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Chief Executive's Report

Raising the Green Flag at Sean Walsh 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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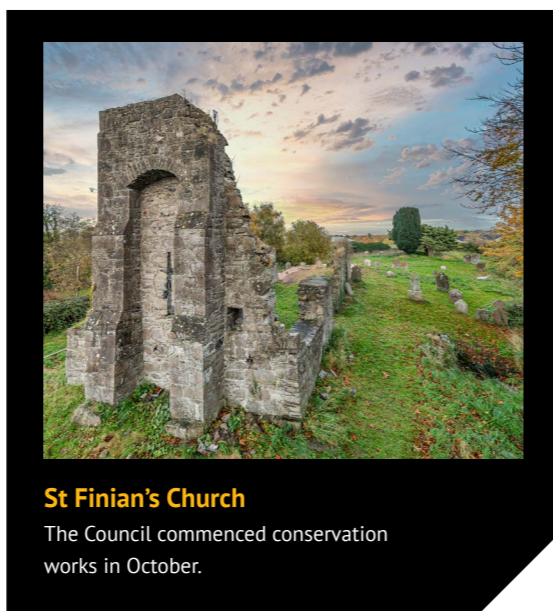
St Finian's Church Architectural Conservation

St Finian's Church and Graveyard in Lucan is a Protected Structure and Recorded Monument in the ownership of South Dublin County Council. There has been a church on this site dating back to at least 1150 associated with the Royal Manor of Esker, one of the four royal manors of Dublin which constituted the Royal Demesne of Dublin.

The Council has been working with the local community for several years to carry out condition assessments of the ruin. In July this year, the Council secured €30,000 of Government funding from the July Jobs Stimulus package via the Com-

munity Monuments Fund to invest in essential capital in our valuable historic architecture.

This funding will now enable the Council to progress with necessary remedial repair and conservation work to the Church structure. The works to stabilise and conserve the Monument commenced during October 2020 and will include remedial repairs, conservation and consolidation works to safeguard St. Finian's Church. The completion of this project will encourage access to the site and improve its long-term preservation and allow continued appreciation and community engagement of this important historical site.



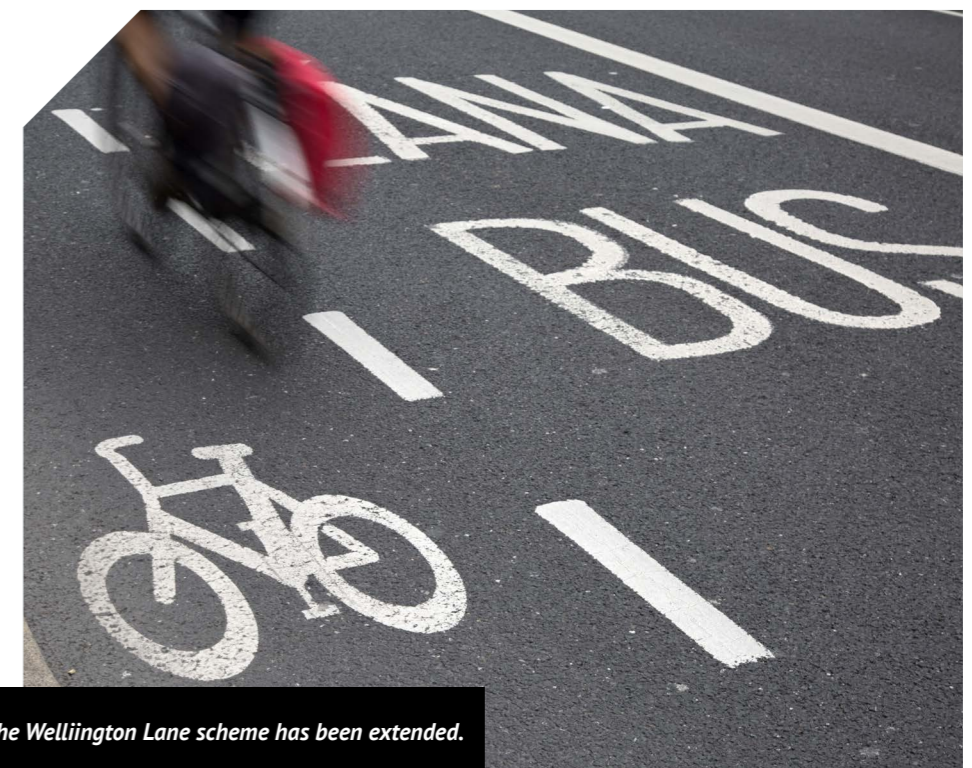
St Finian's Church

The Council commenced conservation works in October.

Wellington Lane

Earlier in the year, the Council installed phase 1 of a temporary cycle protection scheme along Wellington Lane from the N81 to the Orwell Roundabout.

During November this temporary scheme will be extended to include protection measures on the stretch of Wellington Lane between Orwell Road and Templeville Road. Works will also include increased protection for cyclists and pedestrians at the two roundabouts. The temporary works at the two roundabouts will be included for a period of between three to six months.



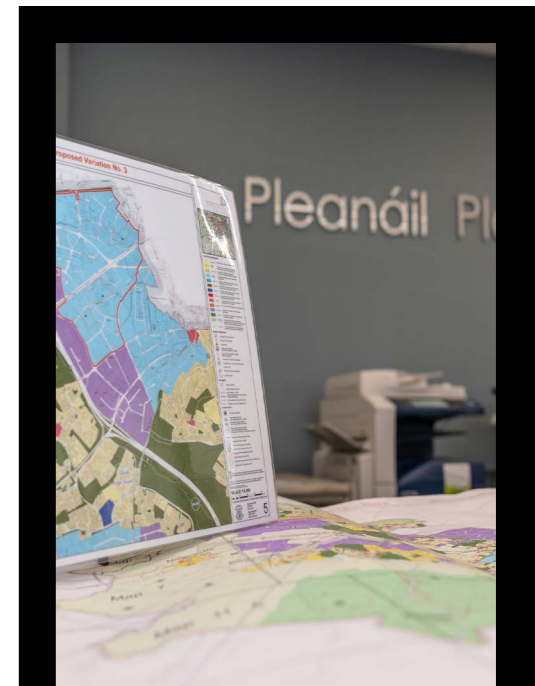
The Wellington Lane scheme has been extended.

On-Street Licences

The Council has prepared a streamlined process for businesses to apply for permission to place tables and chairs on the public realm, or in existing on-street parking bays.

Its purpose is to support those businesses that are impacted by social distancing requirements but would benefit from having additional outside space to serve food or drinks. The licence (section 254) is available on the Council website and this should be submitted to the Council before any works are done.

If a business is interested they can contact the Council to discuss what information is needed. As part of this, an engineer will come out to view the current arrangement and determine what works would be needed to allow the business to trade safely.



Planning During COVID-19

Under Level 5 restrictions introduced on October 22, engagement of the planning system by members of the public is by appointment only. To book an appointment, please email planningdept@sdblincoco.ie or phone (01) 4149000. Please note that appointments are required to be confirmed by the close of business on the day prior to the appointment.

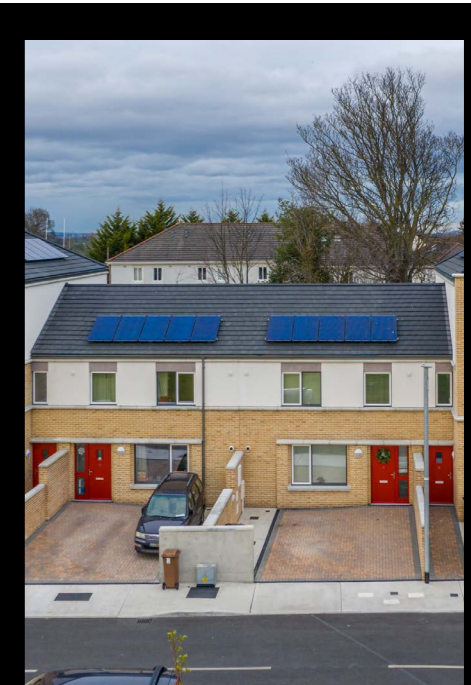
HOUSING SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Community Call

During Level 5 restrictions, Community Call activities continue as part of the national 'Keep Well' campaign which aims to support people and communities to mind their physical and mental health over the coming months.

- The freephone helpline 1800 240519 is available for isolated or vulnerable persons in need of assistance with shopping, prescriptions etc.
- Sports and health and well-being activities are continuing where possible, including online sessions & proactive outreach to potentially isolated persons,
- Our new COVID-19 Resilience Fund is open to support innovative community responses to activities impacted by COVID-19 and for initiatives to support vulnerable persons,
- Focused social inclusion activities will take place (whilst adhering to public health guidance for Level 5) from 16 - 22 November under the theme of "Building Sustainable Friendships."



New Social Housing Projects

Contractors have been appointed to commence construction on four new social housing developments that will deliver 52 new homes in 2021. The projects comprise of 12 new homes at St. Catherine's, Tallaght; 16 new homes at Old Knocklyon Road; 22 new homes in the new development at Riversdale/Mayfield in Clondalkin and the long-awaited redevelopment of an existing building at Greenfort Gardens.

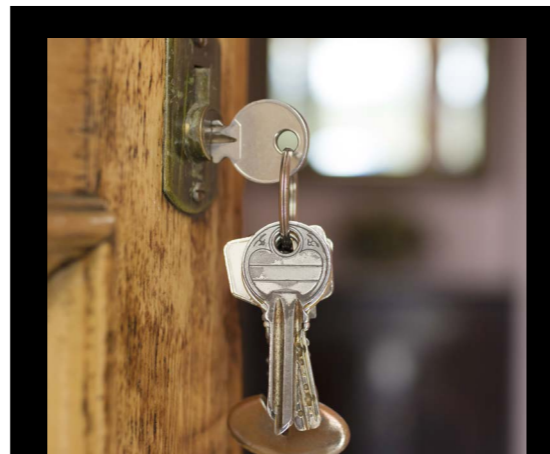
Affordable Rental Apartments

A proposed new development of 133 affordable rental apartments at Belgard Square North was approved at the October Council meeting. The development forms part of a masterplan of Council lands within the Tallaght Local Area Plan that also includes a public park, an innovation hub, a potential school site and a link road between Cookstown Road and Belgard Square North.

The town centre site location, well served by excellent transport links, a range of amenities and employment centres, provides an excellent opportunity for affordable rental accommodation designed for city living. The apartments will comprise three studios, 64 one-beds, 63

two-beds and 3 three beds in three blocks ranging from three to eight storeys, with a community facility, deck courtyard at podium level, 39 car parking spaces (including three universal access spaces), and 270 bicycle spaces.

This flagship affordable rental project will see the Council and Approved Housing Body partners, Túath Housing and Oaklee Housing, deliver long-term rental opportunities for moderate-income households at rents significantly below current market rates, bridging the gap between the private rented market and social housing. Detailed design work is now commencing with a view to construction on the project starting in 2021.



Affordable Rental Apartments

A proposed new development was approved by elected members.

Cold Weather Strategy

The Dublin Regional Homeless Executive has activated the Cold Weather Strategy 2020/21 on behalf of the four Dublin local authorities for the winter period. This seasonal strategy focuses on expanding current capacity to meet increasing demand for emergency accommodation and providing a targeted response for long-term rough sleepers and those reluctant to engage with homeless services.

It sees bed capacity increase by approximately 300 permanent and 40 temporary beds. All emergency beds are on a 24-hour rolling basis with meals provided.



The freephone Community Call helpline remains open.

ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT



Round Tower, Clondalkin

East Village Coffee of Monastery Road, Clondalkin are set to open their second premises at South Dublin County Council's award winning Round Tower Visitor Centre, Brú Chrónáin this month. The local firm was successful in a competitive process to operate a café and retail offering as well as managing the visitor centre.

The Mayor of South Dublin County Council, Cllr Ed O'Brien, welcomed the handover of the keys to the visitor centre to Jonathan Barr and Mark Matanes of East Village Coffee on Tuesday 13th October. East Village will now put plans in place to open the centre and to provide locals and visitors alike with a vibrant central attraction in the heart of Clondalkin.

Speaking at the event Mayor Ed O'Brien said "This is really positive news for Clondalkin, and the wider County in a time of so much economic uncertainty. I look forward to revisiting the exhibition at the Round Tower Visitor Centre – Brú Chrónáin when it reopens."



Local Enterprise Workshops

The Local Enterprise Office South Dublin has lined up a range of workshops and trainings throughout November. Carried out online, the range of events include Instagram Essentials for Business, Performance Management, Visual Storytelling, Brexit and Customs and more. Book your place at <http://www.localenterprise.ie/SouthDublin>.

South Dublin Libraries Awarded Over €50,000 in Government Funding

Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, and Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities, Joe O'Brien TD, have announced that South Dublin Libraries are to receive €51,480 in funding through the 2020 Dormant Accounts Fund.

The funding awarded to South Dublin Libraries will be used across seven programmes or initiatives, including the Red Line Book Festival, music camps for young people in North Clondalkin and the 'Voices of Balgaddy' writing project.

Older people, families with low

literacy skills and disadvantaged and marginalised groups nationwide are to benefit from the overall funding package of €713,500 that will be channelled through the country's libraries.

Some €650,000 will be provided from the 2020 Dormant Accounts Action Plan and €63,500 will be provided from Libraries funding, which is administered by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

The money granted through the Dormant Accounts Fund has a specific focus and is aimed at groups such as the elderly, the Traveller Community, those with disabilities and people living in Direct Provision.



South Dublin Libraries

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Shop Local Campaign

Local Enterprise Office (LEO) South Dublin has launched a campaign encouraging citizens to shop local in the run-up to Christmas. The campaign asks businesses to sign up for free to an online directory, which is then promoted through local media in print and online.

The campaign will feature several businesses in a different town or village each week to promote the talent and entrepreneurship that exists in South Dublin County. This campaign compliments the Trading Online Voucher Scheme which has seen significant interest with over 1,000 applications received.



The Mayor handing over the keys to East Village Coffee.



CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND CHANGE MANAGEMENT

Innovation Week
Connect | Create | Innovate
19-23 October

For more info see ops2020.gov.ie/innovation



Innovation Week 2020

Innovation Week was held across the public service between October 19th to 23rd and South Dublin County Council held a busy programme of events every day as part of this effort to promote, encourage and support innovation within the Council. Events were online and varied across webinars, workshops, sprint challenges and discussion panels. Innovation has been a key feature of the Council's success in continuing to deliver our services during the COVID pandemic this year. Events focussed on these innovations but we also took the opportunity to look beyond Covid to our other innovative projects that are working to achieve better outcomes for our customers.

Innovation to meet the challenges of COVID 19

Staff were taken through the public sector innovation landscape and the principles and concepts of innovation, creativity and design thinking. The COVID 19 Innovation Talks included showcases on building the organisation's remote working capacity and our learnings for business continuity.

The Community Call Initiative that was set up over a weekend and is a collaboration across a number of organisations was showcased. The development of a digital staff Health and Wellbeing Platform was presented and our Waste Enforcement Team promoted how they continue carrying out waste facility inspections remotely while using drones. Our Sports office presented the excellent programme of online physical activity classes for the public that they developed in collaboration with the Sports Partnership. Our Customer

Services Team also presented how they managed to continue to deliver excellent Customer Services while working remotely.

Showcase on Integrated Housing System

On our final day, our new integrated housing system (IHS) was showcased as part of our ongoing digital transformation to provide the best possible service to our citizens. The upcoming launch will be the accumulation of over two years of work by a dedicated project team. The IHS will bring many benefits to citizens, customers, staff and the organisation as a whole. The system has an online self-service area that is fully mobile device responsive so housing customers will be able to self-serve 24/7 on any device.

Climate Action Showcase

The Climate Change Action Plan was also presented and the amazing projects that have been funded under the Climate Innovation Fund, including Eco Driver training, electric charging infrastructure, sustainable urban drainage infrastructure, drinking water fountains, pollinator planters, climate action workshops in local communities, rehabilitation of rural hedgerows, the Grand Canal LED upgrade, citizen engagement and sustainable business workshops, and finally a Comhairle na nÓg project on bicycle railings.

Showcase on the Natural Play Spaces Programme

Friday's event also featured the Council's play space programme which is a finalist in this year's European Innovation in Politics Awards.

The aim of the play space programme is to deliver play facilities to children close to where they live to increase their opportunities for play and activity every day while minimising or eliminating the use of plastics has been minimised and natural and locally sourced materials have been used where possible. The play spaces developed are really well used with a significant increase in people using the play spaces. As well as contributing to better physical and mental health for children, the new play spaces have taken on a significance in terms of becoming focal points and meeting places for local communities.

Showcase on Smart Dublin

Staff also participated in a facilitated design-thinking challenge in what's called a 'sprint', where they were given a workplace challenge to develop creative solutions using the design thinking process.

Smart Dublin, an initiative of the four Dublin Local Authorities, was featured in our programme as it brings together technology

providers, academia and citizens to transform public services and improve quality of life in the Dublin region. The Smart Dublin webinar showcased our 'smart' projects happening within South Dublin, as well as highlighting regional Dublin 'smart' initiatives and providing project insights from our neighbouring Local Authorities.

The Innovation Week programme was hugely popular and engaging for staff and a unique opportunity to see the breadth of innovation that occurs on a daily basis in this organisation.



Design thinking challenges were set for staff.



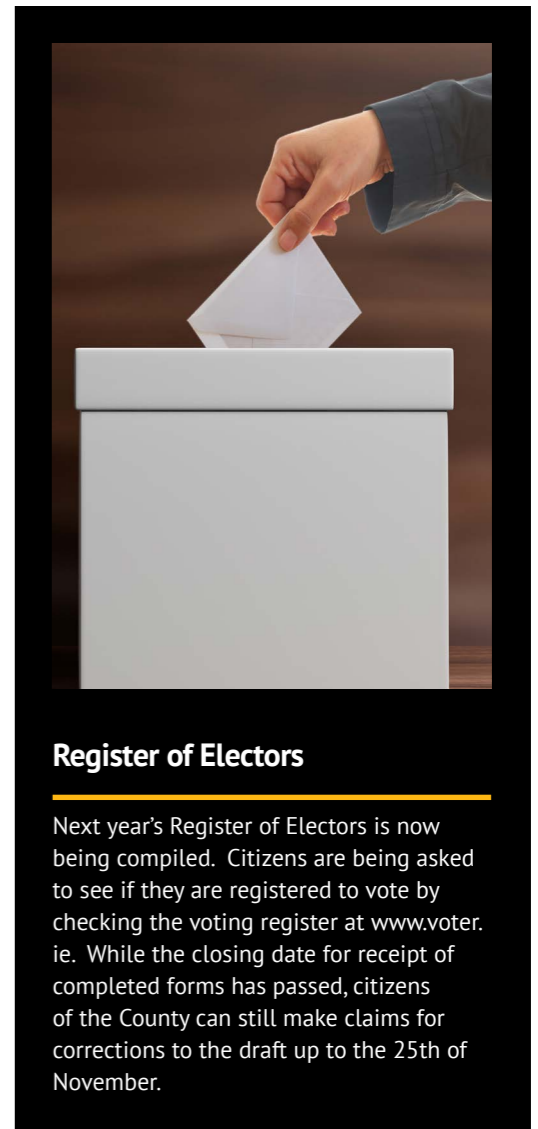
CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND CHANGE MANAGEMENT

Changing Places

South Dublin County Council has installed its first Changing Places toilet facility in County Hall.

This purpose-built toilet facility gives people with disabilities and carers more space and the right equipment to take care of personal hygiene, in safety and comfort. The Changing Places toilet goes beyond a conventional wheelchair-accessible toilet in that it includes additional assistive technology of a hoist, height adjustable adult-sized changing bench, height adjustable basin and toilet.

A Changing Places facility has also been installed in the new North Clondalkin library. When COVID restrictions allow it, the Council warmly welcomes people with disabilities and carers to drop in to use the fully accessible Changing Places toilet facility in either location.



Register of Electors

Next year's Register of Electors is now being compiled. Citizens are being asked to see if they are registered to vote by checking the voting register at www.voter.ie. While the closing date for receipt of completed forms has passed, citizens of the County can still make claims for corrections to the draft up to the 25th of November.

Council Services During Level 5

Council offices at County Hall, Tallaght and Clondalkin Civic Offices are currently closed, however customer services remain fully operational across all other channels.

Should you need to avail of Council services, please contact customer services through the online customer care form on www.sdcc.ie, by calling 01-4149000, through FixYourStreet.ie or by email to info@sdblincoco.ie.

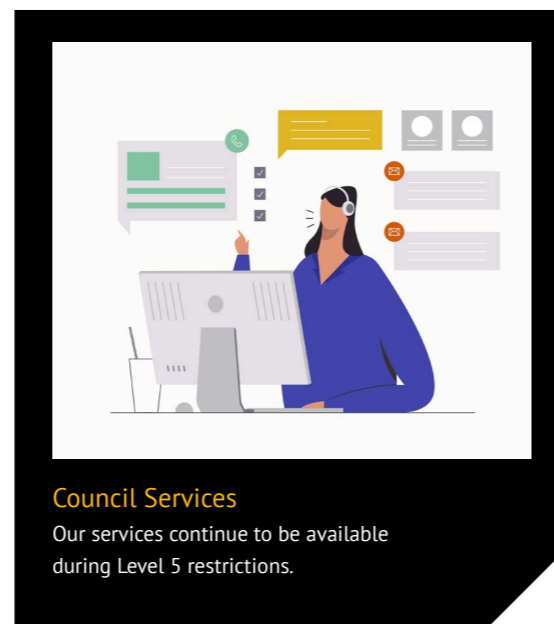
All payments can be made either online or over the phone. All business meetings will continue to be conducted online as will Council committee meetings where possible.

We would also like to thank the citizens of our County for their efforts during this time.

Remember that to protect yourself and others, it is important that you:

- wash your hands properly and often,
- wear face coverings,
- practice social distancing,
- cover coughs and sneezes.

You can also join the fight against COVID by downloading the CovidTracker App at <https://covidtracker.gov.ie/>.



Council Services

Our services continue to be available during Level 5 restrictions.

Health and Safety at Work

The European Week for Health and Safety at Work took place from 19-23 October and looked to raise awareness about the new Healthy Workplaces Campaign 2020-22.

While the danger posed by COVID-19 is always present, the Council does not lose sight of the hazards posed by the day to day operations of the workplace and the planning required to maintain safety and health. Safety Week is an opportunity to reflect on aspects of workplace safety, health and overall wellbeing and to promote its importance throughout the organisation.



The Changing Places toilet facility in County Hall.



New Playspace at Firhouse

South Dublin County Council opened a new playspace and completed the upgrade of a grass pitch at Firhouse recently.

The new playspace has already proven to be extremely popular with the local community. The playspace was designed around natural play space principles and incorporates a new footpath that provides a pleasant route through the park and links to the adjacent car park.

Natural play is important for children's mental, physical, and social development and access to the outdoors has been shown to provide benefits to all in terms of decreasing blood pressure levels and allowing people to process stressful life events.

The adjacent grass pitch has been drained, levelled and re-turfed and seeded, increasing the performance and facilitating increased usage of the pitch by local sports clubs and sports players.

Litter Management Plan

The South Dublin County Council Litter Management Plan 2020-2022 has been published and is available to view or download on the Council's website. The plan details actions that seek to address the negative impacts of litter on our county, improve the quality of life and sense of wellbeing of our residents, and enhance our commercial and tourism potential.

Be Winter Ready 2020/21

Even though we are living through difficult times, we must remain prepared for the upcoming winter. Activities that we take for granted can become difficult or even hazardous when severe weather occurs.

The Council's Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT) meets in advance of severe weather events. The SWAT team is made up of senior staff from across the organisation and the purpose of these meetings is to assess the readiness of the council to deal with an upcoming severe weather event and put in place preventative actions as required. A pre-winter preparedness meeting was held at the end of September and the SWAT team will continue to monitor weather

forecasts with the assistance of Met Éireann's weather warning systems, adapting to the challenges of an Irish Winter and the impacts of Climate Change.

Our Winter Maintenance Plan for roads includes salt gritting routes to aid in safe travel during icy conditions, in addition to local salt storage bin locations across the county. Drainage maintenance and the clearing of trash screens at rivers and streams to prevent local flooding will continue as usual. The Council's Severe Weather and Flood Emergency Sub-Plans contain protocols for our response to emergency events and include details for cooperation with other agencies and neighbouring local authorities, to manage the response to severe weather events on a regional basis if required.



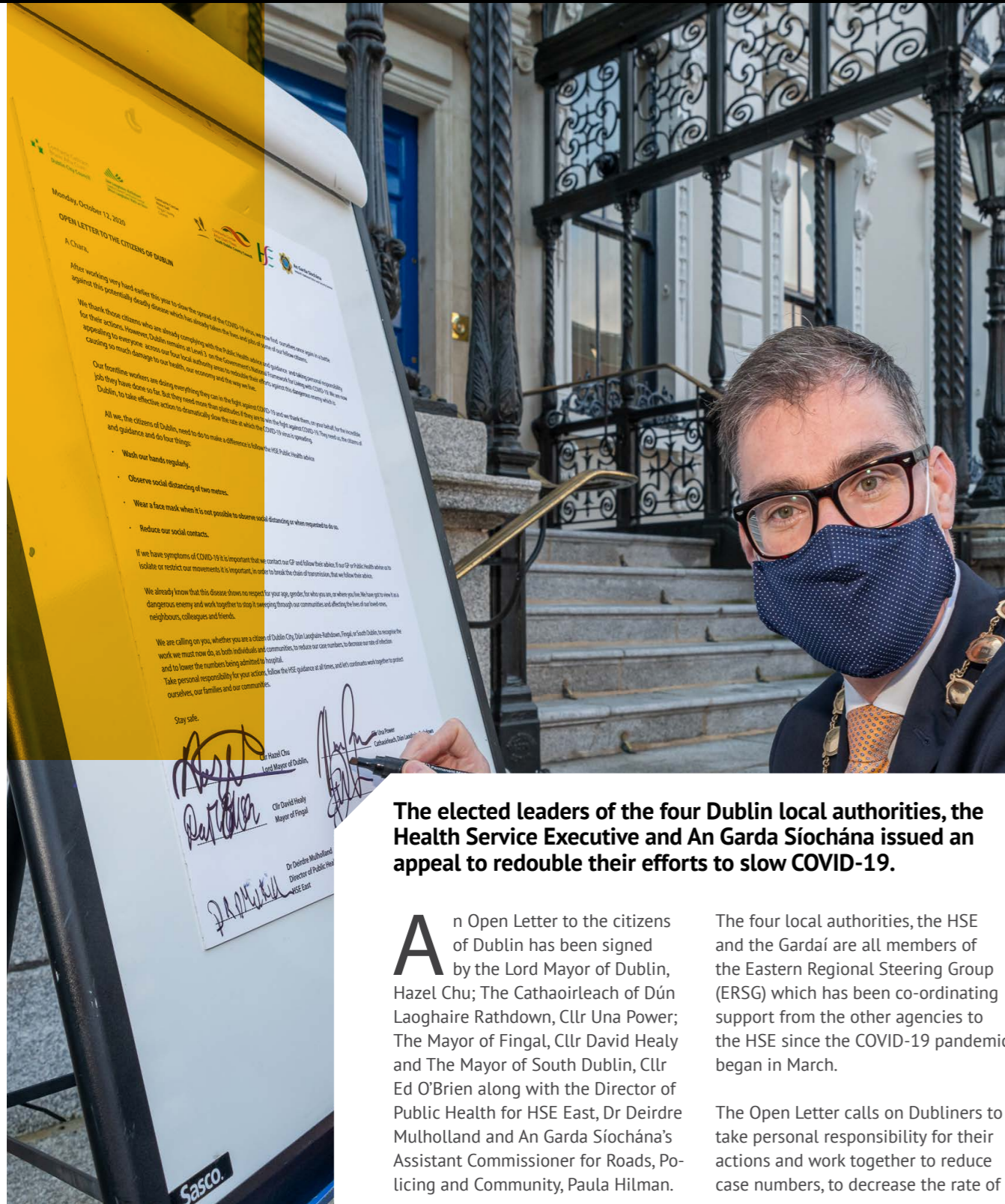
The Vikings are Coming!

The Council is delighted to report that the refurbishment works at Corkagh Park playground are progressing very well and the whole area is well on the way to being totally transformed. This is one of the most ambitious playground projects ever undertaken by South Dublin County Council and it is sure to be a source of much joy to local children and visitors to the area alike.

The playground is themed around the heritage of Clondalkin and features, a high tower, a Viking longboat as well as a wide range of play equipment and several unique play features which will all be revealed when the playground reopens to children next month.



CALL TO DUBLINERS ON COVID EFFORTS



The elected leaders of the four Dublin local authorities, the Health Service Executive and An Garda Síochána issued an appeal to redouble their efforts to slow COVID-19.

An Open Letter to the citizens of Dublin has been signed by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Hazel Chu; The Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown, Cllr Una Power; The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr David Healy and The Mayor of South Dublin, Cllr Ed O'Brien along with the Director of Public Health for HSE East, Dr Deirdre Mulholland and An Garda Síochána's Assistant Commissioner for Roads, Policing and Community, Paula Hilman.

The four local authorities, the HSE and the Gardaí are all members of the Eastern Regional Steering Group (ERSG) which has been co-ordinating support from the other agencies to the HSE since the COVID-19 pandemic began in March.

The Open Letter calls on Dubliners to take personal responsibility for their actions and work together to reduce case numbers, to decrease the rate of

Level 5 COVID Restrictions

As Ireland remains in Level 5 COVID 19 restrictions we'd like to remind our citizens that we are still open for business by phone and online. We will continue to provide services and support to all our citizens.

Council offices are closed but planning and emergency housing meetings are still being arranged by appointment. Customer care can still be contacted through the online customer care form on www.sdcc.ie, by calling 01-4149000, through FixYourStreet.ie or by emailing info@sdblincoco.ie.

The community call helpline is open at 1800 240519.

infection and to lower the numbers being admitted to hospital. Dubliners are urged to follow HSE Public Health advice and guidance in the ongoing battle against a dangerous enemy which is causing so much damage to people's health, the Dublin economy and the way Dubliners live.

The letter states: "We already know that this disease shows no respect for your age, gender, for who you are, or where you live. We have got to view it as a dangerous enemy and work together to stop it sweeping through our communities and affecting the lives of our loved-ones, neighbours, colleagues and friends."

Cllr Ed O'Brien, Mayor of South Dublin County, said: "Everyone in Dublin will always be grateful to every frontline

worker and volunteer who has worked tirelessly to keep us safe during this pandemic. But the best way we can all show that gratitude now is by going the extra mile to follow the guidelines and slow the spread of the virus. We are asking you all to be volunteers and to give up those social interactions, visits to our favourite places and impromptu social events so that we can again flatten the curve."

To protect yourself and protect others, stay updated on HSE public health advice and follow measures such as washing your hands properly and often, covering your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve when you cough and sneeze and more.



A joint COVID appeal was issued.

A JAM CARD FRIENDLY COUNCIL



The Mayor of South Dublin County, Councillor Ed O'Brien, announced that South Dublin County Council is to become the first JAM Card friendly local authority in the State.

South Dublin County Council will be providing JAM Cards at public counters in County Hall, Tallaght, at the Civic Offices in Clondalkin and across South Dublin libraries. The Council's Customer Care staff will also wear pin badges to indicate that they are JAM Card trained.

The JAM Card was created by NOW Group, a social enterprise that supports people with learning difficulties

and autism into jobs with a future and their service users told them that they would like a way to relay to people that they need a little extra time or patience.

For those with a learning difficulty, autism, Asperger's or any condition where there can be a communication barrier, the JAM Card allows users to relay to others that they may need a little extra time in a simple, effective

Green Flags in Ireland

The importance of Ireland's Public Parks and Gardens has been promoted significantly since An Taisce introduced the Green Flag Award for Parks Scheme as a pilot programme back in 2015.

This scheme delivers an international standard for well managed public parks and green spaces that are freely accessible to the public. While its activities deliver multiple wins for park operators and users, in its simplest form the scheme acknowledges and accredits best practice for the sustainable management of our parks and other public green spaces.

non-verbal manner. The JAM Card is useful when on public transport, in a retail or any other customer-facing environment.

Councillor Ed O'Brien, Mayor of South Dublin County, said of the decision to become JAM Card friendly, "South Dublin County Council has committed to becoming a JAM Card friendly local authority to send out a clear message of inclusion, access and quality customer service. We hope that our commitment will serve as a catalyst for other important services such as community, health, educational, cultural and leisure facilities, and so on to join with us to create a JAM Card friendly county."

Maeve Monaghan, CEO of the NOW Group, said, "We're delighted to wel-

come South Dublin County Council to the JAM Card family and we congratulate them on being our first local authority in the Republic. The JAM Card goes from strength to strength across Ireland with major banks and public transport companies already involved. I thank Councillor O'Brien and his colleagues for their leadership in the field of equality of access and inclusion and we look forward to further take-up across the county."



The JAM Card announcement.

COUNCIL WINS AWARD FOR HERITAGE VIDEO



A heritage video produced by South Dublin County Council has been awarded 'Best Project' in the Individual County category during Heritage Week 2020.

On Tuesday October 20, the Heritage Council hosted an on-line awards ceremony to celebrate the individuals, families and community groups across Ireland who work to ensure the preservation, protection, and promotion of Ireland's built, natural and cultural heritage. The event was presented by RTÉ broadcaster, Anne Cassin.

The project was also a runner up in

another national category, 'Re-learning Skills from our Heritage'.

The theme for this year's Heritage Week event in August was 'Heritage and Education: Learning from our Heritage'. This year, due to Covid-19 restrictions, communities were encouraged to 'go digital' for Heritage Week. As a result, more than 850 projects were submitted to the Heritage Council's website. These projects

Heritage Week 2020

National Heritage Week is supported by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, and runs in association with Fáilte Ireland. At county level, National Heritage Week is co-ordinated and supported by Local Authority Heritage Officers, their colleagues and with numerous local heritage groups and organisations.

The Heritage Council assumed the role of coordinator of National Heritage Week in 2005. Since then the week has grown into a highly successful programme, and last year more than 2,000 events took place across Ireland during the third week of August.

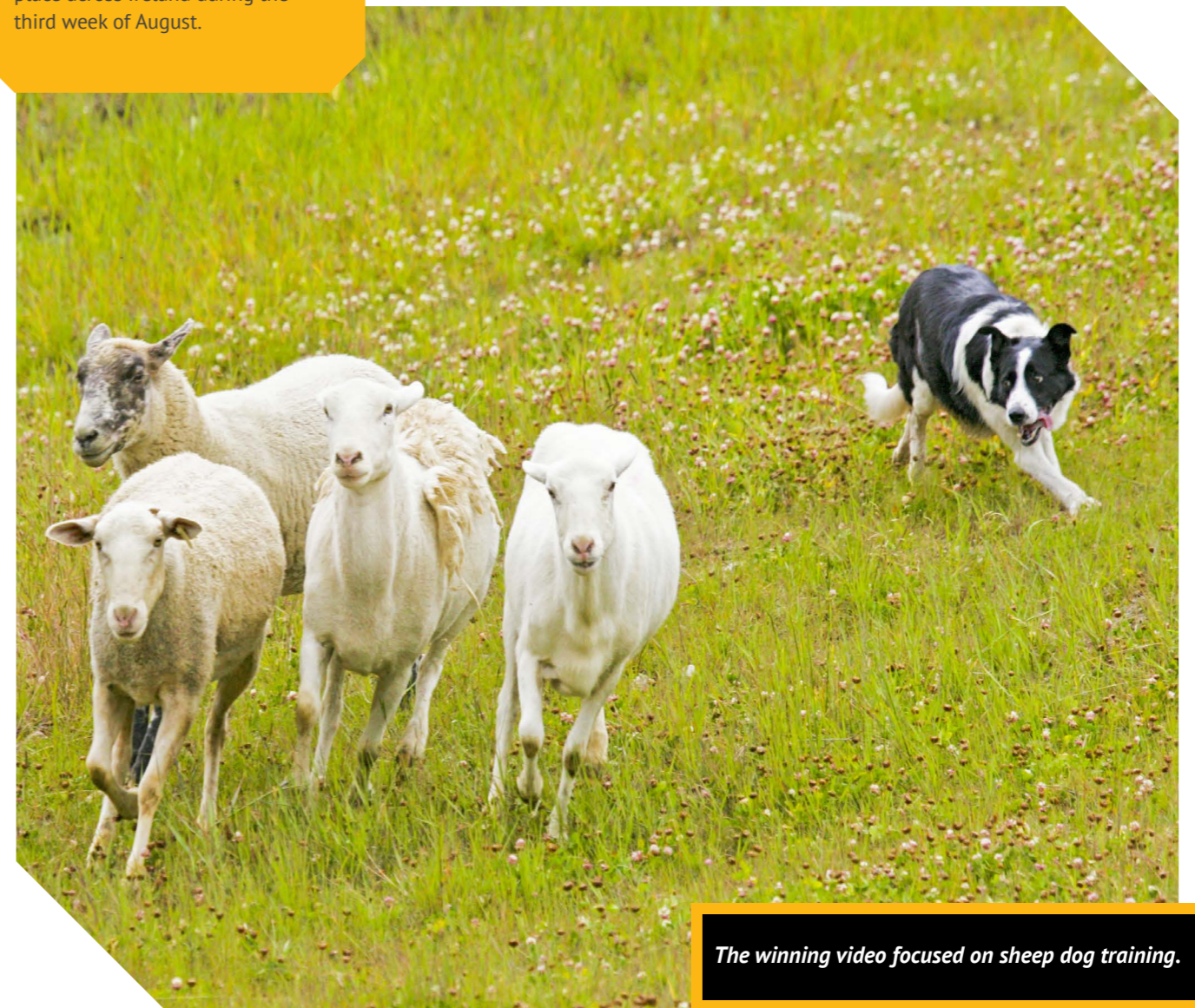
comprised of online talks and exhibitions, videos, podcasts, slideshow presentations, blogs, websites, social media accounts, as well as small, restricted Covid-compliant gatherings. Each submitted project was considered for a National Heritage Week Award.

The Council's winning video was produced by the Council's Heritage Officer, Rosaleen Dwyer and by Larry McEvoy, Chief Technician in the Council's Planning Section, together with photographer and videographer Aidan O'Neill.

The video 'Traditional Sheep Farming and Sheep Dog Training in the Dublin Mountains' highlights the work of local Glenasmole farmer, Donie Anderson. It follows Donie at work in

the hills above Tallaght with his three skilful sheepdogs Jess, Bob, and Toss. Donie's family have been farming in the picturesque Glenasmole Valley for generations and he has retained many of the old traditional farming practices, preserving an old way of life so close to the edge of the city.

The video won the top award for South Dublin County for the 'Individual County' category, competing against 11 other county projects.



The winning video focused on sheep dog training.



South Dublin County Council's Dog and Litter Wardens provide a vital but often unsung service to the County. We take a closer look at both services in this month's report.

The work of the Council's Dog Wardens is at times challenging and often rewarding. The Dog Warden Service encourages responsible dog ownership and continually promotes the benefits of microchipping dogs and how this will assist in reuniting dog owners with their dogs if lost or worse stolen. South Dublin County Council employs two full time Dog Wardens for the administrative area.

Last year 377 stray and surrendered dogs were dealt with by the wardens, happily 93 dogs were reunited with their owners and a further 264 had been rehomed by the end of the year.

As part of their enforcement role under the Control of Dogs Act, the Dog Wardens

will:

- Respond to complaints relating to dogs not under effectual control and/or dangerous dogs, including incidents of sheep worrying,
- Carry out licence checks and initiate enforcement proceedings if necessary,
- Collect unwanted and stray dogs.

Since the introduction of the Control of Dogs Act and subsequent programmes of awareness and enforcement, the number of unwanted and stray dogs collected by the Wardens in South Dublin has reduced by around 90%. During the same period, the number of sheep worrying incidents reduced by a similar amount.

A FOCUS ON DOG AND LITTER WARDEN SERVICES

The South Dublin Dog Warden service achieves a high level of rehoming and reclaims. In 2019, over 95% of stray and unwanted dogs collected were either rehomed or reclaimed by the owner. The wardens work with other agencies and charities to help them carry out their work and have rehomed several dogs to the Garda dog unit that had showed potential as search dogs.

The Dog Wardens also deal with complaints related to dogs on a daily basis e.g. barking dogs, stray dogs, surrendered dogs or nuisance dogs. The service regularly receives complaints about other animals including foxes and even swans! These are referred on to appropriate agencies, where possible. The wardens patrol all areas of the County including parks and open spaces.



Litter Warden Service

Working as a Litter Warden brings a variety of work, challenges, and experiences. No two days are the same. Litter Wardens patrol the county, including housing estates, public open spaces and parks, high streets, industrial estates, allotments, graveyards and known dumping black spots.

Wardens will deal with reported and detected incidents of litter and illegal dumping daily; the scale of the litter or dumping can range from a discarded pizza box to larger scale dumping of domestic waste or other bulky items. These incidents are investigated, and appropriate enforcement action taken under the Litter Pollution Acts. Between January and September of this year over 4,700 tonnes of litter and illegally dumped material was removed from our parks, open spaces, and footpaths.

The Litter Wardens work closely with other sections and departments within South Dublin County Council, and with outside organisations including, An Garda Síochána, Tidy Towns groups, Resident's Associations and the PURE project. Increasingly, our wardens rely on technology such as CCTV and drones to aid with the collection of evidence. The Litter Wardens are now trained to use drones for inspections of awkward/dangerous locations.

Casual Trading in South Dublin County is monitored by the Litter Wardens. The Council has several licenced traders selling produce at different locations throughout the County including hot food and drink and ice cream.

There are five full time Litter Wardens employed by South Dublin County Council. As always, the Litter Wardens are grateful for assistance from the public and encourage all to report any information on littering and dumping.

SEPTEMBER STATISTICS REPORT HIGHLIGHTS



Corporate Performance and Change Management

Number of Customer Care queries received	7,744
Number of Customer Care queries closed within deadline	6,961
Web pages opened on Council websites	288,407
Social media reach	1,152,983
Social media engagement	46,931



Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

LEO - Number of mentoring sessions	28
Grange Castle jobs sustained	5,328
Library visitors	25,013
Library items borrowed	58,761



Environment, Water and Climate Change

Grass cut - hectares	874
Kilometers of road swept monthly	930
Derelict site/dangerous buildings inspections	24
Litter - Fines Issued	26
Tonnes of waste collected - litter and illegal dumping	495
Tonnes of waste collected from street bins	39



Housing, Social and Community Development

Total Housing Stock	9,704
Total housing needs assessed	6,891
Housing maintenance requests received	1,390
Allocations - New Tenancies	24
Number of PRTB inspections	221
Number of actions taken in response to anti-social reports	839
Electrical inspections completed	113

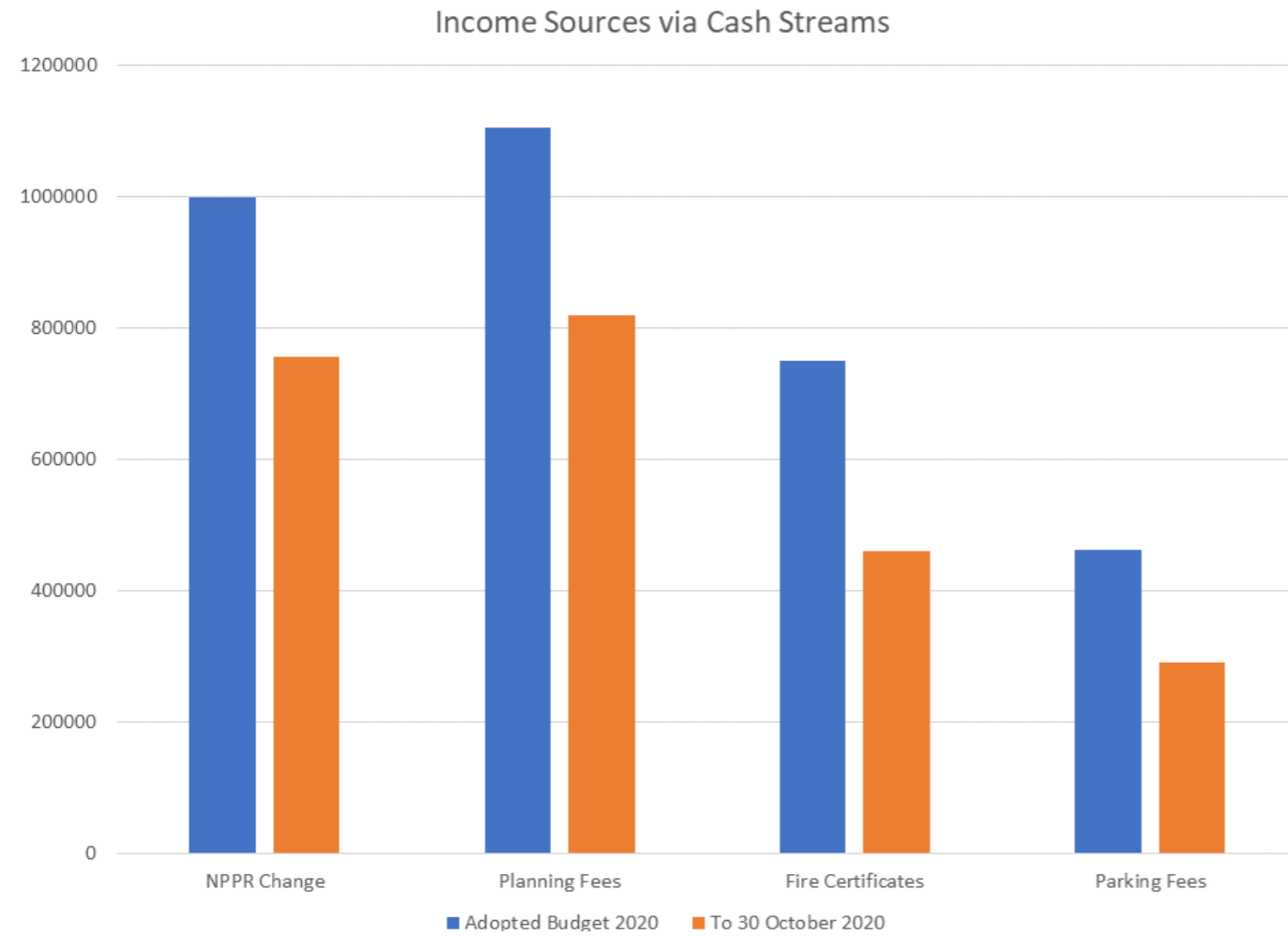


Land Use, Planning and Transportation

Planning applications received - new housing units	102
Area of road repaired in m2	12,045
Planning enforcements initiated	21
Number of public lights in charge	30,253
Number of traffic lights repaired within 24 hours	54

You can view all statistics under the Statistics Report in the Manager's Report headed item of the monthly Council meeting.

FINANCE REPORT



You can view the full Finance Report under the Manager's Report headed item of the monthly Council meeting agenda.

IMAGES OF THE MONTH



Council buildings were lit in red for Fire Safety Week.



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