



June 2023

# Chief Executive's Report

St. Dominics School Visit to County Hall

# About the Chief Executive's Report

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

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

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## St. Luke's Church of Ireland, Peamount Hospital, Historic Structure Project

St. Luke's Church at Peamount Hospital was the former Church of Ireland Church. The timber framed corrugated iron clad church was constructed in 1913 to serve patients and staff of the Sanatorium.

The Historic Structures Fund (HSF) is one of the grant Schemes that the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage fund, and is focussed on restoring historic structures and buildings for the benefit of communities and the public. In addition, refurbishment or reuse projects share a clear residential or community benefit.

Through the HSF the Council secured €50,000 under Stream 1 of the Scheme for essential repairs and smaller capital works for the refurbishment and conservation of Protected Structures. St Luke's Church has been in use as a hospital archive storage space in recent years. The cladding and structure had deteriorat-

ed with extensive rust on the roof sheets, gutters were missing and vegetation had penetrated the structure at the north gable. Funding from the Historic Structures Fund 2022 has allowed the necessary funding and support for essential repair and conservation of the structure for long-term use.

The works under Phase One were carried out under HSF 2022 and included, external repairs to walls, roof structure, structural interventions and repairs to the original corrugated iron roof and wall sheeting and upgrading and repairs of windows and doors.

Energy upgrading measures to provide insulation to the walls and roof were also carried out. Repair to the original corrugated iron sheeting roof and walls were carried out by specialist conservation contractor which included a paint analysis to identify the original paint colour for repainting of

roof and wall corrugated sheets.

External works were completed during 2022 and Phase 2 works have now commenced. Peamount Hospital were successful under HSF 2023 securing further grant funding

of €40,000 to complete Phase 2 works which includes interior repairs and energy efficiency upgrading works, which will allow the building to be adaptively reused as part of a staff training facility within the hospital complex.



Dodder Greenway Community Cycle

## Traffic Calming Schemes 2023

The Council's transport team intend to deliver several Traffic Speed Calming Schemes across the County during 2023. These schemes will include several types of vehicle speed control measures, such as; junction radii tightening, the installation of chicanes, new central islands, road width reduction build outs, additional signing and lining, raised tables and ramps. The purpose of all these measures are to slow vehicle speeds to create a safer environment for all road users. There will be a consultation process undertaken for each proposal con-

sisting of the following:

1. Electoral Area workshops with local Councillors to decide the proposed traffic calming options to go to public consultation.
2. Conduct a Section 38 process under Roads Act 1994, whereby, the proposed list of interventions will be advertised in the prescribed manner in the Act and on the SDCC consultation portal. In this process submissions from the public will be sought on each proposal.
3. The schemes with the most public support will be constructed by the end of 2023.



## Active Travel Delivers Bike Week May 2023 SDCC

The Council has had another very successful year for Bike Week 2023. The Active Travel team delivered a series of fun filled events on Bike Week from Saturday 13th of May through to Saturday 20th May for SDCC.

We held an all inclusive community cycle on Saturday 13th May at the Dodder Greenway, which was a Pedal for your Medal cycle. This was opened by our Mayor Emma Murphy and we had a strong attendance with over 70 participating on the Cycle along the Dodder Greenway. Cycling without age joined us for the cycle on their Trishaw, Dublin Cycling Campaign also joined the cycle, we had some fantastic drone footage taken along the way. Afterwards we presented all the children who took part with goodie bags and medals.

On Sunday 14th May the team from The Cycle Clinic delivered Bike Maintenance over at Corkagh Park and over 40 people came along to have their bikes serviced free of charge. During the week we held a series of

events with schools St McDaras in Templeogue, Firhouse Community College discussing Active Travel and delivering Bike Maintenance to all the children who cycled in on the morning.

We had Electric Bike Avenue and The Cycle Superstore in the Lobby on Wednesday displaying their Bikes and we discussed the Bike to Work Scheme with staff. We held two webinars that were well attended from European Experts Dutch Cycling Embassy on Safe Cycling to School and the Benefits of Cycling to School. Cycling Ireland also held a number of events for Bike Week within South Dublin with an open session BMX event and a Cycle race at Corkagh Park open to all.

Finally, we assisted the Italian Ambassador in Giro D'Italia Cycling for Climate which was held on Sunday 14th May and had a very large attendance with a cycle from the Phoenix Park to Ambassador's residence in Lucan.



# Housing, Social and Community Development

## Sod turning for new Traveller Accommodation Group Housing

The Mayor of South Dublin County Council turned the sod on a new Traveller specific development at Fonthill Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22 on the 15th of May. The Mayor was joined by the Chair of the LTACC, local Councillors and the developer to mark the beginning of this exciting new development of seven Traveller specific group houses. The project forms a key part of delivery under the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024. These new homes will be delivered in a high-quality development, will feature an energy efficiency A-rating and are near a range of local amenities and facilities.

## Healthy South Dublin

The Department of Health have developed the Healthy Ireland Outcome Framework in response to several significant public health challenges, including significant projected increases in levels of preventable chronic disease and growing health inequalities. Round 4 funding has moved to an outcome-based approach with multi-annual grant agreements.

Healthy South Dublin's aim is to improve the Health and Wellbeing of all those who live and work in the County. It caters for all ages and abilities, with a focus on areas where there are health inequalities.

Further to approval by Department of Health, Pobal have confirmed South Dublin's grant award of up to €198,122.42 under the Healthy Ireland Fund 2023-2025. The funding has been provided for activities and to fund the implementation of a three-year strategy in South Dublin that contributes to the Healthy Ireland Outcomes Framework as part of HIF Round 4 2023-2025. Healthy South Dublin

selected two outcome indicators to focus on over the period 2023-2025.

1. **'Decrease in unconditional probability of dying (aged 30-70) from cardiovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes or chronic respiratory disease.'** The target groups include disadvantaged men and women, general population, and people with chronic illness. Proposed projects involve providing health screening checks and to provide more targeted opportunities for people to engage in healthy lifestyle behaviours at local level.

2. **'Increase in percentage of people aged 50+ who feel safe to walk alone after dark in their locality.'** The target groups include people living in disadvantaged communities, older people, and the general population.

All projects will be developed and delivered in partnership with key agencies operating within South Dublin County.

## Youth share views on Community – Local Economic and Community Plan

Transition year students from schools in Tallaght and Clondalkin and members of Comhairle na nÓg recently took part in a series of poverty consultations. Young people provided insight into what they felt was going well in their communities and offered solutions to a variety of concerns. Key recommendations were offered on several themes, including housing, healthcare, education, community services and community safety. The feedback collated from these consultations will ensure that young people's feedback and experiences will contribute to the development of the Local Economic and Community Plan.

Youth consultations were organised in alignment with the Sláintecare Healthy Community areas in Tallaght and Clondalkin – led by SDCC Sláintecare Local Development Officers. These events were arranged following a consultation with service providers in October 2022, in partnership with CYPSC, Institute for Public Health, Blue Skies - Clondalkin, Archway and the Childhood Development Initiative – Tallaght).



## Increases in Housing Adaptation Grants for older and disabled people

South Dublin County Council is delighted to be allocated €3,792,515 in funding for Housing Adaptation Grants for Older and Disabled people for 2023, which is a €221,075 (6.2%) increase on their 2022 allocation.

Grants of up to €30,000 are available to assist disabled people in carrying out necessary works to make a dwelling more suitable for their needs under the Housing Adaption Grant Scheme (HAG Scheme). Additionally, grants of up to €8,000 are available to assist older people to have necessary repairs or improvements carried out on their homes under the Housing Aids for Older Persons Scheme (HOP Scheme). Under the Mobility Aid Scheme, which assists with grant aid to cover a basic suite of works to address mobility problems, primarily, but not exclusively, associated with ageing, grants of up to €6,000 are available.

In addition to administering the Housing Grants Scheme in 2023, South Dublin County Council are committed to bring Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with A Disability Schemes online in the coming months. This is in line with our Digital Transformation Project, aimed at providing the best possible service to our citizens. This added platform will facilitate applicants who may wish to submit their application on-line, with the benefits of applying digitally in their own time from their homes or hospital / care facility, and also reducing printed paperwork and making best use of staff resources.

Upgrade of St. Mary's GAA pitch in Saggart Village - €391,820	Minor upgrades to Rathcoole Football Club facilities - €15,000	Saggart Schoolhouse Community Centre enhancement - €380,000	Provision of hardware to install public Wi-Fi access in Clondalkin Village - €185,000
Tallaght County Library Installation of gamerspace equipment and a range of sensory supports - €200,000	Provision of new half-court MUGA in Rathcoole Park - €70,000	Development and upgrade of Clondalkin "Global Garden" to include polytunnels, working area, gardening equipment. Clondalkin - €10,000	Fettercairn Horse Project Surface and fencing upgrades - €100,000
Provision of Astro Pitch at Round Towers GAA - €107,485	Upgrade of existing play space & and provision of new half court MUGA - €200,000	Upgrade of Carrigmore Park to include playspace for younger children and teenspace for teenagers - €200,000	Provision of hardware to install public Wi-Fi access in Saggart Village & Citywest - €185,000
Provision of new half court MUGA, Clondalkin - €70,000	Fit-out of new age friendly centre at Orchard Lodge, Clondalkin - €25,000	Provision of new half-court MUGA in Sean Walsh Park - €70,000	Community Bus managed by South Dublin County Council in conjunction with South Dublin Volunteer Centre - €65,000
Comhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas South Dublin County Council			
Provision of hardware to install public Wi-Fi access in Tallaght Village - €100,000	Provision of new all-weather sports pitch at Knockmitten Park, Clondalkin - €350,000	Heritage Trail App to include Tallaght, Saggart & Clondalkin - €15,000	

Projects to be funded under the Community Recognition Fund

## Community Recognition Fund

The Government have announced €50 million in funding for over 880 projects as part of the first-ever Community Recognition Fund.

This is a major initiative designed to support and reward communities that have welcomed families and citizens from Ukraine and other countries and to recognise the efforts of communities who have gone above and beyond to support new arrivals across the Country.

South Dublin County Council have received €2,654,305 for 19 projects across the county, which were supported and submitted by the Community Department. Projects such as new sporting facilities, playgrounds and provision of free Wi-Fi access points will be delivered directly to the communities and will be for the benefit all residents.

Economic, Enterprise and  
Tourism Development

# PRIDE MONTH



at South Dublin Libraries

## Student Enterprise Programme

South Dublin were represented across three categories, Junior, Intermediate and Senior, at this year's Student Enterprise Programme National Finals. The Students were all in attendance on the day exhibiting their businesses which were judged by a team of national businesses experts and mentors. Each student enterprise was challenged with creating, setting up and running their own business, which must show sales of their service or product. The judging panel included business owners and representatives from enterprise agencies and associated bodies.

The Finals of the Local Enterprise Office initiative took place on Friday in Croke Park.

In the Junior Category, the students from The Simple Things Made So Simple at St. Mark's Community School. In the Intermediate Category, Daniel's Cookies from Greenhills Community School represented the county at the Finals.

In the Senior Category, students from Timeout Interactive Experiences at Rockbrook Park School.



## Lucan House

South Dublin County Council has reached agreement in principle to purchase Lucan House and accompanying lands of 30 acres from the Italian government. Lucan House has been owned by the Italian Government and used as a diplomatic residence since the early 1950's. The history of the Demesne which dates back to 1560, is noted for its links to General Patrick Sarsfield, who was born in the original castle on the grounds and is immortalised by a sculpture in his memory on the grounds designed by James Wyatt.

The house itself, described as a pure Palladian villa, was built in 1772 by Agmondisham Vesey, in conjunction with William Chambers. The purchase is a strategic investment in the history, heritage, and amenity value of the property. It is expected that the formal conveyancing will take a number of months.

## Join South Dublin Libraries in Celebrating Pride Month!

On the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the campaign for LGBTQ+ civil rights in Ireland, we are thrilled to announce a vibrant line-up of events and activities organised by South Dublin Libraries in celebration of Pride Month throughout June. These initiatives aim to promote diversity, equality, and representation, creating an inclusive environment for all members of the community.

Clondalkin Library offers a talk with historian Tonie Walsh, on "A Queer History of Dublin" on Thursday, June 22nd, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

Tallaght Library invites you to experience "Living with Pride," a captivating photographic exhibition by Christopher Robson, from June 1st to June 30th.

An online talk 'LGBTQ+ 101' with BelongTo will take place on 8th June at 7pm.

There's lots happening for young people too, with book clubs, story times and craft workshops built around the theme of inclusivity.

Makerspace Tote Bag Workshop at Ballyroan invites participants to design their own Pride-themed tote bags and have them printed using our innovative makerspace equipment on Tuesday, June 30th at 3:30pm

The Pin Your Pride programme is returning for 2023 – collect a different Pride themed badge at your local library each week for the month of June.

South Dublin Libraries' Pride Month events offer something for everyone, fostering understanding, empathy, and a celebration of individuality.

See the full programme of events at [southdublinlibraries.ie](https://southdublinlibraries.ie)



Timeout Interactive Experiences at the Student Enterprise National Finals

## Grange Castle West Access Road wins Judges Silver Award at Irish Construction Excellence Awards 2023

At the recent Irish Construction Excellence Awards 2023, the Grange Castle West Access Road project won the Judges Silver Award in the Civil Engineering projects category. This prestigious award rightly recognises the delivery of this project during the difficult covid and Brexit periods which impacted in so many ways.

Contractors Clonmel Enterprises who constructed the project on behalf of South Dublin County Council were delighted with the award, with the €13m investment by the Council in the access road opening up 500 acres of strategically important land, with the potential to provide for up to 10,000 jobs. The project and what this area can achieve in terms of employment, job creation and creating a centre of economic significance will have a major impact on the future economy of South Dublin, the Dublin Region, and the Irish economy itself.

We are delighted at the recognition for this key project and congratulate Clonmel Enterprises on their success.



Clonmel Enterprises at the Irish Construction Excellence Awards



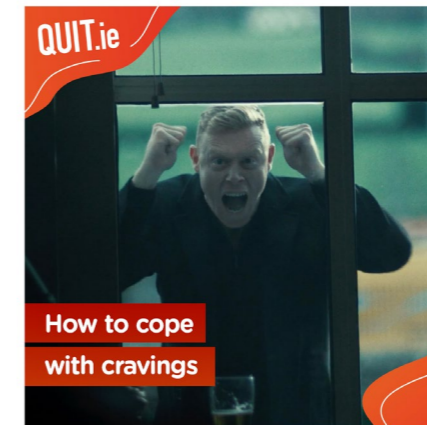
# Corporate Performance and Change Management

## South Dublin County Council Staff Information & Consultation Forum

SDCC's Information & Consultation Forum was set up in late 2022 with a view to putting in place a process and procedure to enable effective information sharing and consultation between management and employee representatives.

It is chaired jointly on a rotational basis and is advisory and consultative in nature and makes recommendations/observations on items brought before it.

The inaugural meeting of the forum was held in January 2023 and subsequent meetings in March and May 2023. All agreed minutes of forum meetings are available on the internal staff Intranet.



## Coaching Programme for SDCC Staff

South Dublin County Council will be participating in a pilot local authority Coaching Programme for staff, supported by the LGMA. Coaching opens the mind to innovative and creative ways of thinking, being and doing, establishing a whole new mindset for new ways of working.

As part of the programme, staff will undertake a QQI accredited Coaching Programme in order to develop skills in coaching fellow employees

This Coaching initiative will support South Dublin County Council in a fundamental change in the way we engage, lead, support and develop employees to ensure they thrive in the future of work.

## South Dublin County Today Newsletter to be delivered to homes across the County

The Summer Edition of South Dublin County Today will be delivered to homes across South Dublin during the month of June.

South Dublin County Today is the Council's Bi-Annual Newsletter which is produced and delivered in the Summer and Winter and aims to provide our citizens and members of the business community with up to date information on the diverse range of services and initiatives delivered by South Dublin County Council.

The Summer Edition will feature updates on key projects the Council has announced and delivered over the past 6 months including:

- Heatworks - Ireland's first publicly owned, not-for-profit energy company
- New 133 cost rental apartments in Belgard, which will be the first stan-

- alone, cost rental development by a local authority
- The announcement of a new 5 year Library Development Plan; Our Library, Our Future

As well as important information on opening hours, services and upcoming events across the County.

The newsletter will be delivered to letter boxes across the county and also available via the South Dublin County Council website [sdcc.ie](http://sdcc.ie).



## Staff Smoking Cessation Programme

The Council supported a 6-week Smoking Cessation Programme for staff at SDCC during February and March 2023.

The programme was open to staff who wanted support to quit smoking and was a structured behavioural programme delivered by HSE healthcare professionals with weekly group check ins.

The success rate has been very encouraging to-date with participants highly recommending the programme.

Numbers of participants are limited in each group and such is the success of the initiative, there is currently a wait-list for a further programme.





# Environment, Water, Climate Change

## Mayor opens new Playspace at Dodder Valley Park Old Bawn

The Mayor of South Dublin County Council, Cllr. Emma Murphy officially opened the new Playspace at Old Bawn, Dodder Valley Park on Thursday 25th May 2023.

The Mayor was joined by local Councillors, staff of South Dublin County Council, and guests to celebrate this event.

Speaking at the event Mayor Cllr. Emma Murphy said: "Play is recognised as a vital activity for healthy child development. Children also need time in nature for their physical and mental wellbeing. Integrating a playspace into this well used park has brought more life into it right throughout the day."

The playspace was delivered via SDCC's capital budget and is the first of three new playspaces for Dodder Valley Park, as well as the interconnecting play trail.

The playspace at Old Bawn also incorporates a toddler specific playground, which was chosen and voted for by members of the local community, through the 300k Have Your Say Public Participatory Budget process.

The playspace was designed and installed by Kompan Ireland and focuses on the play needs of all children and has a specific area for toddlers and younger children. The playspace consists of two flat swings, two cradle swings, a basket swing, a balance trail, a wobble belt bridge, a slide, and a sand play area.

## Water Safety Innovation

More than 90 sensors have been installed across South Dublin County Council's rivers and lakes to alert line managers when ring buoys are tampered with or go missing.

In 2020 Smart Dublin in partnership the four Dublin Local Authorities engaged with technology developers to commence a project which would look at issues arising with the management of ring buoys, to ensure that ring buoys could be in position and ready to save lives if required. The scope of the project involved the development of a low-cost sensor to be provided in the ring buoy housing that would alert local authority staff when the ring buoy was tampered with or missing. The sensor is paired

with a map-based platform & mobile phone app which provides real time monitoring of the ring buoy status and allows staff to digitally record their weekly inspections of the ring buoys, ropes, and housing.

Last October, the project was launched with Water Safety Ireland, the Dept of Rural and Community Development as well as 8 local authorities which included all four Dublin Local Authorities. This has resulted in over 600 ring buoys across these local authority areas being connected to the monitoring system.



## 65th Anniversary of Tidy Towns

The Tidy Towns competition has a unique place in Ireland's culture. The competition commenced in 1958 and has since become Ireland's best-known sustainable and environmental initiative. In its first year the competition received 52 entries but has grown year-on-year reaching a record of 924 entries. Right from the start, the primary focus of Tidy Towns was to encourage communities to improve their local environment and make their area a better place to live, work and visit; this creates a 'sense of place' for those living in the area.

As of January 2023, the administration of the Tidy Towns Competition and grant for South Dublin County Council, has moved to the Environmental Awareness Section.

Round 1 Seed funding (up to €2,000) went live on the 10th of March.

Round 2 Annual Program Grant is for practical projects to improve entry in the Competition and is now live. A maximum budget of €8,500 is offered.

## Fast Fashion Documentary

Since the mid-2000s fast fashion has changed the fashion industry. Where traditional two collections were produced every year once, today fashion companies produce 50-100 micro-seasons annually. Consumers have, so far, embraced this throw away culture, but do we really know what impact this is having on our world.

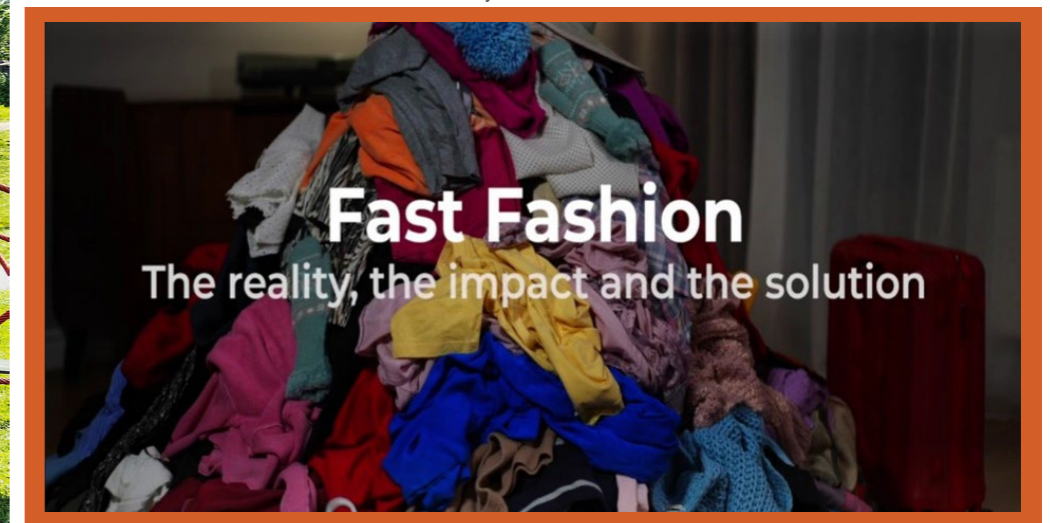
South Dublin County Council together with the other Dublin Local Authorities and the Eastern Midlands Regional Waste Office are developing a documentary to highlight the issues around fast fashion. Fast Fashion: The Reality, the Impact, and the Solution is a short 20-minute documentary

aimed at the men and women of all ages who buy fast fashion.

The documentary gives a uniquely Irish perspective and includes contributions from Carrie Ann Moran, Circular Fashion Ireland Consultant and Arran Murphy, Rediscover Fashion Programme Manager at the Rediscovery Centre.

The complicated supply chains in the globalised fashion industry has resulted in poor environmental practices at every stage and means that the industry is now a significant contributor to climate change.

The documentary is due to be released over the summer 2023.



All Tidy Towns groups were invited to attend and information webinar on 24th May, where guest speakers were Gavin Harte from Education for Sustainable Development, who spoke about Tidy Towns and Sustainable Energy Communities, Ian Jackson our new Community Climate Action Officer who gave an overview of the new climate grant. We were also lucky to have Cormac McCarthy who is a member of the very successful, competition winning Ennis Tidy

Towns group. Cormac's input was invaluable, as not only is he a member of a winning Tidy Towns group, but he is also a competition adjudicator. He gave a presentation on Community, Sustainability & Biodiversity - the cornerstones of Tidy Towns.

To contact the Tidy Towns Section in South Dublin County Council please email: tidytowns@sdblincoco.ie.



Tidy Towns Annual Program Grant for practical projects is now live

# Cruinniú na nÓg

Unleash your Creativity and Imagination



**Cruinniú na nÓg, a nationwide celebration of creativity and culture for children and young people, is just around the corner.**

This exciting event, taking place on June 10th, offers a plethora of engaging activities and interactive experiences that aim to ignite the imagination of participants.

Organised by the Creative Ireland Programme in collaboration with local authorities and cultural organisations, Cruinniú na nÓg invites children and young people across Ireland to embrace their creativity and explore various art forms, including visual arts, music, dance, theatre, lit-

erature, and more.

There's lots happening in South Dublin Libraries branches on the day. For all you Lego fanatics, our first Lego Fest will take place across all libraries. This includes themed Lego workshops with Bricks4Kidz, and Lego Art Workshops with the Glow Group where children will use scanning technology to build a Lego model of their faces. There'll be Bricks Flicks workshops where children will learn how to design their own sets, script,

storyboard, film, edit and produce their own masterpiece. Fancy yourself as a Master Builder? Enter one of the Lego building competitions taking place across all branches.

Also happening on the day is a Street Festival in North Clondalkin Library where you can join us for a fun afternoon of family festivities, including a magic show, Zumba classes, Mucky Picnic and more. There's a very special event happening at Lucan Library with the author of the InvestiGATORS



series, John Patrick Green visiting from New York to meet all his readers in South Dublin County. At Ballyroan Library, join Thomas Annang for The Beat Goes On! an African drumming and dance workshop.

Mark your calendars for June 10th and get ready to immerse yourself in a day filled with imagination, inspiration, and artistic exploration! For more information visit [cruinniu.com](http://cruinniu.com).

[creativeireland.gov.ie](http://creativeireland.gov.ie) or [southdublinlibraries.ie](http://southdublinlibraries.ie)

'The Loft' at Tallaght Library will also be launched on 10th June with the unveiling of a new artwork 'Make it Ours', a large-scale graffiti piece designed and created by local teens with the help of illustrator and artist Ashwin Chacko. The Loft is a new teenage space in Tallaght Library and will be home to an innovative events series for teens, including DJ workshops Noise Music, Open Mic events with Sub Sounds, and a comedy club with Foróige.

Cruinniú na nÓg aims to inspire young minds, foster a sense of community, and nurture a lifelong love for the arts. It provides a platform for children and young people to express themselves, share their unique perspectives, and celebrate their creativity in a supportive and inclusive environment.



Cultural Quarter Stage - Sub Sounds



# Mayor celebrates 40 Years Tallaght Person of the Year Awards



The Mayor of South Dublin County, Councillor Emma Murphy, welcomed Tallaght Community Council to County Hall, Tallaght on Thursday, 25 May for a reception to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Tallaght Person of the Year Awards.

The event sought to acknowledge the work of Tallaght Community Council and all the volunteers who have made this community run

awards programme such a huge success and a highlight in every Tallaght resident's calendar. The awards comprise nine categories ranging from Business to Environment to Heart of Gold. For more information on the awards please visit Tallaght Person of the Year Awards.

The event was attended by Tallaght Community Council volunteers and past winners of this prestigious

award. The Mayor presented Tallaght Community Council Chairman Roderick Smith with a gift to mark the 40th anniversary celebrations.

Speaking at the event, the Mayor Cllr Emma Murphy said "I was delighted to recognise the 40th Anniversary of the Tallaght Person of the Year Awards in County Hall, Tallaght. The longevity and commitment of the event is something that I felt needed



to be commended publicly. Having past winners going back to 1983 made the evening so special. Tallaght Community Council do immeasurable work in the community in Tallaght, and I was very honoured to have such a large crowd of volunteers and community activists with us to celebrate all that is special about the Tallaght Person of the Year Awards."

Tallaght Community Council Chairman Roderick Smyth said "We are proud to have reached this considerable milestone in a volunteer awards program, the 40th awards in 2023.

Lots of voluntary effort can ebb and flow over a long time, but our community awards have not only survived, but they have grown and thrived. This is because of the stead-

fast commitment of the volunteers on the TCC committee today and in the past.

We thank the Mayor, and SDCC for formally recognising Tallaght Community Council and the awards we run each year to shine a light on the unsung heroes in Tallaght."



# Grange Castle Masterplan



The vision for the Masterplan for Grange Castle West, including remaining development lands in Grange Castle is to draw on the concept of creating a collaborative business community that is well integrated with the surrounding local area. The Masterplan will guide the future development of the lands, which will support the creation of up to 12,000 jobs in one of Ireland's premier business parks.

## Context

The site is zoned Enterprise and Employment, and its use will reflect this. In close proximity are the Strategic Development Zones (SDZs) at Clonburris and Adamstown, which will see a large increase in local population. The use of the site will target high employment densities to bring a corresponding increase in local job opportunities. Development should also complement the existing business park lands at Grange Castle and Grange Castle South and the masterplan includes ex-

isting available development sites in both. Their proximity offers the opportunity to tie the three parks together to form a coherent economic neighbourhood. The ongoing Masterplan for 12th Lock can provide supportive public amenities such as retail, hospitality and recreation.

## Key Objectives

Diversity of employment types will be an important ingredient in the success of the business park and will help to create a resilient local economy, foster

innovation, and yield enhanced networking opportunities. By providing a mix of industries and business types, the park can encourage interaction between businesses of different scales and expertise, supporting the development of emerging start-ups and SMEs. This will stimulate growth and investment, creating a vibrant business ecosystem that will contribute to the development of the wider community. The park sits within reach of 7 Third Level Institutions which provide a steady supply of talented individuals



to the local workforce.

**Accessible & Served Sites** The lands contain a new access road, integrated services, landscaped pedestrian and cycle paths, and a feature lake. A variety of fully serviced sites ranging in size are available, which will support inward investment. With a growing residential population of 48,000 people with the development of the neighbouring SDZs, the new masterplan will support public amenity and job opportunities.

## Connectivity & Movement

There is extensive existing cycle and pedestrian infrastructure that links the site entrance to the train station at Adamstown, the LUAS Red Line, the adjacent SDZs, and the Grange Castle business parks to the east. The movement strategy will extend this infrastructure through the park and a link will also be made to the Grand Canal Greenway. Future public transport connections to the Adamstown and Kishoge train stations will also be pursued.

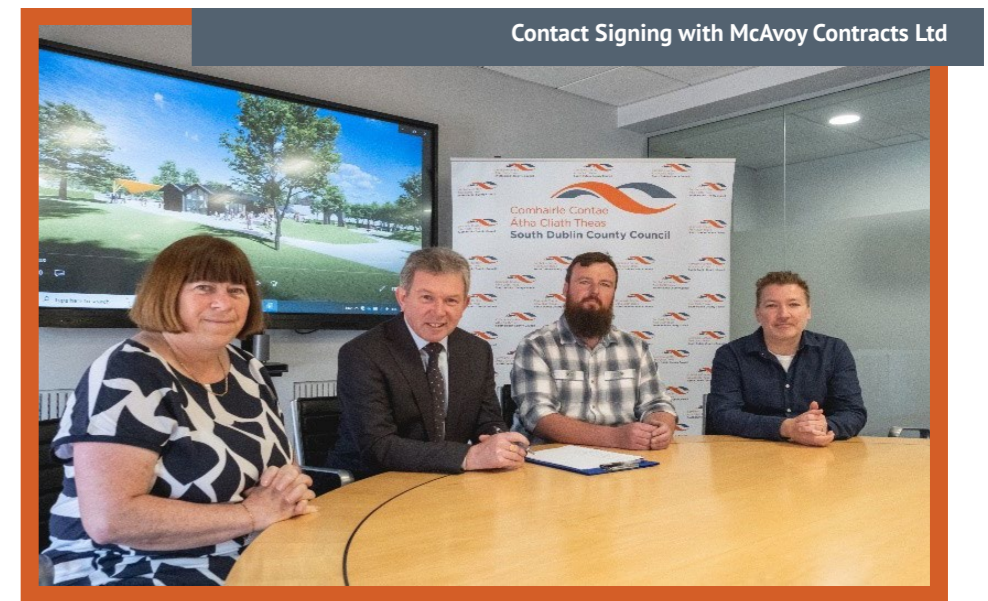
With the preparation of the masterplan, a new brand identity for the business park has also been established, which will ensure that there is a contemporary look and feel to the business park from a marketing perspective, as the masterplan is being delivered. The future has never been brighter for Grange Castle and the Council looks forward to supporting the creation of up to 12,000 jobs in the County.



Movement strategy will extend key infrastructure through the park



Blackhall Green, Dublin 7, are engaged as project consultants, they have worked closely with South Dublin County Council in getting the project to this current stage and assisted with the design and public consultation of the Part 8 which was passed by SDCC in February 2022. The part 8 was part of an intensive public consultation process carried out in the area that included postal and online



submission of ideas and comments as well as park-based meet and greets. These discussions informed the Part 8 proposals that were subject to full public consultation. The design was also informed by the masterplan proposals previously approved by the Council.

As Corkagh Park is a historic landscape, careful attention will be paid where the works involve excavations. Some archaeological works were recently completed as part of the enabling works for the Corkagh Park masterplan. Archaeological investigations are required to avoid impacting on anything that might remain under the ground. Care has been taken to ensure that all proposed elements respond to and work in harmony with the strong cultural heritage found in the park.

### Contracts signed for €5 Million investment in Corkagh Park

Corkagh Park is a 120 Ha site that is of historical and cultural significance to Clondalkin locally. The existing park boasts a wealth of facilities such as football pitches, a newly redeveloped playground, baseball pitches, cricket facilities and purpose-built road cycling track.

McAvoy Contracts Ltd have been successful in the recent tender process for the construction of the current phase of works, McAvoy Contracts Ltd are a civil engineering company based on Banbridge Co. Down and are looking forward to working on this project on behalf of South Dublin County Council.

The construction of the planned improvements to Corkagh Park will commence during this Summer. The works are part of the delivery of Corkagh Park masterplan which previously saw the renovation of the large play-space, which has proven to be hugely successful. These changes seek to address the visitor experience in the

park in terms of improving legibility and wayfinding as well as enhancing the park's offering as a local and regional destination.

A new centre 'hub-zone' of the park that serves as a destination has been identified. It will be well-linked to car parks and other components adding to the sense of place for local and regional visitors.

The works will deliver additional welcome improvements to this highly popular park and will include:

- Construction of a new 'hub zone' will serve as a focal point at which all areas within the park meet and interconnect and includes a Café, multi-use events space with a stage and hard-standing area; soft-landscaping with formal seating areas; picnic areas;

amenity lawn; mounds; incidental play area; and planting.

- Upgrading of St. John's Wood Car Park and Green Isle car park and Outer Ring Road entrance with future-proofing for EV charging points.

- Provision of wayfinding and signage installations; with arrival beacons at St. John's Wood Car Park and Green Isle Car Park and Outer Ring Road entrances.

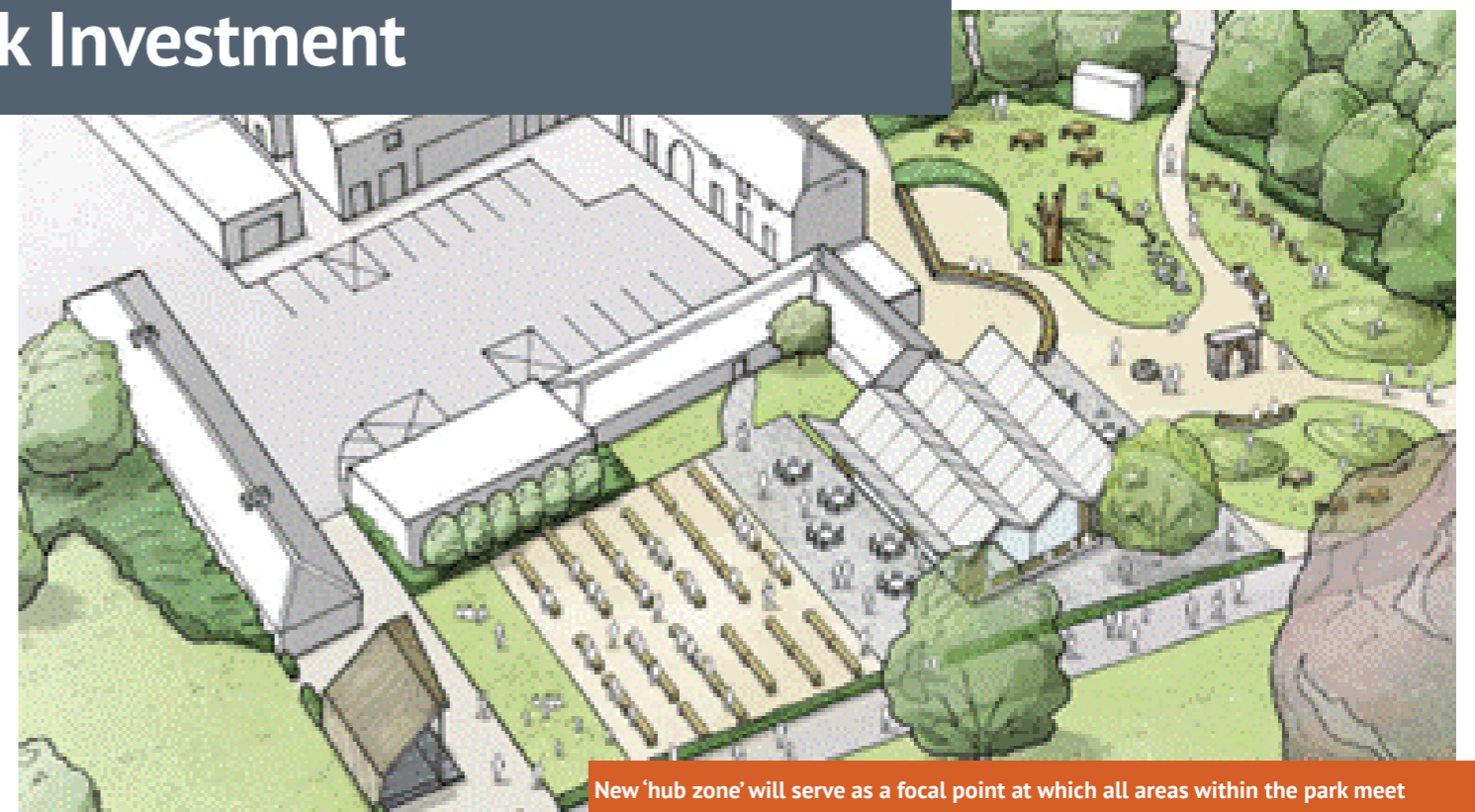
- Enhancements to the Fairy Woodland Trail including new play features; new seating; new pedestrian link from the lakes.

- Proposed planting, furniture and other landscape works.

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# Corkagh Park Investment



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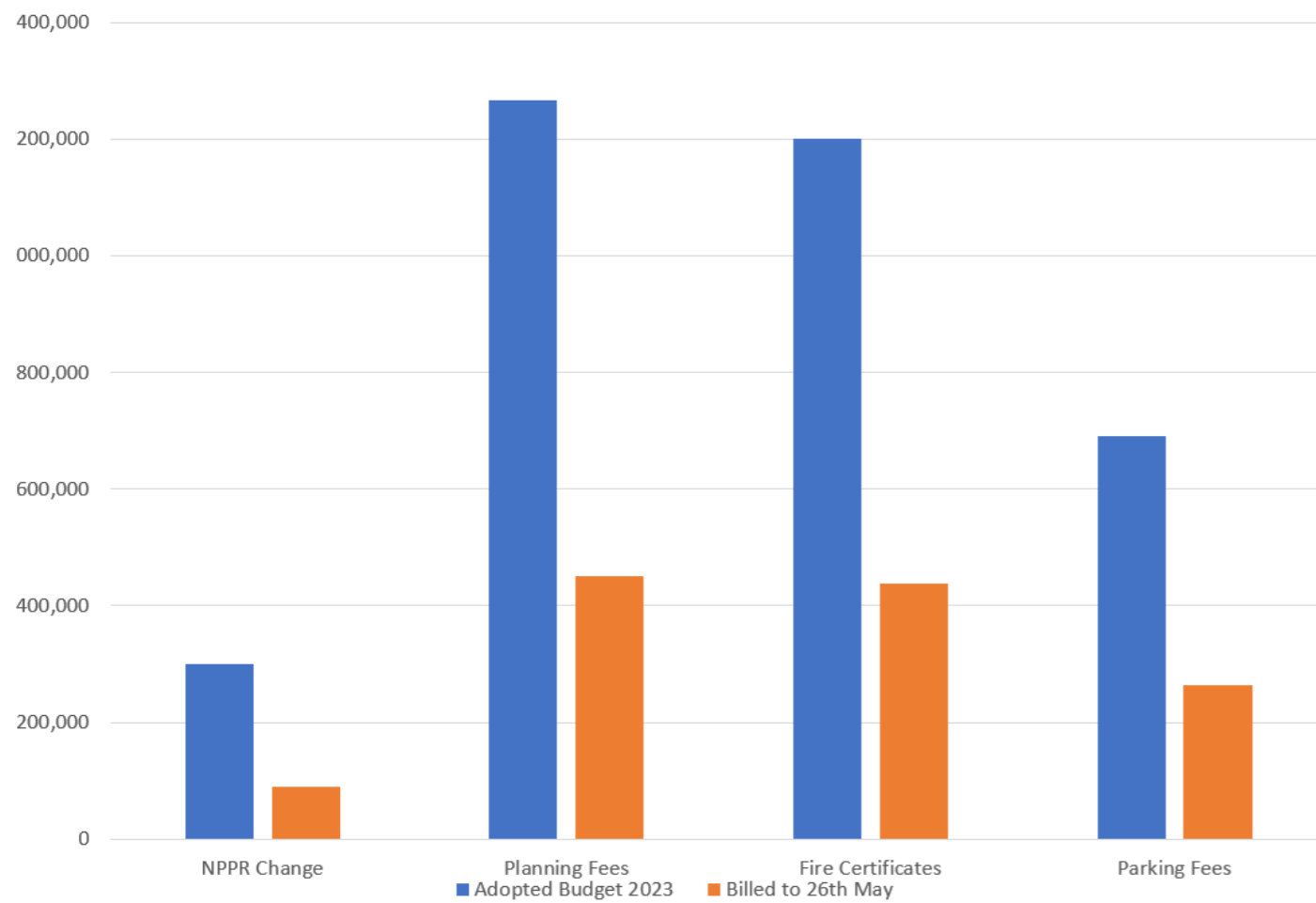


Marcel Hicter Foundation Reception in the Council Chamber

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Income Sources via Cash Streams



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