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South Dublin County Council

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Chief Executive's Report



Griffen Valley Park

About the Chief Executive's Report

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

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

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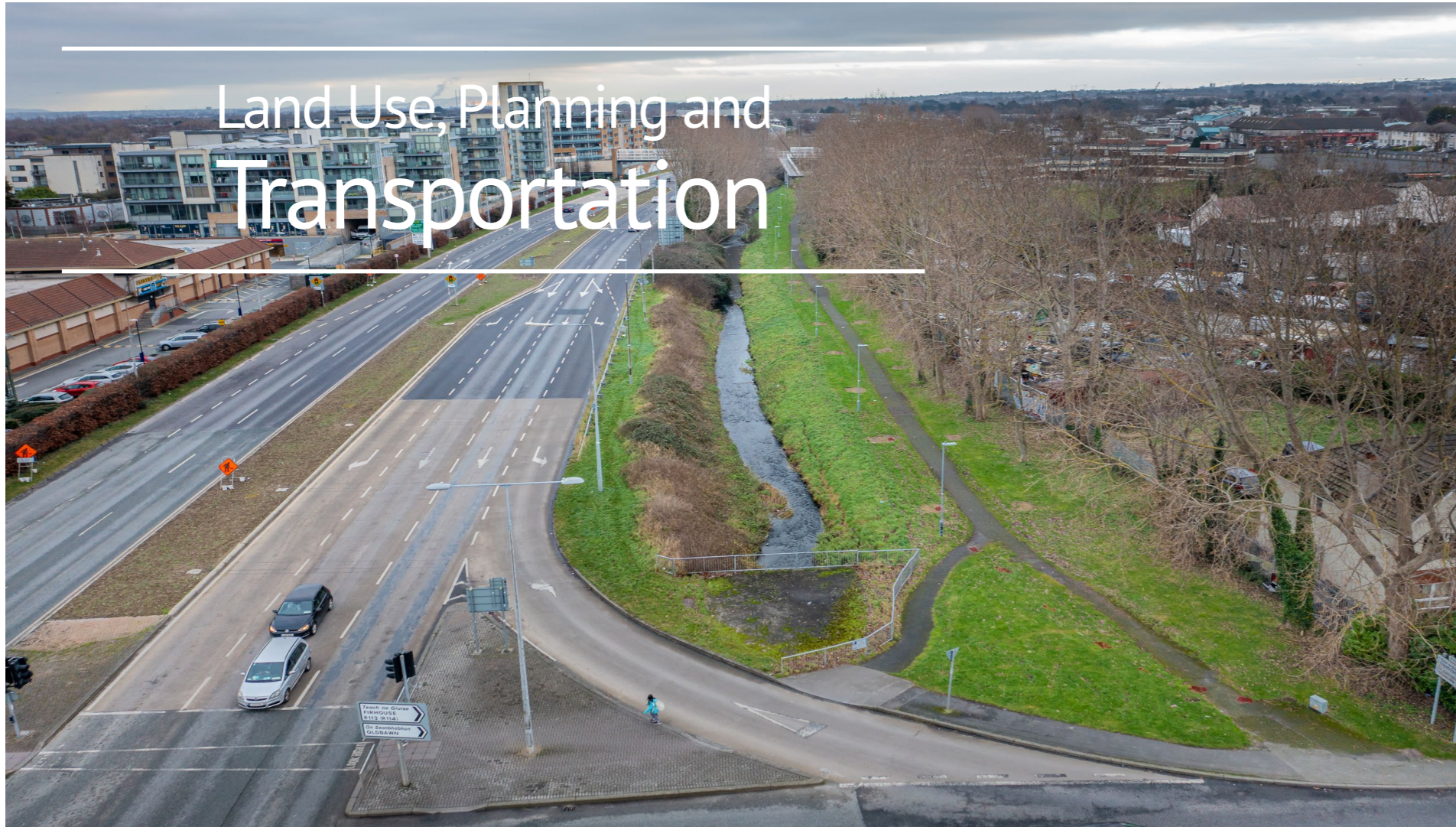
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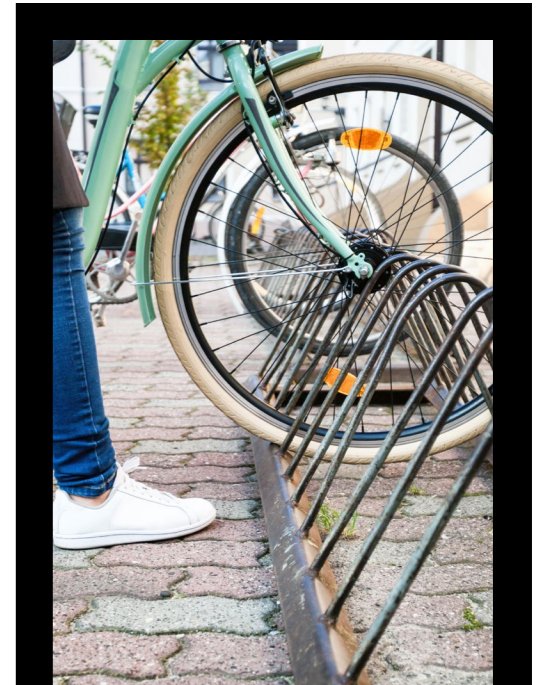
Land Use, Planning and Transportation



Winter Maintenance

The 2021/22 Winter Maintenance season plan runs until April and sets out how South Dublin County Council deals with ice and snow conditions on the roads within the County. This includes the gritting of 13 kilometres (km) of national secondary roads, 114km of regional road and 145km of local roads across seven routes. The decision to grit on a given night is taken by the rostered duty engineer and is based on information from the Vaisala Road DSS system which provides forecasts and data in conjunction with Met Eireann.

As of the end of February, there have been 24 full gritting runs across the seven routes and 25 hill route only gritting runs carried out which have seen over 1200 tonnes of salt used across the road network. This operation involves over fifty rostered and on-call road maintenance including gritter drivers, helpers and plant operators based at depots in Ballymount and Palmerstown.



Bike Parking Provision

In late 2021, the Council received funding from the NTA for €200,000 to deliver new bike parking. Following this, we opened up the application process to schools and sports clubs and had over 50 applications. We have now commenced the installation programme with bike parking being fitted at sports clubs across the County. Applications for 2022 have also opened through the consultation portal

Templeville Cycle Scheme Consultation

The Council's agreed Cycle South Dublin programme includes a network of cycle schemes across the County. Route 30 in the programme proposes to provide improved cycle links along Templeville Road in Templeogue.

The Council will now start an informal section 38 public consultation on a proposed cycle project along this street. The route connects from Limekiln Road to Templeogue College via Templeville Road and Greentree's Road. It is a 1.3km route that provides a better active travel link to local amenities, schools and parks for the community of Walkinstown, Perrystown and Templeogue.

The Council and the National Transport Authority want to improve this route for the safety of all users and, in particular, school pupils. This project will repurpose the existing carriageway to increase the cycle lanes width to 2 metres by reducing traffic lanes width to 3 metres. A segregation kerb would be introduced to avoid the encroachment of vehicles into the cycle lane. The verges would be regraded if space was needed.

The consultation has started from the week commencing 7 March and will run for four weeks. More information will be available on the Council's consultation portal.



Templeville Cycle Scheme

An informal public consultation will run throughout March.

URDF Funding

In March 2021 the Council welcomed the announcement that we had secured first stage approval for approximately €9 million of Urban Regeneration Development Funding. A business case has been submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for approval of this funding for Adamstown. The funding would deliver a new civic plaza in the Adamstown town centre in 2023, a new central boulevard park in mid-2025 and a new library and enterprise centre by mid-2025. These projects would also unlock delivery of 585 homes in the Adamstown area.



The winter maintenance plan runs until April

Housing, Social and Community Development



Community Facilities Study

The Council's Community team is contacting boards of management in community facilities across the County to participate in research on management and the use of facilities. A detailed questionnaire covering facility activities, governance and staffing is being circulated to help to plan, develop and refresh the supports we provide to many voluntary boards who work tirelessly to ensure that our community facilities are sustainable and relevant to the communities they serve.

Groups are encouraged to participate in the survey which will see returns collated and analysed in conjunction with the Council's Social, Community and Equality Strategic Policy Committee and then used to shape the future supports for community facilities, including through the additional €500k in support provided for in the Council's 2022 Annual Budget.



Home Loans Allocation for 2022

The Council has received an allocation of €15.29m from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to fund loans to applicants for house purchases in the County under the new Local Authority Home Loan scheme. Further information and application forms for the Local Authority Home Loan scheme are available at <https://localauthorityhomeloan.ie>.

Return of Council Supported St Patrick's Day Events

With the easing of Covid-related restrictions, South Dublin County Council is delighted to once again be able to support local community groups organising St. Patrick's Day parades across South Dublin County.

Events include an inclusive local, community and family parade joining the villages of Saggart & Rathcoole run by dedicated local volunteers for the past fourteen years and open to any community members to participate in. In Lucan, a parade organised by the local St. Patrick's Day committee comprising volunteers and supported by Lucan Gardaí, Lucan traders and the Council recognising diversity and

inclusivity aims to bring old and new Lucan communities together.

Events in Clondalkin, organised by the Clondalkin St. Patrick's Parade committee, include a parade around the village, starting and finishing at the Clondalkin leisure centre, and a fun fair in the Tuthill's carpark. A parade also takes place in Palmerstown from Kennelsfort Road to Glenaulin Park via Oldcourt featuring floats and local community groups.

Funding has been made available through the Council to assist with the costs of local events and our Community team has been available to advise and encourage groups to make arrangements for parades. We hope everyone has a great day!



St Patrick's Day Events

The Council is supporting St Patrick's Day events at several locations throughout the County.

Early Spring Cleans

In recent weeks our estate management team has been working with residents to carry out early spring clean-ups in several parts of the County. Residents in areas including Mac Uilliam, Balgaddy, Cherryfield, Lynch's Park, Belgard Park, Ballyowen Lane and Hazel Hill got together with local estate officers who supplied clean-up materials to make a real difference to the appearance of areas. We are keen to work with local communities looking to improve their areas and we will support cleanups by providing materials, publicity and litter collections. Please email estmgt@sdblincoco.ie to start planning your local clean-up now.



We are working with communities to improve their areas

Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development



Tallaght Trail App

The launch of the Tallaght Trail app took place on 8 March 2022 at 3 pm in St. Maelruain's Church. Complimenting the Clondalkin Trail app, which was previously developed by South Dublin County Council, the new Tallaght Trail app has 19 points of interest, including St. Mary's Priory, Tallaght Castle, TJ Byrne's Cottages and Sean Walsh Park to name but a few.

The new Tallaght Trail app will serve to promote tourism in the Tallaght area, enabling tourists and visitors alike to explore the rich history and destinations of Tallaght with convenience as they navigate their way around the streets of Tallaght with ease. The development of this new Trail app, which showcases Tallaght's heritage attractions, will be further complemented by the future development of the Tallaght Heritage Centre.



Tallaght Stadium

Tallaght Stadium was delighted to welcome the return to live sport with the kick-off of the new League of Ireland season. On February 18, Tallaght Stadium hosted Shamrock Rovers' first game of the new campaign, as the League of Ireland champions defeated UCD 3-0 on the night. The game was played in front of over 5,000 supporters, who created a carnival atmosphere for an action-packed game.

Enhanced visitor experience launched at Clondalkin's Round Tower Visitor Centre

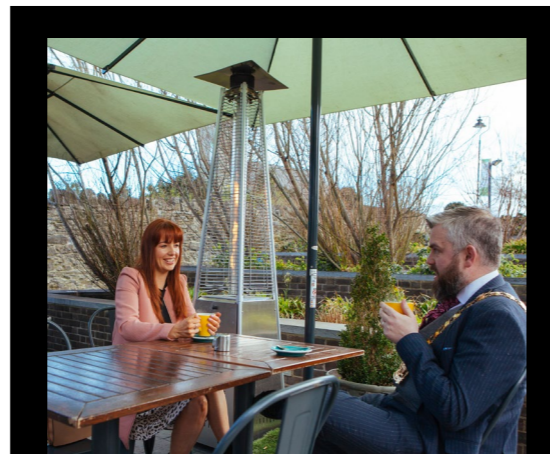
South Dublin County Council, along with Fáilte Ireland, is delighted to announce the launch of the visitor interpretation enhancements recently completed at the Round Tower Visitor Centre, Brú Chrónáin, Clondalkin.

The project, which was co-funded by the Council and the National Tourism Development Agency through its Surprising Stories scheme, places a strong focus on telling new stories about monastic life and the Round Towers of Ireland using a range of media including a free downloadable multi-lingual audio guide, interactive touchscreens, and printed

interpretative panels.

The project provided an excellent opportunity to animate the monastic garden using bedding panels to provide visitors with information on what was typically grown, and why it was important to monastic life. Dotted throughout the garden are signs to prompt visitors to take the perfect #towerselfie and share their own Round Tower story. Further value has been added to the visitor experience with the addition of a heated outdoor area which has been developed to offer a multipurpose space for visitors.

Mayor of South Dublin County, Cllr Peter Kavanagh said, "We have a motto in Clondalkin, Ár nDúchas Slán – to preserve our heritage, and this addition to Brú Chrónáin will help us no end."



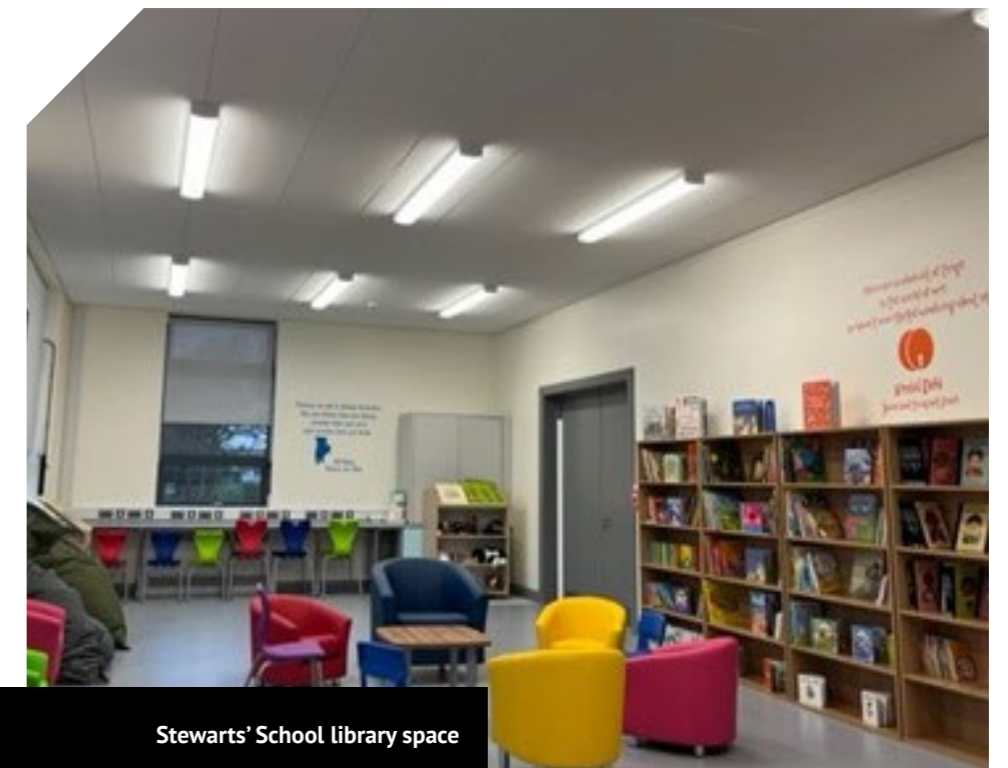
Round Tower Visitor Centre

The launch of the visitor interpretation enhancements occurred at the Round Tower Visitor Centre, Brú Chrónáin, Clondalkin.

Stewarts' School Library

In March last year, Lucan Library was approached to advise on stocking a new library for Stewarts School, which caters for 120 students with moderate, severe, and profound general learning difficulties.

South Dublin Libraries provided support to the school in this initial phase of its library development through assistance with the selection and purchase of new stock. Setting up the library space has allowed the students to access reading in an innovative way and created the opportunity for them to have meaningful literacy experiences in a relaxing calm space.



Stewarts' School library space

Corporate Performance and Change Management



€300k Have Your Say

The Mayor of South Dublin County, Cllr Peter Kavanagh, chose the Rathfarnham – Templeogue local electoral area for the next '€300K – Have Your Say' initiative at a Council meeting on Monday 14 February 2022. Rathfarnham - Templeogue was chosen by the Mayor by drawing its name at random from a hat.

€300k Have Your Say provides residents with the opportunity to develop project ideas for their local area and then vote on shortlisted proposals to fund winning projects up to the value of €300,000.

The initiative will be carried out in the area in the coming months.



St Patrick's Day

The Council will light up County Hall, Tallaght in green on 17 March in celebration of St Patrick's Day. The Round Tower in Clondalkin will also be lit up on the day as South Dublin County marks the return of our traditional celebration of Ireland's patron saint. St Patrick's Day parades are also scheduled to be held in several locations throughout South Dublin County.

Seachtain na Gaeilge Átha Cliath Theas

South Dublin County Council and South Dublin Libraries in partnership with Áras Chrónáin are celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge Átha Cliath Theas (SnaGACT) throughout March.

To promote the Irish language, a huge range of events are taking place during Seachtain na Gaeilge including a performance by KILA on Friday 25 March and an evening of Music and Dance on St Patrick's Night in Áras Chrónáin. This year there are also parades throughout the county, Irish Classes and workshops in our libraries, POP-Up Gaeltacht, traditional Irish music sessions, and of course coffee mornings in various locations.

Ag labhairt dó ag an seoladh, dúirt Méara Chomhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas, an Comhairleoir Peter Kavanagh

“Seo cuireadh do dhaoine ta-caíocht a thabhairt don tionscnamh Gaeilge Le Chéile agus páirt a ghlacadh inti. Tionscnamh é seo a spreagann daoine chun an Ghaeilge a úsáid ina saol laethúil. Níl i gceist leis seo ach trí chéim shimplí: Gaeilge a úsáid, Gach Lá, Gach Áit, le Gach Duine – Use Irish Everyday, everywhere with everybody.”



Women's Caucus

A launch event took place for the South Dublin County Council Women's Caucus on Tuesday 8 March to mark International Women's Day (IWD). The caucus is for women councillors, past and present, of all parties and parties of none, to discuss and campaign on issues predominantly affecting women. The establishment of a women's caucus in the County hopes to support women's participation in politics, increase the visibility and profile of women Councillors. A caucus workplan for 2022 was also launched on IWD that will be progressed this year.



Environment, Water Climate Change



Eco Week 2022

South Dublin County Council's annual Eco Week is taking place from 28 March to 1 April 2022 and this year we are offering 185 virtual and classroom-based events to schools.

We have been working with facilitators to deliver a fun and educational experience. Through Eco Week 2022 the council offers schools around the county a fantastic opportunity to attend events, seminars, talks and workshops which will educate them on the environment and climate change, biodiversity and become part of the solution to environmental needs.

All activities and events held during the week are free but as places are limited, bookings will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Check out www.sdcc.ie for more information.

STOP Food Waste
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Make use-by dates work for you to stop food waste!

#StopFoodWaste

The Council promoted the #StopFoodWaste campaign on social media throughout the national awareness week in early March. Stop Food Waste is a programme funded under the EPA National Waste Prevention Programme (NWPP) since 2009. The programme works with householders, communities, schools, local authorities, Tidy Towns groups, businesses, and more to prevent food waste in Ireland.

€5m scheme unveiled for Corkagh Park

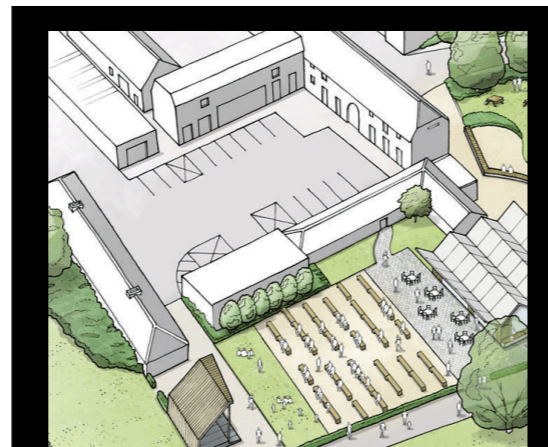
A Part 8 public consultation process was completed in February for proposed enhancements and upgrades at Corkagh Park, Clondalkin.

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.

The proposals follow on from the Corkagh Regional Park Masterplan 2020. A new centre 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. 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.

Elected members decided at the February Council meeting to proceed with the Part 8 proposal for the enhancements and upgrades at Corkagh Park, as proposed; except for the following change to the Part 8 proposal, that the proposed section of footpath, adjacent and parallel to Cherrywood Crescent be removed. More details on the scheme is available on the Council's website.



Corkagh Park

Exciting new plans for Corkagh Park have been agreed.

Sports Capital Grants

Following a successful application to the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media under their Sports Capital Grant programme, the Council has received over €2 million in funding granted to eighteen individual projects.

The grants will further enhance the development of sport and facilities countywide and allow the Council to continue to successfully implement our Sports Pitch Strategy. The grants received also include funding towards the upgrade of existing grass and all-weather pitches. More details are available on www.sdcc.ie.



Launching Eco Week 2022

Affordable Homes at Kilcarbery Grange



The Council opened online applications for affordable homes in the Kilcarbery Grange development.

Sixteen three-bedroom duplex homes are being offered for sale by South Dublin County Council under a pilot affordable dwelling purchase arrangement. These homes are being made available for mortgage approved, first-time buyers only.

The affordable purchase price to be paid will be linked to applicant(s) income (and savings where relevant)

and mortgage capacity - the minimum price payable will be €245,600 and the maximum price payable will be €285,300.

Purchasers will enter an affordable dwelling purchase arrangement with South Dublin County Council whereby the Council will be entitled to an equity share in the house equal to the percentage discount from market value.

Affordable Homes

The Kilcarbery development is just one site where the Council is working to deliver affordable homes in South Dublin County.

The Council has put plans in the pipeline to deliver 620 new homes at Killinarden in Tallaght. The integrated mixed tenure five-year development is heavily weighted towards the provision of affordable purchase homes with 60% of the development is projected to sell for an average of €250,000 or less per home, with 20% to be delivered as social housing.

In addition, a minimum of 50% of these homes will only be available to applicants who are living in the South Dublin County administrative area for a minimum of twelve months.

The order of allocation of these homes will be selected at random by a draw of all eligible applicants. Selected applicants will be required to verify their application details before being offered the opportunity to purchase a property.

Online applications were open between noon on Tuesday 1 March 2022 and 4.00 p.m. on Friday 11 March 2022.

Further details on the scheme and eligibility criteria are available on the Council's Affordable Homes section on

www.sdcc.ie.

The provision of affordable homes is a key part of South Dublin County Council's Housing Delivery Action Plan (HDAP), which outlines details of proposed social and affordable housing delivery for 2022-2026. During its lifetime, HDAP shows the planned delivery of 2,730 affordable homes across the County as well as 3,707 new social homes.



Affordable homes being developed in Kilcarbery Grange

Local Enterprise Week



An exciting line-up of events was held for Local Enterprise Week 2022.

Local Enterprise Office South Dublin ran an exciting line-up of events for 'Local Enterprise Week' from Monday 7 March to Friday 11 March.

Local Enterprise Week 2022 was launched in Think Big Space by the Mayor of South Dublin County, Cllr Peter Kavanagh. The theme of this year's Local Enterprise Week was 'Making It Happen' and focused on helping businesses to look forward and future

proof themselves for the years ahead. The full listings for the week saw eighteen events taking place online and in-person across South Dublin County. All events were free to attend.

Highlights of LEO South Dublin's Local Enterprise Week included a spotlight event titled 'Internationalising Your Business: Developing Export Opportunities in a Digital Age', which offered insights into how entrepre-

Local Enterprise Week

Local Enterprise Week 2022 saw over 220 virtual and physical events nationwide. Organised by the 31 Local Enterprise Offices around the county and supported by Enterprise Ireland and Local Authorities, Local Enterprise Week offered budding entrepreneurs and established businesses the opportunity to get expert advice on key areas of business from financial skills, raising finance, exporting and boosting your business online to future trends such as sustainability and digitalization. Along with the local events, twelve free National Spotlight events took place online and were open to everyone across the country.

-neurs might map, research and plan engagement with export markets and scaling business growth.

Building on the growth in the uptake on Trading Online Vouchers and development in e-commerce capability over the past two years, Local Enterprise Week's programme included several events to further develop e-commerce capability including:

Social Media Mash-Up: Optimise your Social Media activity prepare for future trends for your business, A Website Owner's Guide to E-commerce Security and GDPR, Boost your Business online: Enabling your B2B Online opportunities.

Several events to support the future-proofing of business including Going

Green, Small Steps Big Impact; a Lean for Micro Information workshop and great networking opportunities with a Super Business-to-Business (B2B) event and a chance to join the Network of Enterprising Women in South Dublin (NEWS) and South Dublin Creative Enterprise Network also took place.

Speaking at the launch of Local Enterprise Week 2022, Cllr Peter Kavanagh, Mayor of South Dublin County, said, "Local Enterprise Week is the perfect opportunity for many businesses to dip into a specific area of interest and gather information on a topic that may be relevant to their business now or in the future."



Local Enterprise Week has taken place

Castletymon District Enhancement



Elected members voted to approve the Part 8 Report for the Castletymon District Enhancement Scheme.

Elected members of South Dublin County Council voted to approve the Part 8 Report for the Castletymon District Enhancement Scheme at the monthly Council meeting on 14 February 2022.

The scheme will involve the upgrading and modernisation of Castletymon Shopping Centre and its environs in Tallaght. This will involve improvements within the shopping centre

area and along the roadway from the new Castletymon Library to the Tymon Park / National Basketball Arena entrance.

Public consultation for the scheme was held between 9 November 2021 and 4 January 2022.

South Dublin County Council has carried out various Village and District Enhancement Schemes in the last

Improving the County

Castletymon will be the latest area to be improved through South Dublin County Council projects. In 2020/21, as part of a County wide villages initiative, the Council carried out an upgrade to Saggart Village by providing more space for people to enjoy this important historic village.

The works were designed with significant input from local businesses and local residents, in particular the Saggart Village Resident Association and Tidy Towns team. The upgrade works included the creation of a new public plaza, extended and repaved footpaths, new and improved public lighting, planters, notice boards, new heritage welcome signs and resurfacing the roads.

number of years, to make local areas more liveable, sustainable and attractive for residents, businesses and visitors alike.

The promotion of more sustainable modes of transport that link more consolidated urban areas together is central to the core strategy of the County Development Plan.

The scheme also delivers a section of the Cycle South Dublin "Now" route from Greenhills Road to Tallaght Village. This section of cycle route proposed is being identified as a phase 1 section of cycle infrastructure for that scheme with phase two to be progressed later this year. It will also connect the shared surfaces in Tymon Park to those in Bancroft Park.

South Dublin County Council will now progress the Castletymon District Enhancement Scheme to the detailed design stage.



Proposed Castletymon district works



Planting trees throughout the County



Launching new climate initiatives

Elected members have approved a range of climate actions for 2022 as the Council continues to meet the challenges of climate change.

The Council's climate action implementation plan contains 130 actions and was approved by elected members at the February meeting to progress or be carried out this year. Projects include mitigation and adaptation measures in the areas of energy, transport, flood resilience, nature-based solutions and resource management. The Council will also continue to engage with the public on climate change through initiatives like a new climate change website, by providing interactive workshops for community groups and more.

Each year, the Council prepares a climate action implementation plan based on the Council's Climate Change Action Plan 2019 – 2024 (CCAP). The action plan,

launched in September 2019, is part of a collaborative response to climate change in the Dublin region by the four Dublin local authorities, the Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Regional Office (CARO), and the City of Dublin Energy Management Agency (Codema) together to develop Climate Change Action Plans for each local authority.

A Climate Action Innovation Budget for South Dublin County Council of €300,000 has been approved for 2022 to deliver action plan initiatives across the areas of energy, transport, biodiversity, resource management and community engagement projects.

Among the key climate actions being progressed in 2022 include:

A Focus on the Climate Action Implementation Plan



Pollinator friendly projects



HeatNet will be progressed

District Heating - Work will continue to progress on HeatNet, Ireland's first publicly owned, not-for-profit energy company, to provide low carbon heat to local community buildings.

Public Lighting Upgrades - The Council has committed to upgrading the public lighting network from older Sodium Oxide to more energy-efficient LED units. Phase 2 of the upgrade works, scheduled for completion between 2020 and 2025 will see 10,000 of the older lighting units being replaced at a total cost of €11M. 1,500 of these replacements are scheduled for 2022.

Energy Management System - The Council has engaged Energy Elephant to set up a cloud-based energy data management solution to assist in efficiently managing and reducing ongoing energy use, carbon emissions and utility costs for our buildings, assets, public lighting, and vehicles.

Citizen Engagement - The Council's Climate Action website will be launched in 2022 to inform and educate the citizens of South Dublin County on what CCAP is and to provide transparency on its progress.

The 2022 climate action implementation plan builds on significant gains for South Dublin County Council in the years following the CCAP's launch.

In September 2021, the Council was presented with energy performance figures for 2020. The report indicated that by the end of 2020, we had reached a 45.7% improvement in energy efficiency over the baseline figure.

In October 2021, we presented our second annual progress report to the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications. The report indicated that 91.5% of the 130 actions had either started or were complete.

Images of the Month



Women's Caucus networking event

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Local Enterprise Week launch



LEO South Dublin Exports Network event

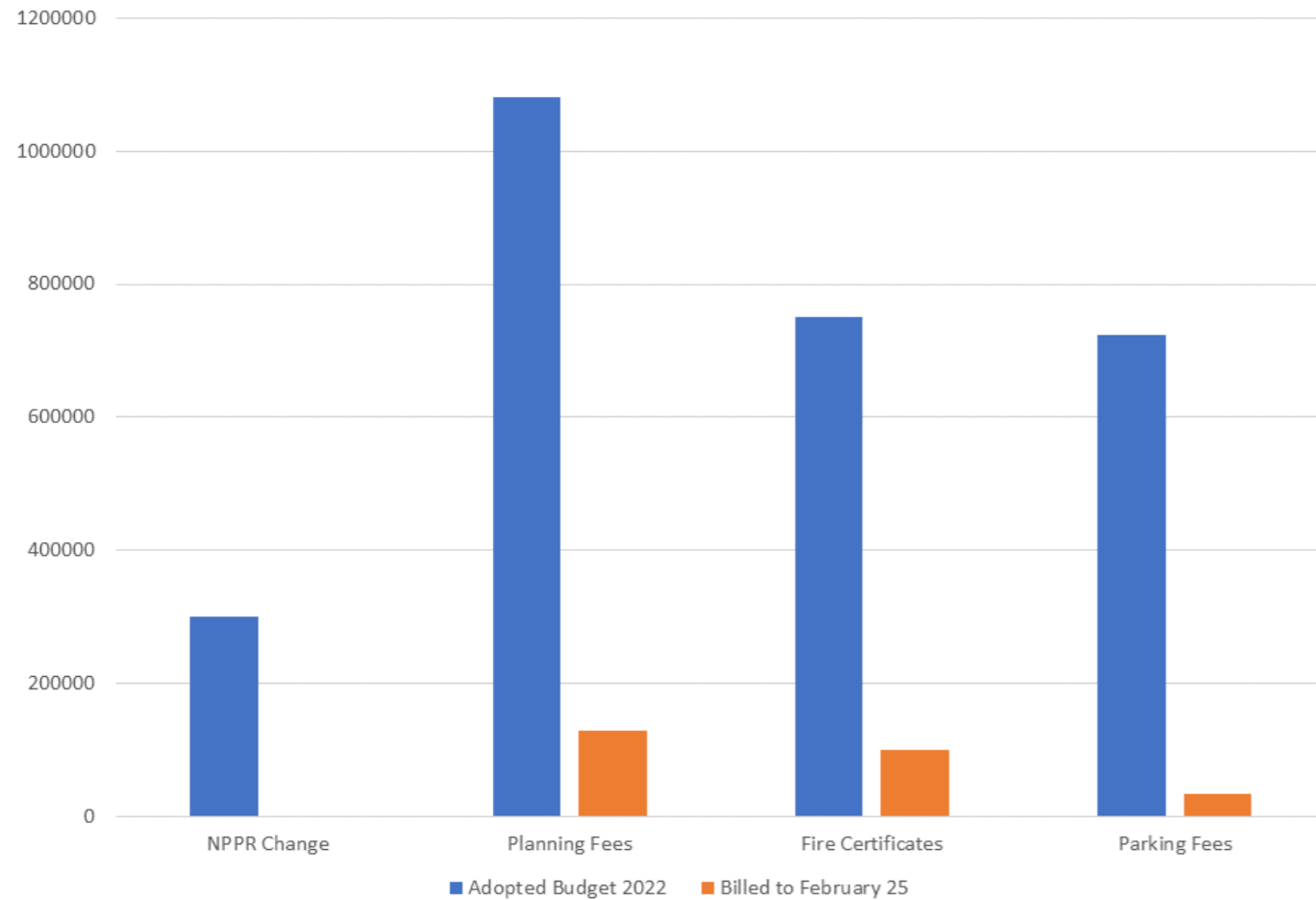


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