active and passive recreation
- 150 playing pitches for Gaelic Football, Hurling, Soccer, Rugby, etc., serving almost 850 teams. Some 14,000 players use these pitches on a weekly basis during the playing season
- 18 tennis courts provided at 5 locations – some 1,000 children use these courts through the Dublin Parks Tennis League each summer
- 2 all weather athletic tracks under local club management
- 11 all weather pitches at Astropark, Bancroft Park in conjunction with private sector, together with 4 all weather pitches at Clondalkin Sports and Leisure Centre
- All weather hockey pitch at Lucan
- All weather/multi use facilities in Jobstown, Tallaght and Collinstown, Clondalkin
- 13 playgrounds and 4 Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs)
- Ireland's only purpose built baseball facility in Corkagh Park
- Skate Park and Lucan Sports and Leisure Centre
- The National Basketball Arena in Tymon Park continues to enjoy a high profile and hosts many major sporting and cultural events
- **Grange Castle Golf Course:** The Council's municipal 'pay and play' facility which opened in 1998, continued to be well used with approximately 40,000 rounds of golf being played in 2008. Grange Castle Golf Club was affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland in 2002, and now has a vibrant club membership of 750. Tenders were invited in 2008 for management of the Golf Club with effect from 1st February 2009
- **Camac Valley Tourist Caravan & Camping Park:** In 2008, some 16,400 visitors from over 10 different countries stayed in South Dublin County's municipal facility for caravan and camping holidays. This is currently the only municipal facility of its kind in Ireland
- **Corkagh Park Fishery:** The fishery continues to attract many anglers/enthusiasts and has provided an additional recreational/visitor attraction in the Park. In addition to the fishing lakes, the facility includes a tackle shop, fishing rod hire, coffee shop, public toilets and an outdoor timber deck and seating area. The facility is run as a commercial enterprise and is developing into an important educational and recreational resource

Parks Improvement Schemes

During 2008, a significant number of improvement schemes were undertaken in parks and open spaces throughout the County. These were financed by development levies, sports capital, RAPID programmes, Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government grants and the revenue budget for specific Parks Works Improvement Schemes. These works included the following:

Corkagh District

Corkagh Park, Clondalkin

- Major upgrade carried out on the car-park at the St John's Road entrance
- Construction of new car-park accessed from the Outer Ring Road to facilitate patrons of the Corkagh Fishery and adjacent playing pitches
- Completion of Phase 1 roofing works to facilitate restoration of two-storey farm buildings in park
- Completion of restoration works to farm buildings and associated facilities
- Installation of rabbit-proof fencing, climbing frames and entrance gate at Rose Garden

Aylesbury Park

- Installation of new stone wall and railing boundary at Church Grove
- Planting of trees throughout the park

Sean Walsh Park, Tallaght

- Base construction works including provision of E.S.B. and CCTV system for new children's playground commenced – expected completion date and open to the public in March 2009
- New sensory garden 'Garden for all Seasons' completed and opened in November 2008
- New tarmacadam footpath installed, extending from Community School entrance to fountain area of park

Killinarden Park, Tallaght

- Continued improvement of pitches and boundary walls
- Installation of floodlit MUGA adjacent to Community Centre

Rathcoole Park

- Upgrading of Rose Garden including access ramps and improved drainage
- Upgrading of railings along Fitzmaurice Road
- Upgrading of bridge in Park

Butler Magee Park, Tallaght

- Construction of two new Soccer pitches adjoining Maplewood Road

Jobstown/Fettercairn/Citywise Community Centres

- Installation of floodlit MUGAS at each of these locations

Tymon District

Tymon Park, Tallaght

- Ongoing upgrade of car-park at Limekiln Road entrance including new layout, drainage and surfacing.
- Slí Na Sláinte Route being prepared – to be in operation early 2009

Rathfarnham Castle Park

- Installation of new children's playground and woodland adventure trail
- Ongoing development of ornamental garden

Greentrees Park

- Car park at community centre was drained and surfaced in conjunction with Community Services Department

Friarstown Allotments

- An additional 80 allotment sites were provided

Dodder Valley Park

- Commenced construction of all weather bowling green

Improvement Works on Open Spaces

- Pedestrian pathway improvements carried out at open spaces at Orwell, Glenview Lawns, Woodlawn and Monalea Wood
- New boundary railings installed at Glenview Lawns and Brookwood
- Public lighting installed at Kilakee Court
- Landscape improvement works carried out at Parkhill Lawn, Bolbrook Park and Villas, shop frontage on St. Peter's Road

Esker District

Griffeen Valley Park, Lucan

- Improvement works to the Haydens Lane car park completed
- Construction of new walking and cycle paths from Esker Park to Griffen Road and Griffeen Way and connecting to Lucan Sports Centre and local schools

Liffey Valley, Waterstown Park

- Works commenced on the construction of a new car park in conjunction with Stewarts Hospital
- Construction of a new boundary wall between Riversdale Estate and Waterstown Park in conjunction with local residents
- An Ecology Study and Report was prepared for the park, which identified 18 different habitats

Weir View Lucan

- Upgrade of the promenade adjacent to Lucan Weir. Phase 1 of the project completed

Willsbrook Park

- New toilet facilities installed for camogie club

St. Cuthbert's Park

- The construction of 400m of new boundary treatment along the Melrose estate side of the park incorporating some open space in Melrose estate into St Cuthbert's Park to help prevent anti-social activities in the area

Deansrath

- The construction of two 5 a side All Weather Pitches in Deansrath Community College adjacent to St. Cuthbert's Park commenced

Composting Workshop

Composting workshop held during EcoWeek in conjunction with Environmental Services Department. Gardening Workshops in North Clondalkin continue to be held with the Women's Groups in these areas and led by staff from the Parks Department

Intoxicating Liquor Bye-Laws

Parks Department administer the operation of the South Dublin County Council Bye-Laws prohibiting the consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in Public Places as introduced in August 2001. During the year 305 offences under the Bye-Laws were detected by the Gardaí, which were pursued by the Council by the issuing of a Fixed Payment Notice, demanding payment of €63.50. Where payment is not forthcoming, the Council may initiate a prosecution through the Courts and a number of successful prosecutions were processed during 2008.



Libraries

South Dublin County Libraries offer communities welcoming spaces to access the worlds of learning, exploration, information and creativity. Accessible, humane, and inclusive, libraries unfold the rich world of stories to young and old and for many are the first point of contact with their local authority.

In total, over one million items were loaned from South Dublin County Libraries during 2008. In addition to these items, thousands of people visited libraries to utilize print and electronic reference resources, access the Internet through the Library's broadband connections, enjoy state-of-the-art wi-fi services, participate in computer and Internet training, view a Library exhibit, or attend one of thousands of artistic and cultural events.

Measuring Performance 2008

Number of Libraries	7
Number of Mobile Libraries	4
Number of Visitors	1,169,956
Number of items borrowed	1,073,424
New items added to stock	89,000
Number of Events/Exhibitions	2473
Number of ICT sessions	150,553
Schools Library Service to 100 Schools	
Hours of service per week	361
Book fund expenditure per capita	€4.05

A Re-imagined County Library

The County Library re-opened in April 2008 as a light filled, flexible and welcoming space at the heart of a new Cultural quarter. The initial brief sought to create a 'living room' for local communities – a beautiful and welcoming public space where customers could read, relax, surf and study. Functional zones – Local Studies, Computing, Digital Training, Teenagers and Children – all work extremely well and excellence of design allows for ease of navigation around all areas. Since it opened in April 2008, there have been over 340,000 visitors, with 102,820 computer sessions having been booked and 260,000 items borrowed by customers.

Critical to the success of the building has been the introduction of RFID technologies (for the first time in an Irish Public Library) to underpin express lending and returning kiosks on each level – using the latest technologies to offer a streamlined customer experience.

Quiet areas for study and reading work really well, cocooned gently from the central 'street' which links two entrances and two separate public squares at each end of the building. Parents can relax in the parent lounge on comfortable seating while their children read, play and surf in the children's library. This new building works on every level - valuing reading while embracing the possibilities of the latest technologies. It has created a synergy and excitement which is palpable and has become a public 'living room' for the community. The building was awarded the LAMA Best Public Building award for 2008.

Always open – Virtual Services to Customers

An enhanced website offered customers more functionality than ever before, during 2008. Usage of the Digital Book service from the Download Zone continues to grow as our digital collections are compatible with emerging technologies such as the Sony eReader and iPods. South Dublin Libraries became the first Irish Public Library service to e-publish Local Studies books through the library website. Tumblebooks, a collection of digital picture books for children, was also introduced as was Marketline, an online business information service now available through www.southdublinlibraries.ie. During 2008, 57,000 items were renewed online and 10,000 online reservations were placed using the website.

Using technologies for improved service delivery

The Libraries Department introduced new technologies across many areas of service during 2008. Advanced Wi Fi with public printing facilities was introduced across all service points and is being used widely by customers. A new version of the Library Management software Open Galaxy, was rolled out during 2008, allowing forensic gathering of customer information which will lead to more strategic service design. RFID technologies in the County Library has introduced smart stock auditing processes which in turn results in informed stock acquisition and resource management. Electronic Document Delivery or EDI systems are being trialed as business process improvement initiatives in order to streamline stock acquisition and ensure speedy delivery to customers. Library membership cards have been given added functionality to allow customers manage their use of ICT services and copying and printing facilities.

Family Learning – Developing a new model for delivering services

In March 2008, South Dublin County Libraries initiated a Family Learning Project involving a multi agency multi disciplinary approach to delivering services across generations, particularly in the areas of literacy, ICT skills, and early learning. The project aims to:

- to build motivation, create opportunities and provide support for learning in families across the County in a holistic way
- to develop a model for multi agency/multi disciplinary working
- to develop inter-generational programmes working with siblings, parents and grandparents
- to use eLearning as a critical step in the learning process
- to focus on the families of Early Start pupils in primary schools
- to work with parents to improve literacy levels
- to enhance parenting skills
- to deliver language acquisition modules
- working on the ground with primary schools teachers to road show www.southdublinlibraries.ie and online content
- to prepare young students moving into post primary education for their new environment
- working initially with home school liaison officers, Primary and Post Primary teachers and principals and literacy agencies and focusing on the families of Early Start students, the project runs for a two year period and will work with children, people of middle years and older people

Developing our People – New Ways of Working

During 2008, South Dublin County Libraries were asked by An Comhairle Leabharlanna to pilot a new online training course for Irish public library staff called Frontline. The pilot was completed and the

course is now being rolled out to all staff across the Library Department. The online programme aims to enrich workforce development and deliver improved customer service.



Views of Grange Castle Business Park



Economic Development

The Economic Development Department works with State Agencies, Area Partnerships, other Council Departments and the County Development Board to promote the potential of South Dublin in line with the County Strategy for tourism, arts and culture, sports and leisure and urban and village initiatives.

The role of the Economic Development Department is fulfilled through the provision of sites for major investment and by support of local enterprise. Through the Property Management function, lands are acquired and disposed of to facilitate construction of Roads and Sanitary services, Housing and Community services. The Council's role in controlling dereliction is also carried out by the Department.

The Economic Development Department, through its various activities, plays a leading role in the economic development of the County.

Economic Development – Grange Castle Business Park South Dublin

The Council supports commercial and business development both indirectly by providing essential infrastructure and services, and directly by the provision of serviced and zoned lands.

Over the last number of years, South Dublin County has experienced continuing commercial and industrial development by the private sector. However, the rapid and dramatically changed economic environment in 2008, both domestic and globally highlights a major challenge and the need to take economic issues into account. In order to be responsive to the changing economic circumstance, it is essential for the future growth and prosperity of the County that planning and development policies are in place and that correct approaches are adopted and necessary actions taken. It is therefore timely that the review of the Development Plan is underway together with the

launch of the Council's Economic Strategy titled "An Integrated Economic Development Strategy for South Dublin County" commissioned for South Dublin County and prepared by BiGGAR for the South Dublin County Development Board. This strategy completed in December 2008, will be launched on the 3rd February, 2009 by Councillor Eamonn Tuffy, Chairperson of South Dublin County Development Board. This integrated Economic Strategy will help drive the economy of South Dublin County over the next ten years.

The Council, in association with IDA Ireland, continued the promotion of the Council owned Business Park at Grange Castle, Clondalkin (www.grangecastle.ie) to ensure that South Dublin is marketed as the premier strategic location for international investment. Ireland in general and South Dublin County Council in particular are facing increasing competition worldwide, mainly from Eastern Europe and Asia, in seeking to attract to Ireland and Grange Castle Business Park, major foreign direct investment, (FDI). With ever increasing costs of services and labour, the Council is now relying on the strategic location and the quality of services of Grange Castle Business Park in both an Irish and Global context. In addition, high quality international investors/clients require that the Business Park is developed to the highest standard possible.

Both the Wyeth and Takeda facilities in the Park have been completed and are now in production. In 2008, Takeda purchased an additional 19 acres bringing its holding to almost 40 acres to allow for future expansion of their operations in Ireland. Aрызta AG (Cuisine de France) was formed when Dublin based IAWS Group plc merged with Zurich based Hiestand Holding AG, in August 2008. Aрызta AG (Cuisine de France) commenced construction of their purpose built food facility in November 2006 and went into production in mid 2008. Microsoft commenced construction of a state of the art Data Centre on a site of 18.9 acres in November 2007. The proposed facility will be constructed in 2 Phases. Phase 1 currently under construction will comprise a Data Server Area, Administrative Area and Canteen along with associated site services and is due to commence operations by Summer 2009.

It is essential that the Council continue to keep pace with international developments and provide an overall environment of high quality development and landscaping with all the associated facilities and infrastructures within the Park. Construction was completed, in 2008, on a road running north-south at the western side of the Park which runs parallel with the realigned Griffeen River. The work included the construction of a third entrance to the Park which can be opened subsequent to the proposed realignment of the Nangor and Newcastle/Lucan Road. A Bus Terminus has also been constructed to facilitate the operation of the Dublin Bus Service in the Park. In addition, a CCTV network has been provided in 2008 to complement the on site security in the Business Park.

In 2008, Grange Castle Facilities Management Ltd (a Management Company under the auspices of South Dublin County Council) continued its role, of overall responsibility for the management and maintenance of the entire Park including security and landscaping.

Economic Development – Local Enterprise

The Development Department is actively involved in the promotion of local enterprise. To date Local Enterprise Centres have been constructed and are now operational at Neilstown (1996), Brookfield (1998) Killinarden Enterprise Park (2002) and Bawnogue Enterprise and Community Centre (2003). In each of these four Enterprise Centres, the development of enterprise facilities was led by the Council and co-ordinated by a group comprising representatives of South Dublin County Council, the Clondalkin and Tallaght Partnerships, Enterprise Ireland, South Dublin County Enterprise Board and local community development representatives.

The Council is represented on the Bawnogue Enterprise & Community Centre Board of Directors and also on the Committee which monitors the ongoing operation of the Killinarden & Brookfield Enterprise Centres.

The Economic Development Department continued to liaise with the business community in South Dublin and the South Dublin Chamber of Commerce, with local development groups, individuals and companies, in the promotion of South Dublin and to encourage and support economic development throughout the County. Following the completion of an Economic Audit of South Dublin County in 2005, an Economic Strategy was completed in December 2008 and will be launched on the 3rd February 2009. This strategy and action plan entitled 'An Integrated Economic Development Strategy for South Dublin County' is designed to guide partner actions to drive the development and growth of the economy over the next ten years. This project is being lead by the County Development Board and partners include the South Dublin Chamber, South Dublin County Enterprise Board and South Dublin County Council.

South Dublin County Tourism Company

South Dublin County Tourism Limited which was set up by South Dublin County Council has been in operation since January 2005 and is managed by a Tourism Executive and Board of Directors. The Board of Directors represents the Elected Members and Officials of South Dublin County Council, the hoteliers, golf clubs, tourism organisations, shopping centres and cultural organisations in South Dublin County, South Dublin Chamber and South Dublin County Enterprise Board, IT Tallaght and Dublin Tourism.

South Dublin County Tourism Limited is the County's promotional, marketing and development company for tourism.

In the last three years, the County has grown as a tourism destination with the emergence of a range of new products and services including hotels, restaurants and retail outlets. It is important now to harness this growth in an appropriate manner and position the County as an attractive tourism destination.

During 2008, South Dublin County Tourism implemented a number of key initiatives in order to promote the region as a place to visit including:

- An expanded Halloween Festival 'Hallowfest'
- Employment of Marketing Assistant with particular responsible for PR and web development
- Early Summer Breaks Campaign including joint advertisements and promotional stands to the Northern Ireland market
- Regional and national PR campaign
- E-marketing campaigns
- Joint advertising in key publications
- Representation at trade and consumer shows on behalf of the industry

Key Projects Co-ordination Group

The Council's Key Projects Co-ordination Group which encompasses the various disciplines within the organisation to fast track strategic projects within South Dublin County continued its work in 2008.

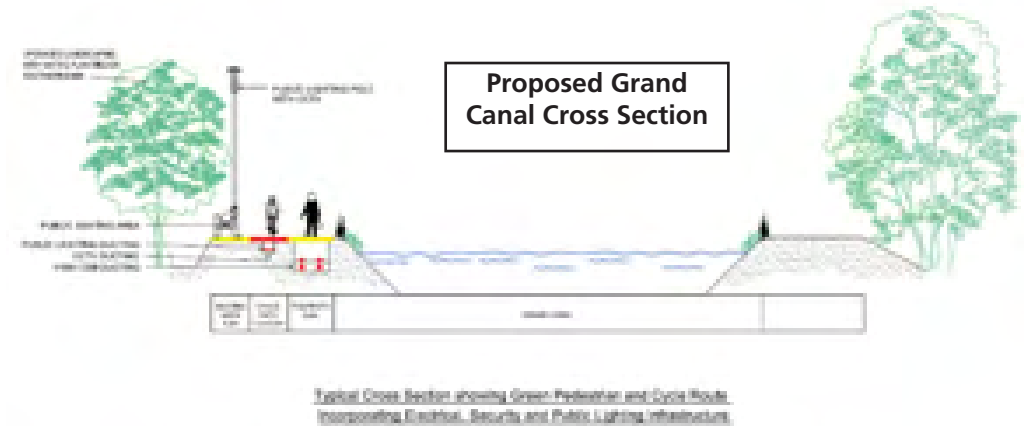
The projects targeted for fast tracking include:

- Clondalkin Local Area Framework Plan
- Nangor Lands Local Area Plan
- Balgaddy/Clonburris Local Area Plan/SDZ
- Adamstown SDZ
- Grange Castle Golf Course Lands – Hotel, Leisure and Residential
- Kildare Route Project / Citywest Luas Line
- Tallaght Town Centre (Expansion and Framework Plan)
- Green Routes – 2 Pilot routes – Dodder Route and Liffey to Canal Route
- Inchicore to 12th Lock – 110 kv ESB Line/Pedestrian and Cycle Route
- Economic Strategy
- Transportation Infrastructure
- Tallaght Zip and Plaza Project
- The Round Tower Project

Planning, co-ordination of design and delivery is continuing on these projects to ensure their early completion and other projects are being identified for consideration by the group each year. Obviously, the availability of capital resources to deliver these and other projects must be identified.

Green Pedestrian and Cycle Route from Inchicore to the 12th Lock incorporating 110kV Ducting

Works began on Monday 1st December 2008 on the construction of a high quality sealed stone finished footpath and cycleway on the Grand Canal southern towpath between Davitt Road and the 12th Lock. When completed the footpath and cycleway will provide a direct green pedestrian and cycle link between Grangecastle, Adamstown and Dublin City Centre. The works are programmed to continue for 15 months with a completion date of end February 2010.



The 8.5km Green Pedestrian and Cycle Project from Inchicore to 12th Lock project was initiated by South Dublin County Council, ESB Networks, Dublin City Council and Waterways Ireland. Incorporated in the route, it is proposed to provide underground ducting for two 110kV circuits from the Inchicore 220kV Substation along the Grand Canal towpath to the Grangecastle 110kV Substation in order to reinforce the 110kV Network in west Dublin. Additional electricity capacity has been identified as a critical requirement for the current and future development of this region.

The project also incorporates the upgrading of the existing towpath of the Grand Canal to include footpath, cycleway, seating, public lighting and CCTV to enhance the public accessibility of this resource. The combined ESB Networks 110kV double circuit ducting along the towpath and the Green Pedestrian and Cycle Route will commence at Inchicore and will continue to Grangecastle.

The value of the project to all includes:

- Reinforcement of ESB Networks' existing 110kV network in west Dublin to accommodate existing and future 110kV substations
- Upgrade of public amenity and provision of a green off-road footpath and cycleway linking Grangecastle and Adamstown through South Dublin County to the Grand Canal Basin and linking to the Luas network
- Public lighting and CCTV for user security
- Landscaping and enhanced impaired mobility access to the canal towpath

The scheme has been developed in a partnership manner by a number of state sponsored bodies and yields dividends for all concerned, benefiting in particular the business and social communities in the southwest Dublin region. The project reflects an innovative and co-

operative approach by all partners to address what is a pressing requirement for the rapidly developing area of west Dublin in a green, sustainable and cost effective manner.

South Dublin County Enterprise Board

The Council is represented on the South Dublin County Enterprise Board by four Councillors and a representative of the County Manager.

The County Enterprise Board was established in 1993 and its objectives are to develop and support local entrepreneurship and enterprise, and to promote and stimulate the creation of additional employment within the County through the growth of local micro-enterprise. See www.sdenterprise.com

Land Acquisition

The Council acquires land and property by Agreement, by Compulsory Purchase Order, to fulfil the Council's requirements for the provision of motorways and roads, housing, community facilities, industrial development and parks, environmental services and by Deed of Dedication for open spaces.

In June 2008, An Bord Pleanála confirmed the Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of the CPO (Greenhills Road to Calmount Road Reconfiguration) Order 2007.

Throughout 2008, the Council continued to negotiate and process compensation claims on lands acquired under earlier Compulsory Purchase Orders and by agreement, in previous years, including the following Compulsory Purchase Orders which had been confirmed in 2007:

- (a) South Dublin County Council Compulsory Purchase (Ninth Lock Road – Nangor Road) Order 2006 – confirmed June 2007.
- (b) South Dublin County Council Compulsory Purchase (Knocklyon Road) Order 2006 – confirmed June 2007.
- (c) South Dublin County Council Compulsory Purchase (Rathcoole Distributor Road – Phase I) Order 2007 – confirmed September 2007.

These three additions to other earlier confirmed Orders has seen a significant increase in the number of claims being submitted in 2008 for compensation. While most claims are successfully agreed between the Council's Valuer and the Claimant's Valuer, the increase in the number of claims submitted in recent years has resulted in an increase in the number of cases referred to Arbitration in 2007 /2008. Skilful preparation of reports etc. by Council staff for appearance before the Arbitrator and the valuable experience of the technical and administrative staff involved has resulted in some cases been resolved before the hearing.

While the acquisition of land from Roadstone Ireland Limited was agreed in 2007, throughout 2008 the Council was involved in the actual transfer of title of these lands to facilitate the construction of the proposed Luas Line extension to Saggart and the construction of the Embankment Road from Cookstown Roundabout to the Outer Ring Road.

While the financial status of the Council was reflected in the number of Compulsory Purchase Orders made in 2008, the Council was mindful of the fact that previous confirmed Orders need to be finalized and negotiations had to be entered into following service of 'Notice to Treat' within the statutory time limits, to ensure the already confirmed Orders did not expire. In order to ensure the longterm construction of Schemes (in particular Roads Schemes), a balanced decision had to be made in 2008 to maintain the status of confirmed Compulsory Purchase Orders.

Land Disposal and Asset Management

The Council disposes lands which are required for community facilities, educational facilities, or for housing or commercial development. Disposals range from large housing sites to small areas of land to be incorporated into adjoining properties to eliminate incidences of anti-social behaviour or required by developers to consolidate their ownership. The Development Department is usually approached at the preliminary proposal stage and it then liaises with the other Council Departments to ensure that the Council's interests are protected prior to and following the disposals. Co-ordination takes place with the Planning Department regarding the zoning and development control aspects of each proposal, with Environmental Services Department regarding the presence of services which may constrain a proposal, with Roads Department regarding the traffic and parking implications, with Housing Department regarding Estate Management, Part V and other issues and with Community and Parks Department regarding the impacts on their activities of any request for land. The valuation of Council lands and negotiations of terms and conditions for disposal is carried out on the Council's behalf by the Chief Valuer's Office of Dublin City Council. In 2008, twenty three recommendations were submitted for the approval of the Council pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001, relating to the disposal of various parcels of land.

The Council also approved the disposal of 9 fee simple interests in respect of 9 residential properties.

The Council continued to finalise the legal aspects of disposals approved in previous years including the completion of leases in respect of sites contained in the Integrated Area Plans where development on site was brought to an advanced stage.

Property Management

Property Management entails the management of the Council's property portfolio. Monitoring of properties for sale and identifying other opportunities for key acquisitions continued in 2008. Lands acquired by the Council and not required for immediate use are sometimes let for grazing and tillage purposes. The management also involves the granting and renewal of leases/licences for Council lands. Temporary Convenience Lettings of properties are also granted until such time as the property is required for the Council's statutory purposes.

The referencing of lands in the Council's administrative area in relation to a range of property management and development projects is carried out by this Department. The Referencers carry out works on behalf of several Departments including Planning (planning applications, enforcement action, development plans), Roads (road schemes, C.P.O.'s) Finance (rates arrears, public liability claims) and Environmental Services (land acquisition and wayleaves).

Allotments

The following sites have been developed by South Dublin County Council as part of a larger Countywide Allotment Scheme to be rolled out by the Council over the coming years. The Allotment Scheme involves the allocation of a plot for eleven months to individuals wishing to enjoy the pleasure of growing and nurturing vegetables and fruit for personal family use and consumption.

Location	No of Plots	Size	Cost
Tymon Park, Tallaght	13	100 Sq Mtrs	€40.00 €25.00 OAP
Friarstown	20	100 Sq Mtrs	€40.00 €25.00 OAP
Friarstown	100	120 Sq Mtrs	€48.00 €30.00 OAP
Friarstown	12	250 Sq Mtrs	€100.00 €62.50 OAP
Mill Lane, Palmerstown	73	120 Sq Mtrs	€48.00 €30.00 OAP
Corkagh Park, Clondalkin	27	100 Sq Mtrs	€40.00 €25.00 OAP

The plots are generally the size of an average back garden with a small number of larger plots at Friarstown. The plots are allocated in accordance with the Allotment Scheme which was adopted by the Elected Members in September 2005.

At present, there is a waiting list of 280 for all four sites which highlights the demand for this type of recreational facility. It is hoped to extend the current programme in the current year. However, this can only be done in the context of available resources and budgetary implications.

The new allotments have been improved by the provision of water, storage and composting facilities on site. Parking areas have been created and toilet facilities provided for the convenience of the plot holders.

The sites are developing very well and feedback from the Plot holders is very positive.



Derelict Sites

Since the enactment of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990, the Council has had considerable success in counteracting land dereliction and the Council is committed to maintaining this impetus in the interests of enhancing the County through the elimination of dereliction. During 2008, 91 inspections and re-inspections were carried out on alleged derelict sites. Section 11 Notices under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990, were served in 47 cases where the properties were considered derelict within the meaning on the Derelict Sites Act, 1990. Failure to comply with a Section 11 Notice may result in legal action being taken or the site being entered onto the derelict sites register. 7 cases were referred to the Law Department for legal action to be taken. One property was entered onto the Derelict Sites Register and an annual levy imposed.

Development Department met with all Members in 2008 to identify sites/properties of concern within their electoral areas, these areas were inspected and Notices were served where appropriate.

Environmental Services

Water Services

Maintenance

The water supply for South Dublin County is provided through the purchase of some 70ML/day of treated water from Dublin City Council and a small amount from Fingal County Council from water treatment facilities at Ballymore Eustace and Leixlip respectively.

Water is distributed through the 1,400 kilometre watermain network to over 84,000 households and over 5,400 metered commercial customers countywide. During 2008, the Council replaced and refurbished over 1.1 kilometres of watermain as part of the network improvement programme and support was provided to developers through the implementation of the Water Maintenance Section Water Specifications and the Water Bye-Laws.

The quality of water is monitored and analysed regularly and complies with all the requirements of the European Communities (Drinking Water) (No. 2) Regulations 2007. 3,979 tests were carried out on the water in 2008 and 99.2% of samples were in compliance, which is above the national average as reported by the EPA.

Water Network Management

The Council continues to participate in the Dublin Region Water Conservation Project (DRWCP) which commenced in 1998. The current phase of this project is at maintenance and rehabilitation stages and day to day active leakage management is undertaken by a small dedicated team.

Leakage levels in South Dublin County were just under 20% at the end of 2008 and the Council is well on course to reaching the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government set target of 16% loss of unaccounted for water by 2016.

The rehabilitation phase of the DRWCP commenced in 2007 with the implementation of the Dublin Region Watermain Rehabilitation Project which has the primary objective of conserving water across the entire Region.

The Non-Domestic Metering Project is complete. This project will ensure that all commercial customers are metered and charged for their water usage in a fair manner in compliance with the EU and Government Water Pricing Policy.

New Water Project

The Boherboy Water Supply Scheme is well advanced having been approved by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in late 2006 with the Contractor, Piers Contracting Limited, on site since autumn 2008 with completion envisaged by the early 2010. The Scheme will enhance and extend the water supply network in the West and South of the County.

Drainage

Drainage Maintenance

In 2008, the Council laid approximately 450 metres of new foul and surface water sewers in various locations in South Dublin. In addition, works at various pumping stations were also completed. Operational activities during the year also included clearing and flushing of sewers and chokes, provision of connections to facilitate new development, stream and screen cleaning and pumping station maintenance.

Water Pollution Control

The Water Pollution Control Team is responsible for the monitoring, reviewing and issuing of trade effluent licences to businesses. In 2008, a total of 130 licences were in force under the Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts 1977 & 1990, the EPA Act 1992, and the Waste Management Act 1996.

The EU Water Framework Directive requires that 'good water' status be achieved and maintained in all water bodies – rivers, streams and lakes by the year 2015. The Council's commitment is being realised through participation in the Eastern River Basin District (ERBD) Project.

New Drainage Project

The Saggart/ Rathcoole/Newcastle Drainage Collection Scheme will be going through the Part 8 Process during April/May 2009.

Waste Management

Waste Management Plan

During 2008, the Council continued the implementation of the Waste Management Plan for the Dublin Region 2005-2010. The plan is the foundation for the sustainable management of solid waste in the Region.

The Plan, which can be viewed on www.dublinwaste.ie, is based on the priorities of waste minimisation, on maximising recycling and minimising landfill by recovery through thermal treatment.

Waste Management Operations

The Council continued to provide an integrated waste management service in 2008.

- A weekly collection of domestic refuse was provided for over 83,000 households and commercial customers throughout the County. Households in the County produced an average of 1.2 tonnes of waste and recycling material
- Waste continued to be baled at the Council's Baling Station at Ballymount and disposed of in the Council's engineered landfill at Arthurstown
- During 2008, planning permission was granted by An Bord Pleanála for the extended use of the landfill at Arthurstown to 2010
- Bye Laws for the Storage, Presentation and Collection of Household Waste continued to be implemented to encourage good practice by both householder and Waste Collection contractors in the County
- Facilities available at Ballymount Civic Amenity and Recycling Centre and the Green waste disposal facility at Esker Lane, Lucan continued to be very popular with householders wishing to dispose of household waste, electrical waste, recyclable waste and household green waste
- The Green Bin collection service was improved to being provided fortnightly Countywide and has now been expanded to include all clean plastics
- A total of 34,320 tonnes of recyclable material was collected in South Dublin County through Green Bins, Bring Banks and other services
- The Council now provides 60 Bring Bank facilities around the County

Environmental Waste Charge

The Pay-Per-Use system which was introduced in 2004 has resulted in a continuing reduction in the percentage of residual waste being presented for disposal at landfill.

Cleansing and Litter Control Service

Improvements in the Council's Cleansing and Litter Management Service and the adoption of the County's Litter Management Plan saw the achievement of "Litter Free Status" within the County.

The Council's Road Sweeping Programme continued in 2008 with main roads and housing estates being swept on a regular basis.

The Council's seven Litter Wardens enforced the litter legislation and also provided advice and assistance to Residents Associations in organising clean-ups etc. including assistance during National Spring Clean Week. A total of 2,965 Litter Fines were issued during 2008 and 21 Direct Prosecutions were also initiated.

The Council continued to employ a graffiti crew to deal with the menace of graffiti throughout the County. Over 400 sites were treated in 2008.

Environmental Awareness

The Environmental Awareness Team organised South Dublin County Council Eco Week which took place from the 14th to 18th April 2008 - a week long schedule of events focused on how we all play a role in reducing the impact of climate change. There were over 50 events which included storytelling, seminars, workshops, plays, exhibitions and free screenings of environmental films.

Beautiful South Dublin County Competition

The Beautiful South Dublin County Competition was again a big success in 2008, achieving its objectives of:

- Encouraging an appreciation of our Environment and
- Developing Community Spirit

There were over one hundred and twenty entries from residents associations, streets and the commercial sector. The overall winner was Castle Park, Clondalkin.

Environmental Schools Competition

The fourth South Dublin County Environmental Schools Competition was held in 2008. The Competition's theme was "South Dublin County - Litter Free". The Competition encourages students of all ages to learn about environmental issues and to express themselves artistically through various media such as artwork, projects or multimedia presentation. This year's theme "Schools Against Litter" - concentrates on the positive actions schools can take to help combat litter.

An Taisce Green Flag Awards

In the past school year (September 2007 to June 2008), 8 schools were awarded their first green flag for litter and waste and 12 schools renewed their flag. This brings the total number of schools flying the green flag (for this period) in South Dublin County to 43.

Rapid Environmental Projects

Global Action Plan has appointed a project co-ordinator to work on an environmental awareness programme in the 5 Rapid areas in the County through Eco Action teams, which identifies practical ways of dealing with day to day issues under the following headings - Waste, Water, Energy, Transport, Shopping, Food and Nature.

Gum Litter Taskforce

South Dublin County Council was selected as one of the local authorities for the Gum Litter Campaign 2008. The Campaign aims to promote a behaviour change among gum droppers through a local campaign to help create a cleaner, more attractive local area.

General

Fire Services

During 2008, Dublin City Council continued to provide the fire service and the emergency ambulance service in the County. The primary fire station for the County is located at Belgard Road, Tallaght with back up from Dolphin's Barn, Blanchardstown and Nutgrove Avenue stations as required.

Veterinary Service

The Council's Veterinary Officers are involved in the supervision, control and licensing of private abattoirs, meat cutting and processing plants. During 2008, the Council continued the service contract with the Food Safety Authority of Ireland. Regular inspections were also carried out at the Council's Horse Pound and Dog Pound.

Environmental Health

The Environmental Health Officer service for the County provides services to a range of Departments in matters such as housing, planning, air and noise complaints.

Control of Dogs

The Council employs two full time Dog Wardens who monitor dog control under the Control of Dogs Act. The Wardens patrol the County and issue fines for offences such as keeping a dog without a licence or not keeping a dog under effectual control. They also impound stray dogs and dogs which are surrendered by their owners. In 2008, 10,152 dog licences were issued and 720 "on the spot" fines were issued. The Council's dog pound is located at Dunboyne, Co. Meath. A new online renewal system, allowing customers to purchase their Dog Licences, was developed and launched in August 2008.

Control of Horses

The Council's horse pound is located in Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny. Wandering horses are rounded up by the Council's Parks Department staff and transferred to the pound. 125 horses were impounded during 2008. The Department also processes applications for horse licences, of which there were 14 successful applicants.

Environment Strategic Policy Committee

The Environment Strategic Policy Committee met on four occasions in 2008 and among the issues considered were;

The Litter Management Plan was approved and it was agreed the plan be presented for approval to the Council.

Received presentations on:

- Pure (Protecting Uplands and Rural Environments)
- Eastern River Basin Development Project
- Draft Water Services Strategic Plan for Dublin Mountains
- Illegal Dumping

Headlines 2008

- Integrated Waste Management Service provided to over 83,000 households
- Continued provision of the Green Bin Service throughout the County with expanded fortnightly collection and including plastic bottles in collections
- Commenced implementation of Bye-Laws for the Storage, Presentation and Collection of Household Waste
- Increase in the number of Bring Banks to 60
- Improved Environmental Services Department Website containing additional information for customers
- 52,150 Environmental Services queries were dealt with through the electronic Customer Contact System
- In excess of 10,700 tonnes of waste was collected from scheduled road sweeping and associated duties throughout the County
- Continued high commitment from Residents Associations, Businesses, Youth Groups, Hotels, Pubs and Business Parks in the Beautiful South Dublin Competition
- Complaints investigated and notices served on offenders in relation to Public Health Nuisances

- Environmental Awareness staff visited 65 schools throughout the County
- 130 Licences under the Water Pollution Acts and the EPA Act in force
- 559 abandoned and end of life cars were removed for disposal
- 2,965 Litter Fines issued and 21 Direct Prosecutions commenced
- 6,680 complaints concerning environmental pollution were received and investigated
- Ongoing assistance provided by the Litter Wardens to community clean-ups
- A total of 10,152 dog licences and 720 on-the-spot dog control fines were issued
- Junk collections were provided to 17,467 households
- 74 composters delivered to householders and schools





Construction Programme

The activity during 2008 in respect of the Council's Multi-Annual Housing Construction Programme 2004 – 2008 is as follows:

Completions in 2008 (including Part V and house purchases)	320
On Site (including Part V)	342
Contracts Signed	0
Tenders awaiting DoE approval	105
Cost Plan/Tender Production	124
Part 8 Approved by Council	0
Part 8 Advertised	17
Design/Concept	370

Affordable Housing – The Property Path South Dublin

The sale of 105 properties acquired under Part V, inclusive of sales via the Direct Sales process, were completed to eligible Affordable Housing applicants in 2008. In addition sales were completed on 127 properties provided to Affordable Applicants through the Affordable Homes Partnership initiatives, supported by Property Path. Also in 2008, 45 Tenant Purchasers completed the purchase of their homes through the Tenant Purchase Sales Scheme. The foregoing was achieved through a difficult economic period in the overall housing market. During 2008, the Property Path effectively introduced a text messaging service as a faster way of communicating with affordable applicants.

The email service together with the property path web site continued to be used as a means of updating information to applicants. A new web based on line application system for affordable housing is to be introduced during 2009. There are 2585 approved affordable housing applicants on our Affordable Housing List as at December 2008.

Affordable Housing Initiative South Dublin

The Affordable Housing Initiative (AHI) was introduced under the Sustaining Progress Social Partnership Agreement to meet the needs of those who would formerly have been able to purchase a home but found themselves priced out of the market. Delivery under the AHI was expected to play an important part in meeting the ambitious affordable housing targets set out under the current Partnership Agreement, Towards 2016.

South Dublin County Council has identified lands comprising of 85 acres to be developed by way of PPP under the Affordable Housing Initiative. The Grange Project aims to deliver a fully integrated neighbourhood comprising of approximately 1600 high quality homes to include Social and Affordable homes alongside new retail/commercial facilities, community and childcare facilities and recreational areas

Expressions of interest were invited on 6th July 2007. The expressions of interest were evaluated and a number were short listed and invited to Phase 1 of the Competitive Dialogue Process in December 2008. It is the intention to continue this process during 2009, but will be dependant upon continued interest from the participants who have become involved in the process to date and the economic climate going forward.

Consideration will be given to the provision of affordable homes in Council owned lands in Fortunestown, close to the new Citywest Shopping Centre, subject to demands and trends in the property market environment.

Part V

During 2008, the Housing Department continued to engage with developers to reach agreement on the provision of 15% requirement for social/affordable housing in new residential developments within the County in accordance with Part V of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), and the Council's revised housing strategy as adopted by the Council on 10th November 2004. Agreements were reached in 2008, for the delivery of 486 new homes in the County.

Rental Accommodation Scheme

The Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) continued to be implemented during 2008 with a total of 626 families transferred to RAS homes at the 31st December 2008.

Standards in Private Rented Accommodation

The inspection of private rented accommodation under the Housing (Standards in Private Rented Houses) Regulations 1993, continued in 2008. The inspection programme is managed by the RAS Unit and the inspections are carried out by the Environmental Health Officers who also enforce the standards. A total of 738 properties were inspected in 2008 under these Regulations.

Dealing with Anti-Social Behaviour

The Anti-Social team responded to 1024 complaints in 2008 and the following activities were carried out:

House calls made	1759(1123 made in 2007)
Interviews conducted	332
Warnings given	71
Eviction Notices served	13
Clinics held	226

(Attended by a Community Garda and Allocations Support Officer)

Estate Management

The Estate Management service is designed to develop relationships with communities and to assist in their further development. There are approximately 60 Residents Associations/Groups throughout the County with whom the Estate Officers are in regular contact.

There were 2 entries from South Dublin County Council in the "Pride of Place Awards 2008"(This is a competition that promotes local pride in the community).

Deansrath Estate, Clondalkin, was short listed for an award in the competition.

“Beautiful South Dublin Awards 2008”

Awards were won in various categories by the following 3 Housing Estates;

- Whitechurch Estate, Ballyboden
- Brookview Estate, Tallaght
- Liscarne Estate, Clondalkin.

Housing Projects

Various Programmes were continued throughout the year to achieve common quality standards and thermal efficiency in Council homes. The following works were carried out in 2008.

- Under the Refurbishment Programme, 82 homes in Cushlawn and 59 homes in Greenfort/Shancastle estates were completed in 2008
- Window upgrade programme - 170 homes were completed in 2008
- Cavity wall and attic insulation programme - 479 walls and 40 attics completed in 2008
- Mains smoke alarm programme - 670 alarms fitted in 2008
- 112 homes completed under the Electrical Upgrade Programme in 2008
- Safety check and inspection of 414 tenant installed gas fired central heating systems completed in 2008
- 282 obsolete tenant installed central heating systems replaced in 2008

23 Pre-Tenancy Courses were held for new tenants throughout the County in 2008.

Traveller Interagency Strategy

The aims of the Traveller Interagency Strategy adopted in 2007 continued to be a key priority with specific focus on the following:

1. To enhance the quality of life for the Traveller Community
2. To achieve a co-ordinated interagency approach to the delivery of services and support for Travellers
3. Identify and address gaps in the current provision of public services to Travellers
4. Ensure effective meaningful consultation and dialogue between statutory bodies and Travellers
5. Identify and meet the needs of local Travellers on an area specific basis
6. Agree specific responsibility for the implementation of each action under the plan and assign this to the appropriate agency or agencies
7. Co-ordinate and monitor the delivery of actions.

Homeless Services

Implementation of the Action Plan on Homelessness 2007-2010:

- 33 permanent Council homes allocated to Homeless Applicants
- 9 additional applicants are awaiting allocation by Peamount Voluntary Housing Association
- 27 transitional accommodation units (providing 94 beds) managed by Sophia and Sonas in the Tallaght and Clondalkin areas
- A Women's Refuge established in 2006 in the Tallaght area, managed by Saoirse Housing Association, continued to operate in 2008
- 24 permanent housing units in Tallaght, primarily for Homeless applicants with support from Focus Ireland, continued to operate in 2008
- The Council continued its outreach and tenancy sustainment services in 2008 as part of its overall response to homelessness

Allocations Section

The revised scheme of Letting Priorities approved by the Minister of Housing and Urban Renewal on 21/12/2006 is based on Time on List rather than points, continued to operate during 2008.

Key Indicators

- 309 families housed in Newly Built/Acquired dwellings
- 282 families housed through Casual Vacancies
- 97 Transfer requests granted
- Total Voluntary Housing stock in the County at the end of 2008 is 825 units

- 339 Voluntary Homes being planned or under construction, including emergency homeless accommodation
- 22,964 maintenance requests received with 98% completed within target time-frames
- Housing Maintenance budget for 2008 was €8,373,374
- Laneway Closure Programme closed 6 laneways in 2008
- Rent collected for 2008 was €21,300,000 and the average weekly rent was €47.56
- 1,850 live loans on our portfolio with collection of €8m
- 96 Local Authority dwellings were adapted plus 4 extensions were completed under the Disabled Persons Grants Scheme in 2008 and expenditure for above was €969,629.42
- 241 Private Disabled Persons Grants were paid out at a total cost of €2,371,744
- 130 Essential Repair Grants were paid out and total expenditure was €736,255
- 61 Housing Adaptation Grants for people with a disability were paid out at a total cost of €578,575.45
- 17 Mobility Aid Grants paid out and total expenditure was €63,898.80
- 75 Housing Aid for Older People Grant at a total cost of €374,825.00
- 65 traveller families were accommodated in permanent accommodation in 2008

Housing and Social Development SPC

During 2008, a number of reports and issues were discussed and considered:

- Tenant Purchase Scheme
- Discussion paper on Part V policy in South Dublin County Council was presented for consideration
- Workshop on Part V Provisions was arranged for Members, Construction Industry and Affordable Homes Partnership
- Report on Anti-Social Behaviour was presented for consideration
- Report from National Council on Ageing and Older People. The role and future of supportive housing for older people in Ireland
- Update on Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)
- Update on Estate Management
- Update on Housing Needs Assessment
- Report on the possible introduction of a Financial Contribution Scheme under The Scheme of Letting Priorities
- Traveller Accommodation Programmes 2009-2013
- Report on review of scheme of letting priorities/tenancy agreement/ASB policy





Planning

The Planning Department plays a pivotal role in the physical, economic and social development of South Dublin County. Together with its traditional roles of Development Plan preparation, Development Management and Planning Enforcement, the Department is now pro actively involved in the physical development of the County, implementing the Adamstown and Balgaddy/Clonburriss SDZ Planning Schemes, resolving issues of Urban Design and Conservation, the realisation of the objectives of Integrated Area Plans, the development of Local Area Plans and major project development and management.

Development Plan

The Development Plan provides the strategic framework and policy context within which the local authority's planning decisions are made. The policies and objectives of the South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2004-2010 are now being implemented. One variation, No.5, was made to the Development Plan in 2008.

The review of the County Development Plan was initiated in late 2008 and will continue throughout 2009 and 2010. During 2009, a Draft Development Plan will be prepared and placed on display for public consultation. The review of the County Development Plan will involve all Council Departments, the elected member's and the public. It is envisaged that a new County Development Plan will be in operation in the late Autumn 2010.

Adamstown SDZ South Dublin

Adamstown was designated a 'Strategic Development Zone' or 'SDZ' in 2001. As 'Development Agency', South Dublin County Council is committed to ensuring that Adamstown is a sustainable urban community and that development occurs at a pace whereby it is

supported by all necessary facilities and infrastructure. The roll out of Adamstown is ongoing, based on the approved Planning Scheme or Master Plan prepared by South Dublin County Council. At the end of 2008, approximately one-third of potential housing is permitted, with almost 1,000 new homes occupied. The first crèche opened in 2008 and work commenced on a new post-primary school. The first phase of the new District Centre was permitted during the year and a survey of residents completed at the end of the year. A new railway station, link road, QBC, park & ride, two primary schools and a playground were previously completed. The Planning Department facilitated the Adamstown Community Partnership to work with the emerging community and key stakeholders to assist the community development process in Adamstown throughout 2008 and also initiated a smarter travel initiative with the Dublin Transportation Office.

Clonburriss LAP and SDZ South Dublin

The Clonburriss area is one of the most significant areas zoned for development within South Dublin County Council. Approximately two-thirds of the area was designated a 'Strategic Development Zone' or 'SDZ' in 2006. Following Council approval of a Planning Scheme in January 2008 and a public hearing in May 2008, An Bord Pleanála approved the SDZ Plan for this part of the area in November 2008. A Local Area Plan for the remainder of the area was approved by the Council in April 2008. A Project Implementation team was established in 2008 and has been engaged in follow-up work required further to the An Bord Pleanála decision and in relation to the first proposal for development on the Local Area Plan lands.

Integrated Area Plans (IAPs)/Urban Renewal Scheme

In 1999 the Council, in partnership with a number of local development groups, produced Integrated Area Plans (IAP's) for both Tallaght and Clondalkin. Both Plans were produced in the context of addressing the physical, economic, social and environmental regeneration of the town centres and in the adjoining disadvantaged residential areas.

South Dublin County Council's Integrated Area Plans in Tallaght and Clondalkin have to date accomplished the following:

- Over €0.7 billion worth of development projects are either under construction or completed in the designated areas
- The IAP's have provided the mechanism to deliver the agreed vision of the town centre areas i.e. new streets, people intensive uses, new public realm and a strong residential presence in the town centres
- The Urban Renewal Scheme will generate over €15million that will be expended in the disadvantaged neighbourhoods on Community Infrastructure and Community Projects
- The process has engendered strong links between site developers and the Local Employment Service Network

Local Plans

The Liffey Valley Town Centre Local Area Plan was adopted by the County Council in March 2008 and provides a policy context for negotiations in respect of major development proposals for the area which commenced in 2008.

The Tallaght Town Centre Local Area Plan South Dublin was adopted by the members of the Council in October 2006. Negotiations in respect of major development proposals for the area remained

ongoing and a new website for Tallaght Town Centre www.tallaghtcity.ie was launched in 2008.

Work commenced on a masterplan for lands adjoining the N7 Naas Road from Newlands Cross to the Dublin City Council boundary in September 2008.

Forward Planning Projects

Work commenced on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the County Development Plan review in late 2008.

A Supplementary Development Contributions Scheme (SDCS) under Section 49 of the Planning and Development Act was adopted by the Council for the Irish Rail Kildare Route Project in January 2008.

A Supplementary Development Contributions Scheme (SDCS) under Section 49 of the Planning and Development Act was prepared for the Railway Procurement Agency Metro West Project and commenced public display in December 2008.

Conservation

South Dublin County Council's Record of Protected Structures contains 542 Protected Structures, 105 of which are public authority owned. The Conservation Grants Scheme is funded by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and administered by the Council's Conservation Section.

The Grants Scheme assists the owners/occupiers of Protected Structures to undertake necessary works to secure their conservation.

Nine Conservation Grants totalling €97,339 were issued by this Council in the year 2008, to assist owners/occupiers in its administrative area to undertake such works.

Planning Applications

In 2008, the Council received 1428 valid planning applications. This represented a decrease of 19% on 2007. There were 1724 decisions made in relation to planning applications during 2008, 1190 grants of permission, 247 refusals and the remaining 287 applications either being withdrawn or resulting in requests for further information or clarification of further information. There were 203 invalid applications received in 2008 and a further 47 applications deemed invalid due to the Site Notice not being in accordance with the regulatory requirements. 314 applications for Fire Safety Certificates were received in 2008.

Enforcement

A total of 463 new enforcement files were opened in 2008. The number of warning letters issued in 2008 totalled 448 and the number of enforcement notices issued totalled 184. District Court proceedings were initiated in 76 cases and Circuit Court proceedings were initiated in 1 case.

10 Convictions were obtained in the District Court, 20 cases were resolved following the issuing of District Court proceedings. 356 cases were resolved without the necessity to apply to the Courts.

Development Contributions

The Development Contribution Scheme, as required under Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, was adopted by the Council on 8th December 2003.

The total development contributions received in 2008 were €24.2million.

The process of reviewing the Development Contributions Scheme commenced in October 2008. A draft Revised Scheme will be published for public consultation in 2009.





Roads and Transportation

In 2008, the Roads Department continued with its programme of Road Design and Construction, Maintenance and Traffic Management. Many of the major roadwork projects reached significant milestones or were completed in 2008. The N4 \M50 junction, the Ballymount interchange, the main line section of the M50 between Ballymount and the N4 Junction, the Red Cow Interchange and the underpass on the N4 at the Newcastle junction were all completed. The widening on the N4 from Leixlip to M50 continued with a target completion date of the third quarter of 2009.

As part of the Non-National Road Programme the Green Route, Firhouse Road and Phase III of the Outer Ring Road were completed and opened to traffic. Preparations were made to bring the Belgard \ Outer Ring Road and Nangor Road to construction stage during 2009 as resources become available.

Under the maintenance programme all schemes on the Road Works Programme were completed. Following the footpath condition survey in 2007, two million euro was spent on footpath repair and renewal in 2008. Work was carried out in 71 estates throughout the county involving the replacement of bays and the removal of trip hazards.

The Council's Traffic and Transportation Section South Dublin has continued to expand provision of up to the minute travel time information to commuters, forging stronger links with AA Roadwatch and direct two-way links with the National Roads Authority camera network. We have also updated and enhanced our network through measures such as the more extensive use of broadband, expansion of the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera network and increasing substantially the number of Microprocessor Optimised Vehicle Actuation (MOVA) loops in operation in the County.

Pay and display parking is operational in village centres in South Dublin County Council and is governed by Control of Parking Bye

Laws. Pay and Display parking is enforced on behalf of the Council by APCOA Parking Ireland Ltd who also provide cash collection and fine payment services.

A total of 35 traffic calming schemes have been completed to the end of 2008 with 1 further scheme currently under construction and a further 3 schemes going through the Part 8 process.

Road Safety is a very important item that features in our daily lives. To this end the Council has 102 locations at which school wardens are provided. In addition the Road Safety Officer arranges a number of training courses for motor cyclists.



Road Design/Construction

Non-National Roads Construction Programme 2008

- Outer Ring Road Phase 3
 - Completed 2008
- Green Route
 - Completed 2008
- Firhouse Road
 - Completed 2008

Non-National Roads Design Programme complete 2008

- Belgard to Outer Ring Road
 - Detailed Design and preparation of contract documents
- Nangor Road
 - Detailed Design and preparation of contract documents
- Knocklyon Road
 - Detailed Design and preparation of contract documents
- Greenhills Road Re-Configuration
 - Detailed Design
- Rathcoole Relief Road
 - Detailed Design

It is the Council's intention to advance the Nangor Road and the Belgard to Outer Ring Road to construction stage subject to the availability of resources in 2009.

National Roads Design / Construction Programme 2008/2009

- M50 Improvement :
 - Ballymount to N4 widening to four lanes complete
 - N4 Interchange complete
 - Red Cow Interchange substantially complete
- N4 (M50 to Leixlip)
 - Under construction with a completion date in the 3rd quarter of 2009
 - Underpass at the Newcastle Junction on the N4.

Road Maintenance

National Roads

The National Roads Authority provided finance in 2008 for the maintenance of the National Primary and National Secondary Roads as follows

- National primary maintenance €524,758 (N7 & N4)
- National secondary maintenance €162,515 (N81 & N82)
- Public Lighting €449,000

Non National Roads

The Department of Transport provided an allocation of €4,800,000 for road maintenance work. The following roads were included under the restoration improvement programme in 2008

- Wellington Lane
- Fortunestown Way
- Scholarstown Road
- Brookfield Road
- Airton Road
- Limekiln Road
- Peamount Road 3
- Coldcut Road
- Woodford Walk
- Celbridge Road
- Slade Road 2
- Baldonnell Lane

Works were also carried out under the Discretionary Maintenance, Restoration Maintenance and Discretionary Improvement schemes. During the year the following works were carried out:

- Restoration Maintenance 17 projects
- Discretionary Improvement 19 projects
- Discretionary Maintenance 13 projects

- **Abnormal Load Permits 2008**

- 601 permits issued

- **Road Works Control**

- ROADMAP online application system
- 4142 online applications
- 320 Companies online

Footpaths 2008

Total number of estates 71

- **Terenure/Rathfarnham**

- Footpath Refurbishments 15 estates
- Removal of trip hazards 9 estates

- **Tallaght Central**

- Footpath Refurbishments 6 estates
- Removal of trip hazards 16 estates

- **Tallaght South**

- Footpath Refurbishments 1 estates
- Removal of trip hazards 7 estates

- **Lucan**

- Footpath Refurbishments 6 estates
- Removal of trip hazards 3 estates

- **Clondalkin**

- Footpath Refurbishments 3 estates
- Removal of trip hazards 5 estates



Traffic & Transportation Programme 2008

In 2008 the Dublin Transport Offices provided €7.9 million towards the cost of the provision of quality bus corridors and the continued expansion of the ANPR projects. The Traffic Section continue to expand and maintain the following:

Traffic signals

- 120 pedestrian signals
- 132 junction signals
- 7 Luas crossings
- 70 junctions connected to central monitoring unit in head office

Traffic Management Plan assessment

- 700 Licences assessed on Roadmap
- Over 100 Traffic Liaison Group Meetings attended on M50 and N4 upgrade projects

Traffic Monitoring CCTV

- 35 cameras operating over Broadband connections
- 30 cameras operating over ISDN lines (to be migrated to Broadband)

ANPR

- 86 cameras deployed at 20 nodes for journey time information
- Interface system operating between South Dublin County Council and National Roads Authority for continuous journey time system

School Safety Programme

- To date 30 schools throughout the County have had safety measures implemented. It is intended to continue with this programme in 2009 subject to resources being available

Pay and Display Parking

- Pay Parking has been implemented in Rathcoole, Clondalkin, Saggart, Lucan, Rathfarnham and Palmerstown. The operation of the Pay and Display Parking is enforced by APCOA Parking Ireland Ltd on behalf of the Council

Traffic Calming

Traffic calming programme 1

- 34 schemes completed to date under the Programme
- 1 schemes under construction
 - Elmbrook Avenue /Esker Lane, Lucan
- Part 8 commenced
 - Palmerstown
 - Seskin View Ave / Drive and New Bawn Park, Tallaght
- Part 8 completed
 - Aylesbury / Cushlawn, Tallaght

Traffic calming programme 2

- 1 scheme completed to date under this programme
- Part 8 commenced
 - Dangan, Shelton, Muckcross, Hillsbrook and Fernhill



Architectural Services

2008 was a busy year for the Architectural Services Department. In April, work was completed on the extension and reformatting of the County Library, now one of the largest and most exciting in the country. The Library is alive with new technology – RFID self-check-in and book monitoring, free internet access and computer-training Suites. The brightly coloured children’s area is already a favourite. A tall and sunny book-lined street joins the new public square (with its striking sculpture) to the Council’s own plaza. Visitor numbers have almost doubled and the building’s innovative design has enabled a whole new approach to the use and meaning of a Public Library.

Nearby, at the Luas stop, construction is now completed on the “Big Picture”. An interactive multi-media centre, this three-storey structure contains the latest digital technology showcasing upcoming projects and plans for Tallaght and the rest of the county. This centre will form a hub for the growth of a digital network of social, community and economic innovations in the area of new technology. The project cost €1.3 million

At the end of the Luas Line South Dublin, ‘Red’ South Dublin the new County Arts Centre, was completed in September at a cost of just over €9.0 million. Its colourful exterior contains art galleries, performance spaces, drama studio, music and digital studios as well as a radio station and recording space. A busy café will add life to the adjoining streets.

Work commenced in March on the St. Marks Community facility in West Tallaght. This building will house the Childhood Development Initiative South Dublin and offer a broad range of facilities to adjoining community groups. It will be completed in May 2009. All of these projects were designed by committed in-house teams in South Dublin County Council.

The 2005-2008 Traveller Accommodation Programme is drawing to a close with the completion of 45 units in 2008 and another 10 on site which are due for completion early in 2009. A total of 100 permanent units were constructed under this programme. The 2009-2013 Programme will be a continuation of the previous Traveller Accommodation Programmes and will continue to build on the successes achieved.

The Small Works Programme comprising special needs, overcrowding and improvements in lieu of Local Authority Housing has 33 extensions in hand with 11 completions in 2008 and a further 13 to be completed in 2009.

The refurbishment and upgrading of existing Council stock continues to be an important element of the Department’s portfolio. The aim is to improve tenants’ quality of life and reduce the carbon footprint of South Dublin County Council housing.

The contracts for refurbishment of 100 houses in Cushlawn and 100 houses between Greenfort and Shancastle estates are due for completion in the first quarter in 2009 and has received an enthusiastic response from the tenants, both for the improvements and the manner in which they are carried out. Works were completed to 123 dwellings by the end of 2008.

The Energy Programme including window/door upgrade/replacement pilot project and the External Cavity Wall and Attic Insulation Project, are nearing completion; window/ door upgrade/replacement works were carried out to an additional 195 dwellings in 2008, and 480 dwellings had cavity walls insulated.

The Mechanical and Electrical section's upgrading projects include;

- electrical rewiring of 112 dwellings
- mains smoke alarms fitted in 632 dwellings
- the 2008 annual boiler servicing programme serviced 6035 gas fired central heating systems
- Safety checking and boiler servicing of a total of 3223 tenant installed systems concluded in August with 414 of those carried out in 2008, and 282 upgrades to tenant installed central heating systems were carried out in the year

Upgrading of SDCC's civic buildings is ongoing with a bigger and brighter crèche due to open in County Hall in March 2009 and some alterations have been carried to a relocated Council chamber and a modified staff canteen in Clondalkin.

The project management and procurement of the housing construction program provided 312 families with new homes, 290 units procured by direct contract and a further 22 procured under Part V from private developments.

A further 127 families were housed by voluntary agencies in new units directly procured by the department through the construction program. The combined number of new units procured in 2008, through direct procurement and Part V agreements, including those procured for voluntary agencies, totaled 439 new units added to the housing stock.

Projects on site during 2008 and due for completion in 2009 will provide a further 200+ units. This will be further supplemented by an increased Part V agreement contribution to the housing stock.

The economic slowdown will inevitably limit the amount of units moving forward to 2010, with a reduction in Part V agreements and a smaller number of projects being approved to start construction on

site. A number of smaller infill projects are now at detail design stage to meet needs that have been clearly identified. It is also hoped to proceed with The Knockmore Mixed Use Project, which incorporates a childcare facility, community facility, landscaping and mixed housing.

All the current projects delivered, and those at design stage, include a significant proportion of specially adapted units targeted at accommodating current applicants on the housing list in need of special provision.

The department has anticipated the new requirement to provide Building Energy Ratings Certificates [BER certs.] from the 1st January 2009 for all new, re-let or units sold by the council. To ensure efficiency of delivery and eliminate the cost of outsourcing, the department has 7 fully qualified and SEI accredited BER Assessors in place. The assessors divide their duties between BER assessments and their duties as clerk of works / inspectors as required by workload. Assessment of housing units programmed for delivery from January 2009 was commenced in November 2008, in anticipation of the initial high demand for BER certificates. The initial delivery and issue of BER assessments and certificates to meet the large turnover / handover of council housing stock clearly indicates that South Dublin County Council may be the only council to be totally self sufficient in this respect.

The department is also providing, from the 1st January 2009, BER Certificates for council owned and operated properties. A certificate will be publicly displayed in each of the larger buildings, community centers, depots and facilities indicating the buildings energy consumption over the previous year related to the BER scale.

The department has always provided technical inspection and advice for Dangerous Structures in the County. The Dangerous Structures section is now fully run and administered by the department, with support as required for emergency on site work by the Housing depot staff. Over 130 dangerous structure reports were completed during 2008, including three serious fire sites and seven structural collapses.

The department, in addition to design, urban design and construction management, offers advice to a number of other council departments on a wide variety of technical issues. The department, in recognition

of the ongoing requirement to advise on, and ensure compliance with new legislation, statutory regulations, technical developments and new challenges procured expert accredited training from SEI, UCD, RIAI and various trade organizations on the New Public Contracts, Health & Safety [PSDP], BER Assessment [Domestic dwellings], BER Assessment [for Public Buildings], Updates on new building regulations, and eight RIAI accredited continuous practice development lunch time seminars on product development.





Corporate Services

Corporate Services Department continues to embrace the Council's organizational change programme" in areas of staff development, business process improvements and better use of resources to ensure the provision of quality information, improved customer service and delivery on work programmes. We interact and provide support to all Council Departments and are responsible for Mayor and Members support, Communications, Customer Care, Internal Audit, Civic Buildings, Staff Facilities, Procurement, Register of Electors, Higher Education Grants, Events Management, Twinning and Freedom of Information.

Mayors Office

Councillor Marie Corr was elected Mayor at the Annual Meeting of the Council held in June 2008 and was presented with the Chain of Office by outgoing Mayor Councillor Tony McDermott for a one year term of office. Councillor Guss O'Connell was elected Deputy Mayor at the same meeting.

Civic Events

Many events were organized in 2008 through the auspices of the Mayors Office reflecting our interaction with our customers, improvements in our built environment, advancement in technological services and our close connection with communities throughout the County. Highlights included festivals such as the opening of the New County Library in Tallaght, Halloween and the Tallaght Christmas Sparkle.

Communications

Corporate Services continue to examine all aspects of communications, both internally and externally, with a view to the successful promotion of South Dublin County in a local, national and international context.

This is achieved through quality information on our Internet, Intranet, Pressnet and Membersnet sites, together with detailed policies/strategies/protocols relating to internal and external communications.

Twining

London Borough of Brent, England

Our twinning arrangement with Brent Borough continues to flourish with annual exchange visits taking place on a number of initiatives on both sides of the Irish Sea. A delegation from Brent Borough visited South Dublin County Council in April 2008 which included a visit to Environmental, Planning and Cultural initiatives in the County.

Kreis Segeberg, Germany

An exchange visit to Kreis Segeberg took place in July 2008 to mark the occasion of the retirement of their County Commissioner.

Ecole Valentin, France with Rathcoole Village

Ongoing exchange visits between Rathcoole Village and Ecole Valentin are continuing and have a high participation level amongst residents of all ages from both communities.

Ethiopian Partnership Project

Initiated in 2006, this project is an innovative collaboration between two towns in Werabe and Butajira, a slum regeneration project in Addis Ababa and South Dublin County Council funded by Irish Aid, South Dublin County Council and through wage and salary deductions from staff and councillors.

Among the Achievements to date

- 100m³ reservoir complete and another under construction
- 15 new water standpipes and 3.2km of new watermains
- 3 new public landfill sites and public collection bins for refuse provided
- 2 four-classroom school blocks completed
- 550 School desks being built locally to equip class rooms
- Womens enterprise training
- Youth Centre and two multi-use playing pitches

Register of Electors

Corporate Services Department compiles the Register of Electors on an annual basis. The total number of electors registered on the 2008/2009 Register of Electors was 175,270 and the breakdown of this figure across the five local electoral areas is as follows.

Local Electoral Areas

Clondalkin	29,843
Lucan	31,698
Tallaght-Central	26,944
Tallaght-South	37,075
Terenure/Rathfarnham	49,710

Higher Education Grants

Higher Education Grants are awarded to students who are residents of South Dublin, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Higher Education Grants) Acts, 1968 – 1992 and the relevant annual scheme as adopted by the Council. Under the Higher Education Grants Scheme for the 2008/2009 academic year approximately 900 students were awarded grant assistance in respect of Maintenance and/or Fees. A total amount of €3.75 million was paid out in Higher Education Grants during the 2008 calendar year.

Freedom of Information

61 Requests were processed and answered in 2008

Internal Audit

The primary objectives of Internal Audit during 2008 were to review and appraise:

- The business processes, systems and procedures
- Effective, efficient and economic use of resources
- The adequacy, reliability and integrity of information used for decision making and accountability
- Compliance with regulations, policies and procedures

During 2008 fifteen audit reviews were completed under the following categories:

- Regulations
- Procurement
- Operational
- National service indicators
- Security
- Financial
- Value for money

All recommendations made to strengthen controls and improve VFM were accepted by Management.

Internal Audit is a key element of the corporate governance Framework within the Council, and the unit will continue to deliver an independent and transparent appraisal function providing assurance to Management and the Audit committee on the internal control system operating within South Dublin County Council.

Reform of Procurement Policy

In line with a request from the Department of Finance, South Dublin County Council published its first statutory Corporate Procurement Plan as part of a wider programme of public procurement reform in December 2008.

Preparation for the Plan included a detailed expenditure analysis and a survey of staff procurement skills, both of which will be used in targeting areas for savings and staff training as the Plan is implemented. A detailed Action Plan has been developed to guide the first phase of the implementation of the Plan during 2009.

A number of corporate tenders were completed during 2008 to provide services and supplies across all departments. Tenders included Print Management, Skips, Plumbed Water and Sanitary Services. This combined approach to purchasing uses Council's buying power to greater effect. Over the life of these four tenders, savings of just short of €1m have been achieved.

During 2008, the Council has acquired new software for the purchasing of road construction / maintenance materials and plant hire. The new software called LA Quotes enables suppliers to update their prices annually on line. The Council can now get comparative quotes for its requirements from a wide range of suppliers on line. The efficiencies to be gained by Council using LA Quotes include savings in staff time, greater value for money, improved tracking of plant hire, assurance of suppliers' compliance with health and safety, insurance and tax legislation.

Sustainable Energy Strategy

Following on from a commitment given in 2007, the South Dublin County Council Sustainable Energy Strategy was published in 2008. The plan was developed by an interdepartmental, multi-disciplinary Working Group in consultation with all South Dublin County Council staff.

The plan outlines aims and objectives for achieving improvements in our energy systems and supplies, resulting in greater efficiencies while securing long term sustainability and limited impact on climate, local environment and public health.

The document was prepared with the following three main focus areas in mind:

- Influence on energy consumption in the County
- Influence on energy consumption within South Dublin County Council
- Education and Awareness

and many initiatives identified in the plan were implemented during 2008 resulting in significant efficiencies.

Customer Care

Dedicated Customer Care Centres at Tallaght and Clondalkin maintain a high standard of service, and strive to answer enquiries within the shortest possible timeframe. Using systems to measure performance, the team is involved in the roll out of these systems across the organisation, providing tools to all Managers to continue to enhance the Councils services. Longer opening hours allow more convenience for the personal caller. In addition the staff deal with all phone, online, email and sms queries.

In early 2008, a complete upgrade of the telephony area was completed and the new computerised system has greater functionality, is VOIP enabled, provides comprehensive activity and financial reporting and includes call centre software used in the high volume departments of the organisation.

Performance levels continue to rise, the centre deals with approx 1,400 telephone calls per day and over 1,000 counter callers per week.

In addition web, email and sms enquiries have a 24 hour response time. This facility is well used because of its availability at any time.

South Dublin County Council's webpage at www.southdublin.ie is used to the best possible advantage for our customers. By keeping our content easily accessible and always up to date it has become, for many customers, the main point of contact with South Dublin County Council.

Irish Office

During 2008 South Dublin County Council promoted the Irish Language in South Dublin County in many ways.

In 2006, The Language Scheme of South Dublin County Council under Section 11 of the Official Language Act 2003 was prepared and accepted. The implementation of this scheme continued in 2008 with the following:

South Dublin Placenames and Streetnames was published and launched in 2008. This publication contains all the street and place names of South Dublin County in both English and Irish and is available on www.athclaitheas.ie or in hard copy.

Irish classes for the staff and councillors of SDCC continued to promote and support the Irish Language and its use within the Council. Language Awareness was introduced for new staff as part of their induction in order to make them aware of the commitments in relation to the Irish Language made by the Council.

In 2008, all public forms being used by South Dublin County Council were uploaded in Irish to www.athcliaththeas.ie to enable clients to make applications to the Council in the official language of their choice.

In March 2008, Deputy Mayor Derek Keating launched Seachtain na Gaeilge Átha Cliath Theas, or SnaGÁct, which ran from 3rd to 17th March. We also launched www.athcliaththeas.ie, the Irish website of South Dublin County Council.

South Dublin County Council also had the honour of launching Seachtain na Gaeilge nationally and Ceol '08, a CD, featuring the best of Irish talent released by Seachtain na Gaeilge in support of Barnardos, which reached No. 1 in the Irish Charts. Acts on the night included Declan O'Rourke, Fiach, Luan Parle, Lir, Warren Bastable Irish Dancers, Gerry O Connor, Johnny Connolly, Mattie Joe Shéamuis Ó Flatharta, Marcus Hennon, Aisteoirí Chrónáin, Rince dance and more. Dáithí ó Sé was Fear an Tí.

Events during SnaGÁct 2008 included Puppet making, Live history, bingo, storytelling, demonstrations by The Garda Síochána, Fire Brigade and the Air Corps, music workshops and movies. Many performances were given which included Kila, Zak Powers, Traditional sessions and much more and all through Irish.

This annual celebration of Irish language and culture took place with 85 events being held in 2008 and over 5500 people attending them. Each year SnaGÁct receives great support from the general public.

Many general queries and request for Irish placenames were dealt with through Irish, as well as common policy documents being made available in Irish, i.e., the Annual Report of 2007, which is in compliance with the Official Language Act 2003.

Health and Safety

South Dublin County Council is committed to ensuring that all its services and operations are carried out and delivered as far as possible, safely. The Council has two full time Health and Safety Officers who deliver advice, train staff and carry out inspections. All the Council's workplaces have a separate Safety Statement and a programme of risk assessment and revision of these Statements was completed in 2008. New national certification for personnel working on temporary roadwork sites, coming into force in 2009, required a comprehensive programme of safety training throughout 2008 to ensure the Council's staff were properly qualified.



Human Resources

Ongoing modernisation and change is of increasing importance in ensuring the delivery of a value for money service and as an organisation, we are very proactive in this regard. The Change Management unit continued to operate throughout 2008 in examining work practices and business processes. Much progress was made under the headings set out in the Towards 2016 Social Partnership Agreement, through our own organisational Partnership Committee

The **Partnership High Level Group** continued to function and pursued an agenda of change through co-operation and partnership with staff from all departments and all levels in the organisation working together to achieve outcomes on a number of targeted fronts.

The process of achieving agreed change through the establishment of working groups has proven successful to date.

The Human Resources Department manages a wide range of functions in relation to human resource management for our existing staff and with regard to the ongoing staffing needs of the organisation. The Department in the earlier part of 2008 was engaged in the recruitment and selection process for a wide range of grades and roles within the organisation ranging from general service grades, clerical/administrative grades to professional/technical grades. With the stark and rapid change in the economic climate, recruitment dropped off towards the end of the year.

A focus on retention of staff, workforce planning, staff welfare, employee relations, training and development and management of benefit and entitlement schemes remained key activities of the department.

The implementation of an **Integrated Human Resource system** is well underway and will result in an employee self service facility as well as comprehensive and integrated management reporting and analysis

options. A comprehensive online training system and training management as well as online recruitment forms part of the system.

Altogether it will result in a highly efficient and streamlined HR service.

In 2008, the **Change Management Unit** continued to drive the modernisation agenda and to support the embedding of **PMDS** across the organisation. The rollout of an online PMDS system was a very valuable addition to the process and will greatly assist in the ongoing management and implementation of the process. The Change Management Unit supported and co-ordinated the introduction of necessary business and organisational changes required to deliver an effective, streamlined and cost efficient service to our customers. The appointment of local change agents in all departments has proven effective in the communication and roll-out of change throughout the organisation. Idocs is now used as a document management system in all departments and interfaces with local systems e.g. Environmental Services are working effectively and adding further value.

The input of all staff is central to this change process and their flexibility and co-operation must be acknowledged.

As PMDS becomes embedded into the organisation it will become a management tool for delivering change. The monitoring of the Team Development Plans through newly introduced online PMDS system will in time facilitate tracking and reporting on the delivery of corporate objectives, while the Personal Development Plans will provide improved job clarity and identify Training and Development needs which will form the basis of our Training Programme.

Investment in **Staff Training** has been maintained at a high level with 4.38% of the payroll budget expended on training in line with national requirements in 2008. The streamlining of training requests through staff PDP's completed under the Performance Management and Development System informs the training programme and corporate training requirements are also addressed and delivered on to ensure ongoing upskilling of staff.

Through hard work and input, the process of working towards Continuing Professional Development (CPD) accreditation was undertaken and was achieved in 2008. This is a significant achievement for our engineering/technical staff and for the Human Resources Department. This has involved introducing mentoring for staff, a CPD policy has been put in place and a knowledge management system is being developed. The assessment process to achieve accreditation was rigorous and annual audits will take place to ensure retention of the standard.

The **Time & Attendance Unit** continues to monitor absenteeism and intervene to minimise absenteeism levels. The indicators in this area for 2008 are Certified Sick Leave 3.35% and Uncertified Sick Leave 0.75 %. Both figures are a reduction on the 2007 statistics indicating that our management of the absences is effective and giving us a positive outcome. The services of two Doctors are retained for staff referral and our Staff Support service consisting of two qualified staff welfare officers provide invaluable support to staff.

The **Pensions Unit** which was established within the Human Resources Department in 2007 is operating very effectively. The objective of the unit is to provide an enhanced level of service on pension and retirement related matters. There is also a requirement for the future that staff be issued with defined benefit statements. The unit will meet that requirement. A new integrated HR/ Payroll computer system with a pensions module designed specifically for public sector

pension schemes has been commissioned to enable the Council to issue benefit statements annually to all its employees.

The **Employee Relations Unit** continue to maintain communication with the relevant trade unions on a regular basis on issues of concern and through the unit the Council is committed to utilising the industrial relations mechanisms available including the Rights Commissioner, the Labour Relations Commission and the Labour Court where necessary. An extensive Vaccination Programme was again run throughout 2008 for staff on a voluntary basis.

At the end of 2008, the number of staff in SDCC was 1,594. In conjunction with the HR Partnership Group, the **Administration and Policy Unit** continue to identify and develop policies to support and benefit staff. An option to staff to avail of part-time working options was offered towards the end of the year. This followed on the requirement to reduce the cost of payroll by 3%. A significant number of staff expressed an interest in availing of such option and the administration unit are now progressing applications under this voluntary scheme.

The **Staff Welfare** service continues to provide discrete, confidential professional support to staff. Its offices are based in the Library building at County Hall. Staff welfare prepared and delivered a stress management training programme to staff which was very well received.

Law Department

July 2008 saw the introduction of new innovations designed to streamline the operation of receiving initial instructions from our instructing Departments. This has led to increased efficiencies by capturing instructions electronically through a combined use of Outlook and Keyhouse and facilitating the downloading to our case management system. The number of electronic instructions received amounted to 912 together with 1054 for rates recoupment. This method of receipt eliminates photocopying, duplication and delay.

Digital dictation was introduced in the Department towards the year end with increased efficiencies in file and case management.

During 2008, 2767 new files were opened and instructing departments were notified of file handlers, within two days in most cases, of the relevant staff member in the Law Department responsible for progressing the file. The focus on customer service changed the orientation of the department in the provision of its service. The electronic system allows any member of staff in the Law Department to give up to date information regarding a file at the touch of a button.



The continued emphasis on keeping meaningful statistics has facilitated the movement of staff to areas in the department where workloads have increased. These areas include enforcement pursuant to legislation governing Waste Management and Litter Pollution, Housing Arrears, Anti Social Behaviour and Control of Dogs.

Conveyancing saw an increase in transfer of Voluntary housing to Voluntary organisations while acquisitions pursuant to Part Vs, Wayleave Agreements and Purchase of Ground Rents increased considerably.

2008 saw a decrease in budget spend by the Law Department of 10% over 2007 spend. This was achieved mainly through rostered staff hour reductions resulting from increased work share facilities and staff transfers. Increased levels of service in many areas is as a result of continued staff buying in to changes in technology and better work practices.

Information Technology

In the Information Technology Department, the principles of diversity and inclusion are key drivers of creativity, invention and innovation. The aim is to connect all stakeholders to the power of technology both in the workplace and in the community. The creation of a diverse and inclusive environment is an ongoing journey of continuous change for many years now. This journey is underpinned and guided by deeply held values such as that suggested in the title of the Corporate Plan 2004 - 2009, "Connecting with Communities" - one of its principal aims is to reach out to and serve the people of the county as efficiently, effectively and in as inclusive a manner as possible. In approaching the final year of this plan, the Information Strategy and the customer-focused approach will continue to be developed, harnessing Information Technology in enabling the citizen to interact easily and meaningfully with the Council.

The Information Technology Department operates administrative and technical computer applications, and provides support to local and wide area computer networks, with in excess of 1000 nodes, spread over a number of local and remote sites.

Supporting this environment includes the operation and maintenance of more than 60 server based systems which facilitate the business functions of the organisation. In addition, generic services applicable across the organisation are provided. These include common network maintenance, file and print services, e-mail and scheduling, Internet access, desktop support and web hosting.

Technical support is managed by a sophisticated help desk management suite of computer software. Tailored applications are developed and maintained by the information systems function that meet specific non 'off the shelf' requirements.

Project management, systems implementation and training services are provided on all new and upgraded computer applications and

infrastructure projects. This range of tasks is undertaken by approximately 30 dedicated and skilled professionals within the function which include programmers, analysts, infrastructure/pc and server system support staff, team and departmental management, database administrators, and administrative support.

Geographic Information Systems – Advances during 2008

In 2008, a Spatial Data Team was established to develop the GIS Strategy around the Function, Location, Activity principles in support of the Organisational Change Cluster Vision. Throughout 2008 the IT Department has continued to deliver projects with these cross-cutting themes.

- Corporate databases continue to be integrated with a Corporate Address Database which is based on An Post GeoDirectory, currently providing spatial information for 95% of South Dublin County Council customers. Work is ongoing to provide 100% coverage and will result in improved customer communication within corporate applications as intra-application electronic communication via email and text becomes the norm
- A new Enterprise GIS Product Suite has been selected and implemented to advance our GIS development and mapping capabilities therefore enabling wider dissemination of data to staff through the corporate intranet and to the public via the Web
- The 'Electronic Customer' will be realised through the implementation of the customer registration process using PIN validation to register for council services. The Waste Management System, being the first working example of this, will soon give customers the facility to request all waste services on-line. It is intended to re-use this functionality to provide a single-sign on for all council transactions for the electronic customer

- The Quality of Life Mapping Project was established in 2008 with the aim to utilise available datasets to provide a spatial picture of life in the county. Outputs from this project will enable strategic planning of services and facilities as well as providing definitive baseline data which will facilitate on-going mapping, demonstrating significant shifts in trends in terms of citizens' experiences of living in the county.

Information Technology Infrastructure – Highlights during 2008

... for customers ...

- Public Wi-Fi access has been extended to selected public buildings in the South County Dublin area
- New datasets and mapping have been added to the 'Connect Me' website for public access
- On-line payments were extended and enhanced during 2008
- Significant enhancements to design and usability of the South Dublin County Council public websites were undertaken
- Public consultation on usability and accessibility of the corporate website www.sdcc.ie was carried out, results of which will be taken into account in the planned redesign of the new and enhanced public website

... for staff ...

- Laptop & personal computer refresh scheme for staff - 220 personal computers and 95 laptops were rolled out on a phased basis during 2008

- The IT Helpdesk System was upgraded
- The in-house developed PMDS System was further developed to provide extensive reporting and statistical analysis capability
- Background work has commenced on the design and functional specification of a fully Integrated Housing System. This is an extensive project and will have a 3 year lifecycle
- The iDocs Corporate Document Repository has been further enhanced to provide open access to external applications, resulting in embedded corporate document management capability, through the use of the newly developed 'Open iDocs' facility. Corporate systems will be integrated with iDocs on a phased basis
- Email infrastructure has been upgraded and enhanced to provide 'push mail' facilities for use with mobile devices. Direct access to email via the web has been added for staff
- A new search facility has been added to enable selected users to search any historical emails sent or received from the mail server
- Firewall cluster infrastructure has been added for additional resilience.
- A file archiving solution has been implemented to utilise data storage space more efficiently
- A network monitoring solution has been installed to monitor and manage network traffic and to help identify potential network problems so that preventative maintenance can be undertaken
- Feasibility studies have commenced in the areas of wireless wide area networking, cloud computing and enterprise-wide security using encryption and device control software

Connect

Connect is supporting local web-based content and promoting new innovative uses of technology across citizen, business, educational and community services. Connect envisions a future where everyone in South Dublin County uses the internet as an everyday tool to improve their quality of life and where opportunities are developed for life-long learning, leisure, personal, social and civic development.

Connect Web **South Dublin** is supporting local Community and Voluntary Groups to develop and maintain their own Community Websites. Over 160 websites are now live, with a constant stream of about 60 – 70 websites in development at any one time. This is a free, easy to use service where the groups are trained to develop the content. In addition, the sites are hosted by Connect. Because groups receive training, they are then able to update their sites whenever they wish and are no longer dependent on any outside expertise or any expense. In this way, the Community Sector are developing new online methods of collective engagement, with a regular Newsletter circulating news and good practice examples across all groups.

Connect Web in 2008:

- The digital training facilities in the New County Library are used for training purposes
- Training is provided by Connect Staff at times convenient to the participants
- Web Training delivered and ongoing individual support provided to over 150 Community Groups to help them to create and maintain their own high quality websites
- 32 out of 33 Community Centres have developed their own website through the Connect Web Programme

- St. Kevin's Family Resource won the **Best Connect Website Award**, with a Prize Fund of €1,000, at the South Dublin Community Awards in 2008
- The Training Programme is designed to be more user friendly through regular review and feedback

Connect School **South Dublin** in St Aidan's Community School, Brookfield, Tallaght, is developing student centred technology through an innovative learning culture.

By enabling self-directed learning through the creation by teachers of interactive educational content, the initiative is working to improve the student's attendance, engagement in the classroom and overall educational outcomes. The IT Infrastructure includes individual laptops for students and teachers, a Wireless Network throughout the school and a Virtual Learning Environment. An ongoing Training and Support Programme using technology has been developed with teachers using a Peer Learning Approach. The unique aspect about this initiative is using Interactive Technology to aid learning in all subjects across the second level curriculum.

Connect School in 2008:

- Laptops have now been rolled out to all junior cycle students, (1st, 2nd & 3rd Year), including ACE (Access to College Education) students
- The Peer Learning Programme continues, enabling the required upskilling necessary to integrate the use of technology in the classroom and develop interactive curriculum content
- The Virtual Learning Environment continues to grow with more curriculum content being developed and uploaded

- A number of In-Service Training Days were held for the teaching staff in 2008
- The Cross Agency Project Steering Group met four times in 2008 to co-ordinate the inter-agency approach in the delivery of the project
- A facilitated conference was held in Athlone for the core group teachers, to develop the peer learning approach and to examine the overall goals of the project
- Google Apps was rolled out in October 2008. Email addresses @staidanscommunityschool.com are now available to all staff and students

Connect Me (Beta version) South Dublin is a web based facility in the course of development that stores, retrieves and displays information about your local area.

Connect ME displays data on many aspects of the Council's operations using an Ordnance Survey mapping base overlaid with aerial photography and linked to An Post's Geodirectory of addresses. It will allow users to perform searches on the basis of specific addresses, functions and timescales. Information is presented in text or map form via standard tabs such as "Location Details", "Find Nearest", "In the Area" and "On the Map".

Connect ME enables improved accessibility to online Council services. The application itself allows users to perform searches on specific properties or locations and retrieve information about local administrative boundaries. Users can also submit fault reports directly to the Council.

Connect Me in 2008:

- During 2008 further work was carried out endeavouring to categorize the 6,000 business addresses in the county
- In addition to this, data was added showing locations for the purchase of bin tags, current and recent planning applications, refuse collection dates and land use zoning as it appears in the current Development Plan

Connect Centre South Dublin is the creation of public internet access zones in Libraries and Community Centres throughout South Dublin County. This promotes access to ICT and training.

Connect Centre in 2008:

- The Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government has agreed to part fund the planned extension of Jobstown

The Big Picture

(South Dublin) sits in the new cultural centre in the Town Centre, Tallaght. Library Square links The Big Picture, The County Library and Red Arts Centre forming a centre of knowledge and discovery in South Dublin. The first of its kind, The Big Picture aims to create a new medium of communication through the visual, creative and learning process. The exhibition currently provides information on aspects of life in South Dublin County now and into the future. The Centre is a means of disseminating information to the public and promoting South Dublin County Council's various online initiatives.

The Big Picture in 2008:

- The Noise festival was the first launch at the Big Picture in October 2008 which attracted groups and young people from all over the County
- The Big Picture is staffed by the newly formed Communications Unit

Connect Awards 2008:

- Connect School won the Excellence in Local Government Award 2008, Technology Sector
- The Virtual Learning Environment in Connect School won the Open Source Project of the Year Award at the ICT Excellence Awards in May 2008

Other PR activities:

- Deputy Mayor Guss O'Connell launched the first public park iWalk South Dublin in May 2008 at the Visitor Centre, Corkagh Park, Clondalkin

Connect held exhibition stands at:

- The Tallaght Learners Fair in The County Library – February 2008
- The CESI Conference in Colaiste de Hide – February 2008
- Open Day in St. Aidan's Connect School – March 2008
- Children's Services Conference in Croke Park – May 2008
- South Dublin Chamber Conference in The Clarion Hotel, Liffey Valley

Community Alive Week was held in October with a series of events aimed at Community Groups including:

- How to recruit volunteers for your Organisation by South Dublin Volunteer Centre
- A presentation by Global Action Plan
- Deansrath Environmental Group managed a exhibition stand
- How to organise a clean up and learn about supports available for Community Groups – Litter Warden Service





The Finance Department has responsibility for the short and long term financing of the Council's operations. This includes the monitoring and control of income and expenditure, arranging for borrowing and leasing requirements and the investment of funds.

Services Provided

- Financial Control & Treasury Management
- Preparation of Annual Budget
- Preparation of Annual Financial Statement
- Payroll Administration
- Commercial Rates Billing & Collection
- Billing & Collection of Non-Domestic Water Charges
- Payment of Accounts
- Insurance and Claims Administration
- Payments Receiving Office

European Communities

(Late Payment in Commercial transactions) Regulations 2002

EU Regulations governing late payment of commercial transactions were enforced with effect from 7 August 2002. These Regulations partially replace the Prompt Payment of Accounts Act 1997, and provide that interest, if greater than €5, be paid where an invoice remains unpaid for more than 30 days. The total amount of interest paid in 2008 was €32,425.19.

Finance Department Operational Plan 2008

The Finance Department Operational Plan deals with the functions of the Department under three broad headings:

- Financial Management & Accounting
- Expenditure Management
- Income, Debtors and Cash

Financial Management & Accounting

The Department's aim under Financial Management & Accounting is "the development and implementation of financial management and accounting systems and practices to support the best management of Council resources". In this context, the Finance Department Operational Plan outlined actions to be taken in 2008 to advance these objectives as follows:

- To continue the development of the Agresso Financial Management Information System
- The early production of the 2007 Annual Financial Statement in the revised format as specified by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and in accordance with Local Authority Accounting in Ireland, Code of Practice and Accounting Regulations
- Timely disclosure to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government of financial and non-financial data as required for the Needs & Resources Model which is employed by the Minister during the allocation of the Local Government Fund and the provision of financial and other data, as requested, to maximise the opportunities for South Dublin County Council during the allocation of other state funds

- To prepare the Annual Budget 2009 in accordance with the Local Government Act 2001 and the Local Government (Financial Procedures and Audit) Regulations 2002
- To manage cashflow, maximise income and anticipate and flag funding requirements for day-to-day expenditure on the Revenue and Capital Accounts

Annual Financial Statements

The Annual Financial Statement 2007 was prepared and presented in a Web enabled format to the Members prior to submission to the Department of the Environment, Heritage, and Local Government for audit.

The audit of the 2007 Annual Financial Statement commenced in late 2008.

Costing of Services

The 2008 Annual Budget as adopted by Council was converted into the new format as prescribed in the costing of services project in line with the requirements of the Department of Environment Heritage and Local Government. The Annual Budget 2009 was adopted in the new format.

Annual Budget

The Annual Budget for 2009 was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act, 2001, and the Local Government (Financial Procedures and Audit) Regulations 2002, and was adopted by the Council on 27th November 2008.

Agresso

The most recent modules implemented include Web Enabled Agresso, the Fixed Asset Register, Invoice Manager, Rates & Miscellaneous Debtors, Prompt Payment, Tax Module & Cash Office Receipting. Other projects during 2008 include the extension of the use of a Low Value Purchase Card scheme in tandem with the Agresso Purchase to Pay module, the development and testing of Business to Business features in Agresso, the development of a system of alerts know as IntellAgent and the development of web enabled Management Reports in Agresso.

Agresso Fixed Assets Register

The Fixed Asset Register includes details of constructed, gifted and purchased assets and is maintained in the Finance Department.

Expenditure Management

The main focus of Expenditure Management is to account for expenditure and ensure that effective financial controls are in place for Insurance and Claims Management, Payroll and Accounts Payable.

Insurances

The Insurance Section manages Public and Employer Liability claims and Motor, Property, Plant and Machinery insurance policies.

Payroll

The Payroll Section is responsible for the payment of salaries, wages, temporary salaries and pensions to approximately 2,000 staff and pensioners. Travel expenses and overtime claims are also processed by this Section. During 2008, the development and improvement of electronic data transfer systems continued. The promotion of the Paypath facility has resulted in 100% of salaried and 99.6% of non-salaried staff accepting payment via Paypath. The electronic timesheet return system, is currently being tested and it is proposed to have this system operational by the end of 2009.

Accounts Payable

Accounts Payable are responsible for making payments to the Council's trade creditors and ensuring accurate records of these transactions are retained for audit. They process approximately 850 invoices each week. This section is also responsible for implementing and accounting for relevant tax regulations such as Professional Services With-holding Tax, VAT, Relevant Contracts Tax, Tax Clearance Certificates and for ensuring C2 details are accurate. Procedures were put in place during 2008 to facilitate the new Reverse Charge VAT mechanism introduced by the Revenue Commissioners on 1st September 2008.

Income, Debtors & Cash.

Income related objectives for Finance include the effective management and maximisation of income, in particular the billing and debtor management of Commercial Rates and Non-Domestic Water Charges.

Rates

The nationwide project to revalue all property in Ireland was completed on the 31st of December 2007 and the new valuations became effective in January 2008 for all South Dublin County Council commercial rates customers. The South Dublin County Council local authority area was the first local authority to have the valuations base revalued in the Country. The basis by which rateable valuations are assessed has fundamentally changed. The County Valuation, effective from 01/01/08 is €711,745,086.

During the revaluation process, all commercial rate payers were given the opportunity to lodge an appeal against their new valuation. A total of 739 first appeal results were received from the Commissioner of Valuations in 2008. Of these accounts, 229 commercial rates customers took their appeal to the Valuation Tribunal. The final determinations for 80 cases were issued by the Valuation Tribunal to South Dublin County Council in 2008.

The Council continued to extend the County Valuation base by making maximum use of available information such as Commencement Notices, Water Connection Payments and Fire Certificates, and to improve collection procedures generally. The total rate collection for 2008 was €112,251,988. The percentage of rates collected from the total warrant for 2008 was 92.38%.

The Local Government (Business Improvement District) Act 2006 was enacted in 2007 for the first time. Entry year property levies were applied to all newly erected or constructed properties, pending the assessment of commercial rates. The total levies collected in 2008 amounted to €1,522,090 which represented 68.36% of the total to be collected.

Water Charges

Actions were specified under this heading to enable the collection of Non-Domestic Water Charges through all effective means including disconnection of supply.

The amount collected in 2008 was €7,596,783. The total value of bills issued in respect of 2008 was €8,329,292.07 but €1,600,431.22 in value of these bills related to the final quarter of 2008 and were issued to customers in early 2009.

The Water Metering Project which involves replacing existing meters with AMR (i.e. Automatic Meter Reading) meters, is being carried out by contract on behalf of all of the Dublin Local Authorities. The installation of new meters commenced in South Dublin County Council's area in early 2007 and is due to be completed during 2009.

Treasury Management

Actions are ongoing to maximise and efficiently manage cashflow. These include daily analysis and review as well as the application of appropriate software systems to support decision making.

Cash Receipting Office

The Council's Cash Offices are responsible for receipting monies received by the Council. In addition to accepting the traditional payment methods (cash, cheque, debit card, credit card and Direct Debit), an Internet Payment Facility is available for the purchase of bin tags and the purchase of dog licences.

Finance Statistics

South Dublin County Council

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2008 (Draft)

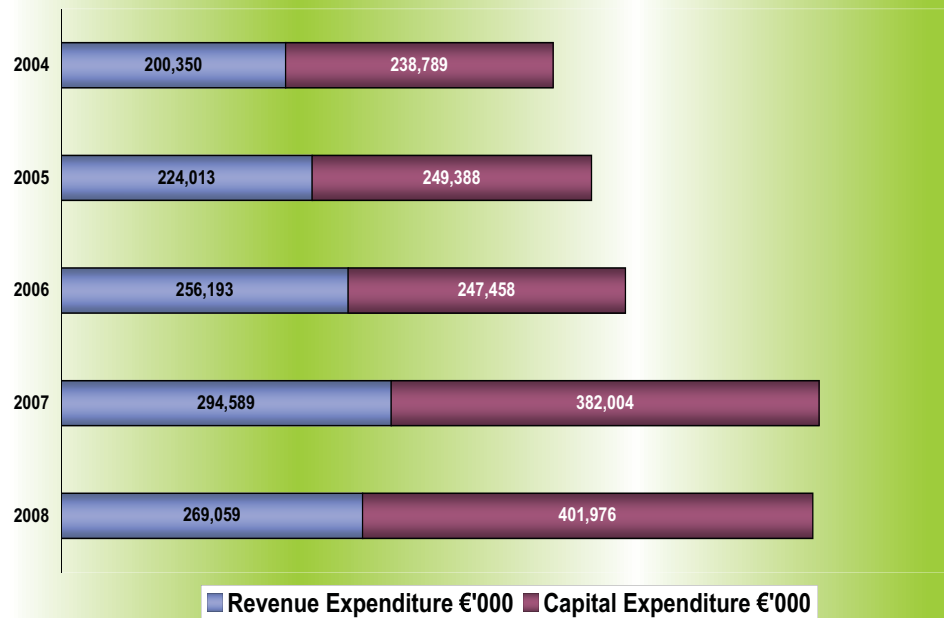
	2008	2007
	€'000	€'000
Fixed Assets & Work in Progress	3,705,958	3,699,377
Long Term Debtors	203,593	191,781
Net Current Assets	116,509	105,970
Long Term Creditors	(275,873)	(221,542)
Net Assets	3,750,187	3,775,586
Financed by:		
Work in Progress & Capitalisation Account	3,658,405	3,643,813
Revenue Reserve - Specific	11,528	16,628
Revenue Reserve - General	12,419	15,299
Other Balances	67,835	99,846
	3,750,187	3,775,586

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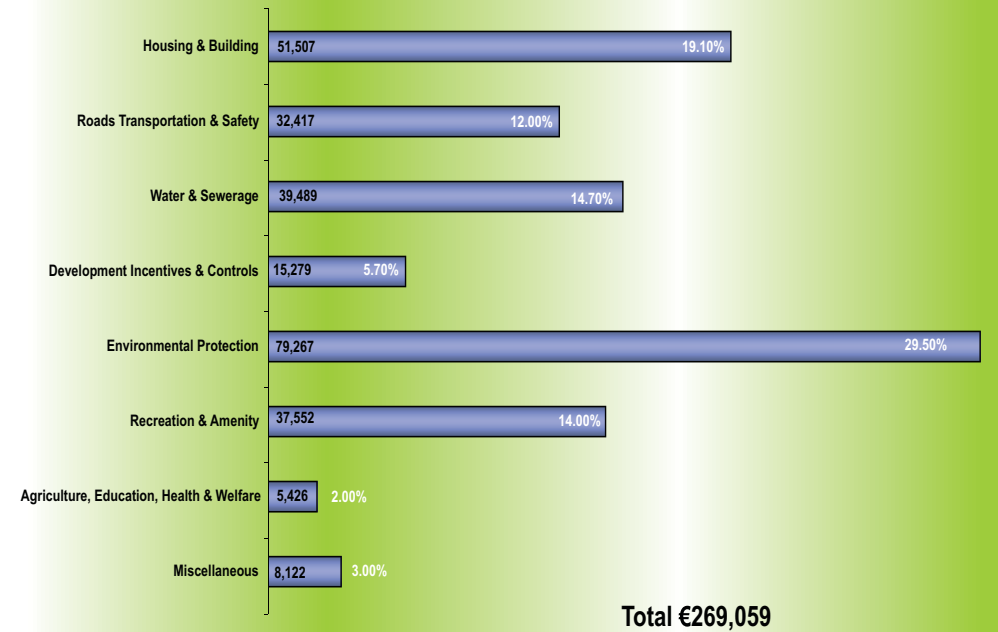
Income & Expenditure Account Statement for Year Ending 31 December 2008 (DRAFT)

	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net Cost
	2008	2008	2008
	€'000	€'000	€'000
Housing & Building	49,282	43,061	(6,221)
Roads Transportation & Safety	31,620	8,233	(23,387)
Water & Sewerage	36,339	10,574	(25,765)
Development Incentives & Controls	15,081	4,063	(11,018)
Environmental Protection	74,212	37,468	(36,744)
Recreation & Amenity	37,066	6,552	(30,514)
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	5,426	4,119	(1,307)
Miscellaneous	5,360	4,665	(695)
Total Expenditure/Income	254,386	118,735	
Net cost of programmes to be funded from Rates & Local Government Fund			(135,651)
Rates Income			113,986
Local Government Fund - Grant Income			27,396
Net Transfers to/from Reserves			(8,611)
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year			(2,880)
General Reserve @ 1st January 2008			15,299
General Reserve @ 31st December 2008			12,419

Total Expenditure, Revenue & Capital (€'000)



Revenue Expenditure 2008 by Division (€'000)



NOTE: these figures are inclusive of transfers to/from reserves

National Services Indicators

L1A	Library Public Opening Hours	Average number of opening hours per week for full-time libraries	48.55
L1B		Average number of opening hours per week for part-time libraries	18.73
L1C		Percentage of full time libraries that have lunchtime openings	100
L1D		Percentage of full time libraries that have evening openings	80
L1E		Percentage of full time libraries that have Saturday openings	80
L2	Library Visits	Number of visits to full time libraries per 1,000	3,781.56
L3A	Library Stock	Annual expenditure on stock per head of population	4.00
L3B		Number of items issued per head of population for books	3.16
L3C		Number of items issued per head of population for other items	1.19
L.4	Internet access through libraries	Number of Internet sessions provided per 1,000 population	609.69
Rec.1	Children's playgrounds	Number of children's per 1,000 population directly provided by the local authority	0.06
		Number of children's per 1,000 population facilitated by the local authority	0
Rec.2	Local Authority-facilitated Leisure Facilities	Number of visitors to local authority-facilitated leisure facilities per 1,000 population	2228.38
CP1	Involvement by Schools in Youth Councils/ Comhairle na nÓg	Percentage of local schools and youth groups involved in the local Youth Council/ Comhairle na nÓg scheme	17.83

CP2		Number of groups registered with the Community and Voluntary Forum	1,068
C.1	Percentage of Working days lost to Absenteeism	Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence through certified leave	3.35
		Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence through uncertified leave	0.75
C.2	Expenditure on Training and Development	Expenditure on Training and Development as a percentage of total payroll costs	4.38
E3A	Percentage of Households Provided with Segregated Waste Collection	Percentage of households who receive a waste collection service and are provided with segregated waste collection for dry recyclables	100
E3B		Percentage of households who receive a waste collection service and are provided with segregated waste collection for organics	0.00
E4A	Household waste collected and sent for recycling	Percentage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is sent for recycling	24.80
E4B		Tonnage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is sent for recycling	19,678
E4C		Tonnage of household waste recycled, which arises from waste collected from recycling facilities (i.e. bring banks, civic amenity centers, transfer stations and other recycling facilities)	34,320
E5A	Household waste collected and sent to landfill	The percentage of household waste collected which is sent to landfill	74.91
E5B		The tonnage of household waste collected which is sent to landfill	59,452
E6.1	Recycling Facilities	The total number of Bring Sites in the local authority area	48

E6.2		The total number of Civic Amenity Centers in the local authority area	1
E6A	Recycling facilities GLASS	The total number of Bring Sites	48
E6B		The total number of Civic Amenity Centers	1
E6C		The total number of facilities for recycling	49
E6D		The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	0.99
E6E	Recycling facilities CANS	Number of Bring Sites for recycling	26
E6F		Number of Civic Amenity Sites for recycling	1
E6G		Total number of Facilities for recycling	27
E6H		Total number of locations per 5,000 population	0.55
E6I	Recycling facilities TEXTILES	Number of Bring Sites for recycling	19
E6J		Number of Civic Amenity Sites for recycling	1
E6K		Total number of Facilities for recycling	20
E6L		Total number of locations per 5,000 population	0.4
E6M	Recycling facilities BATTERIES	Number of Bring Sites for recycling	66
E6N		Number of Civic Amenity Sites for recycling	1
E6O		Total number of Facilities for recycling	67
E6P		Total number of locations for recycling per 5,000 population	1.36
E6Q	Recycling facilities OILS	Number of Bring Sites for recycling	66
E6R		Number of Civic Amenity Sites for recycling	1
E6S		Total number of Facilities for recycling	67
E6T		Total number of locations for recycling per 5,000 population	1.36
E6U	Recycling facilities OTHERS MATERIAL	Number of Bring Sites for recycling	0

E6V		Number of Civic Amenity Sites for recycling	1
E6W		Total number of Facilities for recycling	1
E6X		Total number of locations for recycling per 5,000 population	0.02
E7A	Litter Wardens Employed	Total number of full-time litter wardens	7
E7B		Total number of part-time litter wardens	0
E7C		Total number of litter wardens (both full and part-time) per 5,000 population	0.14
E7D	Enforcement of Litter Laws	Number of on-the spot fines	2965
E7E		Number of on-the-spot fines paid	1,402
E7F		Number of prosecution cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines	285
E7G	Litter Enforcement – Prosecutions and Notices	Number of prosecutions secured in cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines	63
E7H		Number of notices issued (under sections 9,15,16,17, and 20 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997)	231
E7I		Total number of prosecutions taken (all prosecutions under the Litter Acts 1997 to 2003)	306
E7J		Total number of prosecutions secured (all prosecutions under the Litter Acts 1997 to 2003)	54
E7K	Litter Pollution	Percentage of areas that are unpolluted (i.e. litter-free)	3.85
E7L		Percentage of areas that are slightly polluted with litter	50.00
E7M		Percentage of areas that are moderately polluted with litter	38.46
E7N		Percentage of areas that are significantly polluted with litter	7.69
E7O		Percentage of areas that are grossly polluted with litter	0

E8A	Environmental Complaints and Enforcement	Total number of cases subject to complaints concerning environmental pollution (relating to waste, litter, water pollution, noise pollution, air pollution)	6680
E8B		Number of complaints investigated	6680
E8C		Number of complaints resolved where no further action was necessary	4869
E8D		Number of enforcement procedures taken	1811
E9A	Schools participating in environmental campaigns	Primary schools	79.00
E9B		Secondary schools	71.43
F *	Fire and Emergency		
F3A	Total number of fire safety certificate applications received and processed	Total number of fire safety certificate applications received	314
F3B		Total number of fire safety certificate applications processed (including cases deemed invalid)	346
F3C		Total number of applications deemed invalid	1
E1A	Water	Unaccounted for water (UFW) as a percentage of total volume of water supplied under the water supply schemes that the local authority is responsible for	19.79
E2A	Drinking Water – Compliance with statutory Requirements	Percentage of drinking water analysis results in compliance with statutory requirements with regard to public schemes	99.14
R1.A	Roads	Number of kilometres of local and regional roads improved and maintained under the restoration programme per annum	N/A
R1.B		Number of kilometres of local and regional roads constructed under the specific improvement grant scheme per annum	0

H1A	Housing Vacancies	Total number of dwellings in local authority stock	8,570
H1B		Total number of dwellings, excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects	8,570
H1C		The overall percentage of dwellings that are empty (excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects)	1.08
H1D		The percentage of empty dwellings unavailable for letting	78.92
H1E		The percentage of empty dwellings available for letting	21.08
H2.1	Average Time Taken to Re-let Available Dwellings	Average time taken (in weeks) from the date of vacation of dwelling to the date when all necessary repairs are carried out which are deemed necessary to re-let the dwelling	15.43
H2.2		The Average time taken (in weeks) from the works (above) being completed to the date of the first rent debit	1.4
H.3	Housing Repairs Completed by Local Authorities	Number of repairs completed as a percentage of the number of valid repair requests received	97.78
H4	Traveller Accommodation	Total number of traveller families accommodated as a percentage of the targets sent in the local traveller accommodation programme	97.01
H5A	Enforcement of Standards in Private Rented Sector	Total number of registered tenancies	9,669
H5B		Number of dwelling units inspected	738
H5C		Number of inspections carried out	808
H5D		Number of dwellings inspected as percentage of registered tenancies (i.e. H5B as percentage of H5A)	7.63
H6A	Grants to Adapt Housing for the Needs of People with a Disability	Average time taken (in weeks) to process applications under the Mobility Aids Grant Scheme, including any necessary inspection(s), from the date of receipt of a valid application to the date of decision on the application	14.4

H6B		Average time taken (in weeks) to process applications under Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability, including any necessary inspection(s), from the date of receipt to the date of decision on the application	19.7
H7A	Pre-Tenancy Familiarisation Course	Pre-Tenancy Familiarisation Courses: Total number of new local authority tenants	542
H7B		Percentage of new local authority tenants who have been offered pre-tenancy familiarization courses	55.2
P1.1A	Planning Applications - Decision Making INDIVIDUAL HOUSES	Number of applications decided	249
P1.1B		Number of those decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	184
P1.1C		Number of those decisions which required the submission of further information	65
P1.1D		Number of those decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000	0
P1.1E		Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	78.28
P1.1F		Percentage of applications granted	53.41
P1.1G		Percentage of applications refused	46.59
P1.1H		Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	73.58
P1.1I		Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	26.42
P1.2A	Planning Applications - Decision Making NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT	Number of applications decided	80

P1.2B		Number of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	44
P1.2C		Number of decisions which required the submission of further information	36
P1.2D		Number of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000	0
P1.2E		Average length of time taken (in days) to decide a case where further information was sought	78.33
P1.2F		Percentage of applications granted	58.75
P1.2G		Percentage of applications refused	41.25
P1.2H		Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanála	68
P1.2I		Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanála	32
P1.3A	Planning Applications - Decision Making Other: NOT REQUIRING EIA	Number of applications decided	1102
P1.3B		Number of those decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	950
P1.3C		Number of those decisions which required the submission of further information	152
P1.3D		Number of those decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000	0
P1.3E		Average length of time(in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	77.73
P1.3F	Planning Applications - Decision Making Other: NOT REQUIRING EIA	Percentage of grants	91.2
P1.3G		Percentage of refusals	8.80

P1.3H		Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	71.29
P1.3I		Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	28.71
P1.4A	Planning Applications - Decision Making Other: REQUIRING EIA	Number of applications decided	6
P1.4B		Number of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	1
P1.4C		Number of decisions which required the submission of further information	5
P1.4D		Number of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicants, under section 34(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000	0
P1.4E		Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	111
P1.4F		Percentage of applications granted	83.33
P1.4G		Percentage of applications refused	16.67
P1.4H		Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	66.67
P1.4I		Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	33.33
P1.1A	Planning Applications by Category	Number of applications decided (individual houses)	249
P1.2.A		Number of applications decided – New Developments	80
P1.3.A		Other: Not requiring EIA: Number of applications decided	1,102
P1.4.A		Other: Requiring EIA: Number of applications decided	6
P2.A	Planning Enforcement	Total number of cases subject to complaints that are investigated	463
P2.B		Total number of cases subject to complaints that are dismissed	318

P2.C		Total number of cases subject to complaints that were resolved through negotiations	356
P2.D		Number of enforcement procedures taken through warning letters	445
P2.E		Number of enforcement procedures taken through enforcement notices	184
P2.F		Number of prosecutions	78
P.3	Public opening hours	Average number of opening hours per week	33.90
P4.A	Pre-Planning Consultations	Number of pre-planning consultation meetings held	238
P4.B		Average length of time (in days) from request for consultation with local authority planner to actual formal meeting for pre-planning consultation	23.15
P.5	New Buildings Inspected	Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority	25.9
P6A	Taking Estates in Charge	The number of residential estates for which the planning permission has expired, in respect of which formal written requests for taking in charge (from residents or developers), were on hands at the beginning of the year	22
P6B		Number of estates that were taken in charge in the year in question	4
P6C		Number of dwellings in respect P6B above	1,649
P6D		Percentage of estates in P6A not completed to satisfaction of the planning authority in line with the planning permission	81.82
P6E		Number of estates in P6D in respect of which enforcement action was taken in the year in question	0
P6F		Number of estates in P6D in respect of which works were undertaken by the authority to bring the estate to taking in charge standard	0

M *	Motor Tax		
Rev 1A	Finance - House Rent	Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due	78.97
Rev 1B		Percentage of arrears on house rent that are 4-6 weeks old	1.63
Rev 1C		Percentage of arrears on house rent that are 6-12 weeks old	5.00
Rev 1D		Percentage of arrears on house rent that are more than 12 weeks old	93.37
Rev 2A	Housing Loans	(a) amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due from Housing Loans	96.36
Rev 2B		Percentage of arrears that are 1 month old	21.46
Rev 2C		Percentage of arrears that are 2-3 months old	20.91
Rev 2D		Percentage of arrears that are more than 3 months old	57.63
Rev.3	Commercial Rates	Amount collected at year-end as a percentage of amount due from commercial rates	92.38
Rev.4	Refuse Charges	Percentage of households paying refuse charges levied at year end	100
rev. 5	Non-Domestic Water Charges	Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due	51.46

* Motor Tax services are provided by Dublin City Council for the four local authorities in the Dublin Area

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