

South Dublin County Council Annual Report 2017



Our Mission

**To make our county
the best possible
place in which
to live, work
and do business**

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Mayor's Foreword



It is a great honour to be involved in South Dublin County Council's 2017 Annual Report. 2017 was an eventful twelve months for our County in general with plenty of positive progress made in a number of areas. However, budgetary challenges remained regarding additional funding for key sectors, and while progress has been made in dealing with the housing and accommodation crisis, combined efforts at national and local level have not yet resulted in the significant improvements hoped for. It also remains a challenge to ensure that new housing is matched by investment in infrastructure and community facilities, something strongly desired by both future and existing residents of new development areas.

When I was unanimously elected Mayor in June 2017, I set out three themes that I wanted to focus on during my term of office. The first was to continue to prioritise South Dublin as a hub for health and well-being, building on the Healthy County status achieved the year before. In this regard, I supported many initiatives in this field that were aimed at developing or enhancing linkages with other agencies and community groups and promoting tools to enable our citizens to build healthier habits.

My second priority was to help develop South Dublin as a more energy-efficient and energy self-sufficient County. This involved building on the excellent work already done by various Council departments and keeping green initiatives to the forefront. I was supported by the Elected Members in passing several motions in this area, as well as in securing support to prioritise green solutions at a time of tighter budgetary demands, such as to maintain the budget for replacing old street lighting with newer, more energy-efficient LED systems. This was done in the realisation that the cost savings would quickly outweigh the initial additional investment. The Council continues to invest in green infrastructure, such as in a new photovoltaic array at County Hall and other locations, the provision of electric vehicles to its fleet as well as the introduction of electric car charging points at a number of its public amenity locations. This is an area that continually needs to be pushed as the payback to our environment, or the public purse, is never immediate. I would hope that my successor would continue to push for progress in cutting our carbon footprint and our energy costs.

The last area I focused on was further developing South Dublin as a listening county. I believe that our citizens all have valuable inputs to make, no matter what their age, gender, religion, ability level or sexual orientation. In this regard, I have met with many diverse groups and individuals each of whom I have encouraged to get more directly involved in the development of our county and to participate in all forms of consultation. I have also worked to make that consultation more relevant and easier to access but more will need to be done over the coming years.

I was especially pleased that following the launch of the '€300k Have Your Say' participatory budgeting initiative in the Lucan Electoral Area in 2017, that we were able to roll out the second phase of the process, this time in the Clondalkin Electoral Area (which also included Newcastle and Rathcoole), earlier this year. 160 ideas were submitted during the Lucan phase in 2017 with over 2,500 ballots cast across 17 shortlisted projects. 8 of those projects were selected to be completed in 2018. I hope that the €300k process will now feature as an annual event in South Dublin's calendar and in time will expand to see the number of geographic areas and the amount of expenditure available to the public increase dramatically.

Alongside these themes, I was a strong supporter of initiatives to create employment in our County. South Dublin and its Local Enterprise Office have continued to enjoy a close working relationship with South Dublin Chamber of Commerce, and this hugely symbiotic partnership has enhanced our economic opportunities and employment potential. As Mayor, I have been very supportive of the many joint initiatives aimed at maximising job creation potential. I have attended many enterprise events, including the launch of the latest (and very positive) Economic Growth Survey as well as awards for local entrepreneurs. I have also visited local businesses and multinational enterprises throughout the county to launch new expansions and employment initiatives.

Councillor Paul Gogarty
Mayor of South Dublin County

Chief Executive's Foreword



Throughout 2017 and for the foreseeable future, housing delivery both public and private is our foremost challenge. The re-establishment of normal supply patterns has been slow to emerge following the downturn for a variety of reasons, including access to capital, mobilisation costs, labour force capacity and the cost, availability and servicing of land.

Working in conjunction with national policy, South Dublin County Council has been very active in supporting and advancing public and private housing development. While annual private housing completions increased by 36% to 1,194, this is well below the required level. During 2017, essential initiatives included securing €27 million under the Local Housing Activation Fund, the establishment of the Vacant Sites Register and the publication of the Draft Planning Scheme for Clonburris SDZ.

In terms of Social Housing, we are active across all aspects of government policy. At the year-end, there were ten active construction sites, which will yield 352 units in 2018. In addition, 109 units as part of the Dublin Region Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Bundle have received planning approval, and the Competitive Dialogue stage is underway for the Joint Venture Development of approximately 900 public / private units at Kilcarbery. In tandem with our construction programme, the Council has added significantly to its private rented / leasing arrangements. At the close of the year, there were 2,180 live Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) accounts, 1,397 Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) agreements and a further 892 units held under long-term lease.

Economic development is fundamental to our objective of making the County more attractive and sustainable. Grange Castle Business Park now supports 5,200 jobs with new developments having been commenced or completed during 2017 by Microsoft, Interxion, Takeda and Griffols. Our long-term strategy to support in excess of 10,000 jobs at this location is underpinned by the advancement of plans to double the size of the Park. The master planning for this extension is underway.

Another key element of our economic development is tourism. We opened the Round Tower Visitor Centre - Brú Chrónáin in summer 2017, secured €2million funding for the Dodder Greenway, agreed on a €5 million Investment Strategy for Corkagh Park, lodged plans with An Bord Pleanála for the Dublin Mountains Visitor Centre and advanced plans for the redevelopment of Rathfarnham Castle Stables.

Sustainable communities need quality social infrastructure. The opening of the new digital hub library in Palmerstown is an example of this. Our plans for new libraries in Clondalkin and Tymon and a new pool and leisure centre in Lucan will be tendered in quarter one of 2018. These types of facilities allow us to pursue our health and wellbeing objectives for all our citizens. Once again, we ran a range of projects and programmes in this regard. Over 119,000 sports programme participants were involved across 2,294 events, 300 community events attracted 62,000 participants, 6,000 children benefited from 26 summer projects and our leisure centres attracted 600,000 visitors.

Environmental sustainability is another hugely important activity, which involves the Council in diverse areas like pollution control, climate change, licensing and enforcement, waste management and energy efficiency. An important aspect of our environmental policy is tree management. We maintain and manage 60,000 trees throughout the County. This valuable resource has social, environmental and climate change benefits. During 2017, our staff inspected 3,948 trees with each requiring its own intervention.

Ongoing citizen engagement and community consultation is the essence of local democracy. While telephone and email remain our dominant communication channels, we are experiencing greater interaction through social media. Our Facebook channel grew by 66% with 1,901,450 seeing Council posts. Engagement with posts grew by 59%, while reach on Twitter increased by 24%, with over 1,300,000 people seeing our tweets. We launched our Public Consultation Portal in 2017, which hosted 25 consultations and surveys, attracting 1,100 submissions.

Our Participatory Budgeting Initiative '€300k Have Your Say' won an Excellence in Local Government Award and was the subject of a very positive review by the Institute of Public Administration (IPA). The initiative is being repeated in 2018.

This very brief summary just touches on some of the many positive achievements in 2017 made possible by the Elected Members and staff working together with our communities to the benefit of everyone.

Daniel McLoughlin
Chief Executive

Council Meetings 2017

There were 73 meetings of the full Council, Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee, Corporate Policy Group (CPG) and Area Committees comprising:

- 11 County Council meetings
- 3 Special Meetings of the County Council
- 1 Annual Budget Meeting
- 6 Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee Meetings (including one Special Budget Meeting)
- 12 Corporate Policy Group meetings (including 1 Budget Meeting)
- The four Area Committees for Clondalkin, Lucan, Rathfarnham / Templeogue-Terenure and Tallaght each met ten times in 2017.

In addition, there were:

- 25 meetings across the six Strategic Policy Committees
- 4 meetings of the Joint Policing Committee
- 4 Audit Committee Meetings
- 2 Oireachtas Members Meetings

Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs)

Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage and Libraries SPC

Chaired by Councillor Dermot Richardson.

The SPC met four times in 2017 dealing with policies in relation to:

- The County Arts Strategy.
- Creative Ireland Strategy and initiatives.
- The development of Tallaght Cultural Quarter around Civic Theatre, Rua Red and the County Library.
- Arts / cultural / heritage elements of the Tourism Strategy including the Red Line Book festival.
- Music Generation updates and implementation.

Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development SPC

Chaired by Councillor Charlie O'Connor.

The SPC met five times in 2017 dealing with policies in relation to:

- Ongoing implementation of the Business Support Strategy in conjunction with South Dublin Chamber.
- The local implementation of the Dublin Regional Enterprise Strategy.
- Roll out of the County Tourism Strategy, including the Dublin Mountains gateway project.
- Local Economic Community Plan (LECP) updates and implementation.
- Opportunities for, and developments in, Foreign Direct Investment and Grange Castle Business Park.

Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change SPC

Chaired by Councillor Pamela Kearns

The SPC met four times in 2017, its work programme included:

- Climate Change: A strategy towards climate change action plans for the Dublin Local Authorities and development of SDCC Adaptation and Mitigation Plan.
- Flood Alleviation and Minor Surface Water Improvement Schemes.
- Report on Tourism Strategy for Corkagh Park.
- Review of Litter Bin Provision and proposals for Solar Bins pilot for Rathfarnham.
- Protocol for management of abandoned cars.
- Review of Social Credits Scheme.
- River Basin Management Plan.
- Burial Grounds Strategy.
- Teen Space Consultation .
- Items referred from Council included: Recycling Deposit Scheme / Waste Reduction Bill, Urban Horse Ownership / Control of Horses. Scramblers and Quads / Pay To Use (PTUs).

Housing SPC

Chaired by Councillor Cathal King.

The Housing SPC met four times with the main items discussed being:

- Housing Supply and Delivery – Projects.
- Homelessness.
- Allocations Policy.
- Anti-Social Behaviour Policy.
- Rents Scheme.
- Older Aged Housing Project.

Social and Community SPC

Chaired by Councillor Deirdre O'Donovan.

During 2017, the Social and Community SPC met four times. The main areas of work included:

- Community Initiative Fund.
- Sports Partnership Strategic Plan.
- South Dublin Home Security Scheme.
- MedEx, a community-based chronic illness rehabilitation programme.

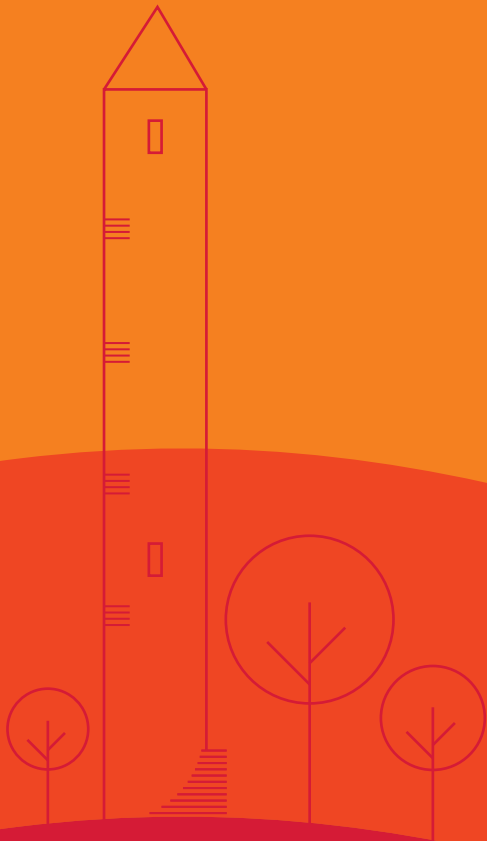
Land Use, Planning and Transportation SPC

Chaired by Councillor Emer Higgins

The SPC met four times in 2017 dealing with matters in relation to:

- Weston Aerodrome.
- Clonburris Strategic Development Zone (SDZ).
- Biodiversity Plan.
- Tallaght Local Area Plan (LAP).
- Policy in relation to private signage on public roads.
- Vacant Sites Levy.
- M50 Emergency Management.
- Cycle Forum Reports.
- National Transport Authority (NTA) Annual Projects allocation and updates.

Details on the full membership of SPCs is available in Appendix 2.



Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development

Objective 1
Maintain a supportive
business environment with
job creation and retention
at its heart

At the 2017 March Council meeting, an implementation plan was approved for the Dublin Regional Enterprise Strategy 2017 - 2019.

South Dublin County Council (SDCC) sponsored the second South Dublin Chamber Business Awards held on 6 October in Citywest Hotel.

The Evaluation and Approvals Committee of the Local Enterprise Office approved €780,000 for 28 projects, creating 48 new jobs immediately and with the potential to create 228 new jobs.

Over 1,000 clients attended Local Enterprise Office (LEO) training courses and mentoring services while a further 340 local business people attended Business Support Fund training programmes. These programmes were based on a 2015 training needs survey completed in conjunction with the Chamber.

33 Trading Online vouchers were approved and 11 Technical Support Grant applications for Export assistance, including food branding, were accepted in 2017.

New Food Academy commenced in February 2017, with three South Dublin participants.

Four South Dublin clients began on a new Accelerate Programme in December 2017.

New approaches and opportunities for access to business support grant financing were agreed at Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) and Council meetings for 2018.

Business Support Fund Area Improvement works were completed in Cookstown Enterprise Park, Old Belgard Road with further projects progressing in Ballymount and Merrywell.

Local Enterprise Office's Primary School Enterprise programme



Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development

Objective 2 **Work with enterprise support agencies to increase foreign direct investment in South Dublin County**

The turning of the sod ceremony for the Adamstown Road to Nangor Road at Grange Castle Business Park Entrance



Grange Castle clients Interxion, Grifols, Microsoft and Takeda either commenced, completed or continued to build out, significant projects in 2017.

Eirgrid commenced on a new substation in Grange Castle South in September, with archaeological resolution works starting on site in November.

The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) granted funding to the Council to carry out an energy master plan for the Grange Castle Business Park. The report was completed in October.

The Grange Castle West Infrastructure Masterplan began in 2017.

CyrusOne Datacentre Holdings were approved by the Council membership for the acquisition of a 16-acre site in Grange Castle South.

Grange Castle supported more than 5,200 jobs by the end of 2017.

Objective 3 **Manage the assets of South Dublin County Council in a way that supports economic development**

GCFM Ltd continued to maintain, operate and manage Grange Castle Business Park.

Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) acquisitions progressed for Adamstown Road with a sod-turning taking place in December. This was designed to increase road and service accessibility to Grange Castle Business Park and the wider area.

Construction to commence on a third stand for Tallaght Stadium after a successful tendering process was concluded in 2017.

Tallaght Stadium played host to many independent events, such as the Christmas Ice Rink and Fossett's Circus, as well as rugby, Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) and women's international soccer matches.

The Council's property management function continues to manage and administer the Council's land bank proactively.

Objective 4
Maximise the contribution of arts, libraries, heritage and the Irish language to the quality of life and our tourism experience

The official opening of the Palmerstown Library Digital Hub

Plans for North Clondalkin and Tymon libraries were prepared for tender.

The digital hub in Palmerstown continued to operate successfully for lending, printing, computer access, Wi-Fi facilities, 3D printing and planned events for school groups and local crèches.

Libraries won first prize for Ballyroan Reads Blog in Best Books and Literature Award and third prize for the Yaps Blog at the Littlewoods Art and Culture Blogs.

Creative Ireland Strategy underway and is advancing the implementation of the Arts Strategy 2016 - 2020.

Libraries' programme of events successfully delivered throughout the branch network including the Summer Stars Reading Programme, Science Week events and Craft Fairs at Tallaght, Ballyroan and Lucan libraries.

Red Line Book Festival delivered 34 events across 13 venues throughout the county.

Science Partnership initiative took place between South Dublin County Libraries, IT Tallaght and Foróige to engage young people and their families with STEM subjects.

Local studies / history section of libraries identified and catalogued materials for the Round Tower Visitor Centre - Brú Chrónáin and Dublin Mountain projects.

Library Development Plan 2016 - 2020 progressed.



Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development

Objective 5 **Put in place a tourism** **strategy focused on** **new product and brand** **development**

Following extensive consultation, the Dublin Mountains project proposal was lodged with An Bord Pleanála in 2017. A first stage grant approval was received from Fáilte Ireland for this project.

The Tourism Marketing Strategy and Implementation Plan was launched and commenced in 2017.

The Round Tower Visitor Centre opened in summer 2017.

Red Line Book Festival in October 2017 included a broader range of venues, events with a more extensive marketing focus and delivered increased visitor numbers.

Gaelforce Dublin held in February 2017. This industry-led festival proposal from the Tourism Working Group and Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development SPC was underpinned by the Council's support.

Feasibility studies completed / underway for the Liffey Blueway Study, Corkagh Park plan and a condition survey of heritage out-buildings at Rathfarnham Castle.

European Union (EU) Funding secured to progress the Dodder Greenway project.

Ten Shop Front Grant applications were approved in 2017 to complement ongoing village improvement works.





Land Use Planning and Transportation

Objective 1
Implement an Annual Road Works Programme of maintenance and improvements

The Public Lighting Improvement Programme (LED upgrade) continued in 2017.

Programme of installation of traffic calming ramps completed.

Substantial footpath repair work completed in Kilclare Drive.

Annual Roads and Footpath Maintenance Programme completed.

Objective 2
Maintain a professional planning and development management structure and processes

Construction and planning activity progressed in Adamstown SDZ.

Vacant Site Register in place and active.

Amendment to the Ballycullen - Oldcourt Local Area Plan process concluded.

National Planning Awards - South Dublin County Council took the top prize in both the Smart Travel and the Planning for Climate Change categories.

A total of €27 million allocated under Local Housing Infrastructure Activation Fund (LIHAF).

Draft Clonburris SDZ Planning Scheme published in September.

A pre-draft public consultation on a new Local Area Plan for Tallaght was carried out.

South Dublin County Council launched a new plan to deliver 8,000 new homes at the Clonburris Strategic Development Zone



Land Use Planning and Transportation

Objective 3

Promote all modes of transport including walking and cycling to improve the movement of people within and beyond the county

Entrance to the Willsbrook Cycle Track officially opened in June 2017



Works completed on Willsbrook Phase 3 Junction Improvement in Lucan and Grange Road Plaza.

The AXA Road Safety show held at the Red Cow Moran Hotel. Over 600 secondary school students attended.

Ballyroan Green Schools Cluster project took place.

Council adopted the 'Traffic Calming Criteria' document in June.

Construction of the R120 Adamstown Road Improvement Scheme including the link to the Nangor Road commenced.

Policy on Way-Finding signs on Public Roads adopted.

Objective 4

Invest in sustainable communities and quality of life initiatives



The launch of six GoCar car sharing bases

New speed limit bylaws were adopted. The 30kmh speed limit is now in place in all residential estates.

Belgard Walkway upgrade was completed.

Village Enhancement Works was completed in Rathcoole.

Village gateway project in Rathfarnham was completed.

Six additional Warden Operated School Crossings are now fully operational.

Tallaght Village Improvement Scheme Phase 1 (Greenhills Road) completed.

The Belgard walkway which runs between The Square Shopping Centre, Belgard Road and the High Street towards Tallaght Village, officially opened in June 2017





Housing, Social and Community Development

Objective 1
Put in place a three-year programme to supply social housing in the context of the Social Housing Strategy 2020

Council progressed the Social Housing Construction programme of housing projects approved by the Council through Part 8 planning process with eight projects on site totalling 265 units and a further two to start with an additional 87 Units.

42 acquisitions completed in 2017.

Current Social Housing Stock is 9,168 units, with 1,397 RAS Units and 892 Leased Units.

2,180 live accounts on the HAP Scheme by 31 December.

138 Homeless Allocations in 2017.

Re-let turnaround average time was nine weeks.

215 Private Disability Grants issued in 2017.

273 Disability Grants on Council stock in 2017.

Vacant Homes Strategy presented in September 2017.

9 Units reopened as Homeless Hubs in 2017 at Gleann Na hEorna.

Part 8 for 109 Units Public-Private Partnership (PPP) at Kilcarbery approved.

Integrated Housing Project at Kilcarbery progressed to the Dialogue Stage of the EU Tendering Process.

Objective 2
Take a leadership role in social inclusion and interagency co-operation

The launch of Social Inclusion Week 2017 in County Hall, Tallaght



Tender of Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) implementer carried out by Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) in 2017. Targets met in areas of Targeting Geographical Disadvantage and Targeting Disadvantaged Groups in 2017.

LECP 6 year plan as agreed by LCDC and Economic SPC progressed. Review of the 2017 work plan carried out by LCDC in 2017 on all Community Pillar elements.

Housing, Social and Community Development

Successful Bealtaine Festival and Social Inclusion Week in 2017 with full attendance at many events.

South Dublin Age Friendly County Alliance continues to support and lead in initiatives for the active ageing in the county. Support for the development of men's sheds (three added in 2017) and the initiative on Home Security for doors or patios. Approximately 700 installations were completed by the end of 2017.

39 Joint Policing and Local Policing Fora meetings held in 2017 including public meetings at Tallaght, South West Clondalkin and North Clondalkin. Progressed LPF for Lucan and Templeogue / Rathfarnham areas.

Successful Flavours of South Dublin Intercultural Festival held at Rathfarnham Castle in June 2017.

Series of Community Health Gatherings through Healthy County South Dublin Steering Committee in conjunction with the Health Service Executive (HSE) and Tallaght Hospital held in 2017.

Joint Policing Committee approved the 2017 - 2022 Strategic Plan and 2016 Annual Report in 2017.

Community Safety Booklet launched in 2017 through a collaboration of Joint Policing Committee, Age-Friendly Alliance and South Dublin Public Participation Network.

Review of South Dublin County Education Bursary with IT Tallaght carried out in 2017

New Education Bursary announced for older aged people.

Objective 3 **Promote health, wellbeing,** **recreation and activity to** **improve quality of life**

The Healthy County Steering Group progressed a number of projects in 2017 including two further successful programmes of the "We Quit Campaign" for Women, development of an Alcohol Strategy with Tallaght Drugs Task Force and of the Workforce Challenge to improve lifestyles of workers in a number of businesses and companies.

SPORTIVATE, the Council's Sports Development Programme in partnership with the Dublin and Dun Laoghaire Education and Training Board (DDLETB), continued in 2017.

Over 119,000 Sports Programme participants across 2,294 events.

SDCC Schools Cross Country finals held on 11 May 2017 at Corkagh Park - 3,100 participants from 61 schools.

Successful Health and Wellbeing Week in September with over 90 events.

Over 300 Community events attracting over 62,000 participants.

Almost 600,000 visitors to Council Leisure Facilities in 2017.

26 Summer Templeogue / Rathfarnham supported facilitating over 6,000 children.

Ten Local Village Festivals supported in 2017.

Successful 2017 Late Night Leagues with the Football Association of Ireland (FAI) and An Garda Síochána - up to 150 participants during the programme at four venues throughout November with the County Finals involving 80 youths held on 1 December.

Part 8 planning for the swimming pool project for Lucan approved in 2017.

The School Sports Hall incorporating a Community facility for Adamstown progressed in 2017 and is due for completion in 2018.

A large number of events organised as part of National Recreation Week and National Play Day.

South Dublin County Sports Partnership Strategic Plan 2017 - 2022 launched.

First Marathon Kids School Programme provided culminating in the Dublin Final day at Morton Stadium in November 2017.

A new Post-Surgery Recovery Clinical Exercise programme at Tallaght Leisure Centre in conjunction with Dublin City University and Tallaght Hospital was finalised as part of our Healthy County programme.

The launch of South Dublin County Sports Partnership's 5 year strategic plan



Housing, Social and Community Development

Objective 4 **Facilitate community leadership and development through community engagement and empowerment**

The third Community Endeavour Awards progressed during 2017 with the award show taking place on November 25.

The Community Initiative Fund approved by the Council in 2015 was again run in 2017. The initiative allowed Community Groups to bid for funding support which is not available from other resources. There were 18 successful entries.

The Community Grants Scheme opened for applications twice during 2017 - in April and September.

The Public Participation Network (PPN) continued to grow its membership. A number of training programmes through the PPN were held during 2017 as well as a seminar on Social Housing.

Eleven Tidy Town Groups were active. All the Tidy Town Groups improved on their results in 2017's National Tidy Towns Competition.

Council supported five Pride of Place Entrants in 2017. Tallaght Community Arts and Ballyroan were awarded Runners Up awards in their categories.

Good Governance Training delivered to twelve Community Centre Management Boards.

Two new Community Initiative Funding Schemes, funded by the Rural and Community Development Department and provided through the LCDC as part of the Departments National RAPID I Grants Programme 2017. SDCC also facilitated the Department's Healthy Ireland Funding.

Overall Community Endeavour Award winners 2017,
the Clondalkin Round Tower Heritage Group



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Environment, Water and Climate Change

Objective 1
Improve the appearance of
our county in the interest of
economic development

Parkland and open space maintained, including a fortnightly grass cutting schedule from March to October that resulted in over 6,260 hectares of grass cut during the period.

Minor improvement works programme consisting of approximately 40 small works schemes (such as the construction of new footpaths across open spaces, erection of boundary railings, upgrades of roundabouts etc.) was delivered, with some carry-over of works from 2016 and with some carry-over to 2018.

Living with Trees - SDCC's Tree Management Policy: From January to November 2017, 3,948 trees were inspected while 156 trees were planted with a further 700 planted during December 2017 and early January 2018 as part of the winter 2017 planting programme. 1,650 trees were pruned, and 993 trees were removed. 328 tree stumps were removed.

N81 Landscape Improvement Scheme: The Preliminary design for the N81 improvement scheme was completed, and the Part 8 was passed in March 2017. The detailed design and investigation stage progressed during 2017; phase one went to tender in early 2018.

Roundabout Sponsorship Scheme: During 2017, a new landscape scheme was designed and implemented on the roundabout at the entrance to Newcastle Village.

South Dublin County Council received a prestigious Green Flag Award for Corkagh Park at an awards ceremony in Malahide Castle in 2017



Environment, Water and Climate Change

A significant landscape upgrade scheme was performed at Orwell roundabout.

A new landscape scheme was designed and tendered and was scheduled to commence implementation in 2018 on the roundabout at the junction of Ballymount Road / Calmount Avenue.

Sponsorship interest confirmed for roundabouts at Templeville Road, Greentrees Road, two roundabouts in Ballymount Industrial Estate and the roundabout on Scholarstown Road at Orlagh Estate.

Green Flag obtained for Corkagh Park in 2017.

Derelict Sites Register maintained with 343 Dangerous Buildings / Derelict Sites inspected during the year, twenty sites on the Register at the end of 2017, two properties vested.

Continued use of emerging technologies and environmental monitoring initiatives including litter / waste CCTV, Programmable Audio Devices to help combat graffiti, litter, illegal dumping and dog fouling installed in various locations. Engagement in Smart Dublin (Small Business Innovation Research) SBIR - an initiative of the four Dublin Local Authorities to engage with smart technology providers, researchers and citizens to solve dumping challenge and improve quality of life through low-cost smart and low-cost innovative solutions.

Successfully secured funding under the 2017 new National Anti-Dumping Grant Scheme for projects aimed at addressing illegal dumping and the development of effective deterrents to discourage people from engaging in this anti-social behaviour.

We collected 427 tonnes of waste collected from 675 bins serviced on five dedicated routes, 4,966 tonnes of illegally dumped material was collected with 5,616 tonnes of road sweeping / gully-cleaning waste collected and disposed of.

Objective 2 **Incorporate environmental sustainability in all policy-making and implementation programmes**



2017 Annual Service Plan agreed with Irish Water and service provided under a Service Level Agreement.

We maintained 1,200km of water mains and four large storage reservoirs.

77 megalitres of water was supplied per day, with an Unaccounted for Water (UFW) of 38.75%.

We maintained 1,200km of foul and surface water sewers.

We repaired 584 Water bursts and leaks.

Water Quality was maintained at an average of 99.9% throughout the year.

59 Water Pollution Incidents were dealt with.

A programme of river clearing was carried out during 2017. The rivers and streams cleared were the Poddle, the Camac, the Whitestown stream and the Oldcourt stream.

Mayor of South Dublin County Council Councillor Paul Gogarty signing the EU Covenant of Mayors Initiative on Climate Change Adaptation

Ballycullen Flood Alleviation Scheme was completed at the end of October, two months ahead of schedule. Work on the procurement phases of the Camac and Poddle flood alleviation schemes also took place.

Surface Water Schemes at Chapel Hill, Ballynakelly, Cookstown Industrial Estate and Beech Park Lucan were completed in 2017. Phase one of the works on Tay Lane in Rathcoole was completed.

'A Strategy towards Climate Change Action Plans for Dublin Local Authorities', was adopted at the Council Meeting in February 2017. Work is well underway across the four Dublin Local Authorities in conjunction with Codema in drafting the Local Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Plans.

Following the passing of the Motion at the September Council meeting, Mayor Paul Gogarty signed up to the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy. This document has been uploaded to www.covenantofmayors.eu. South Dublin County Council is now committed to 40% reduction in CO2 emissions by 2030 and increase of our resilience by adapting to the impacts of climate change.

The turning of the sod ceremony for the Ballycullen Flood Alleviation Scheme



Environment, Water and Climate Change

Objective 3 **Manage our regulatory, licensing and enforcement roles together with the Environmental Protection Agency**

2017 Service Plan agreed with Food Safety Authority of Ireland.

Under our 2017 Litter Management Action Plan, 6,723 complaints were investigated, 553 Litter Fines were issued, with 63 Court Appearances during 2017.

Continued active enforcement of waste legislation and regulations. 21 Enforcement Notices issued. 615 Waste Enforcement Officers Inspections, 40 permitted facilities (Permits and Certificates of Registration).

Inspectors carried out 632 Water Pollution inspections. 17 non-compliance letters issued and 170 Section 16 (Trade Effluent) licences in operation.

We delivered 189 Environmental Awareness workshops / information sessions for schools, communities and businesses delivered.

134 Schools registered in the Green Schools Programme.

There were 2,526 Social Credits Scheme actions.

70 existing recycling Bring Banks and two Recycling Centres provided.

Our recycling message is continuously promoted on an ongoing basis as part of the Environmental Awareness Programme. Particularly during October 2017 - National Reuse Month, where four ReUse workshops for schools and three ReUse workshops for community groups were held. Recycle IT vintage took place in County Hall, Tallaght for the whole of October, an information stand was placed in the Square Tallaght shopping centre, and three Recycle IT Vintage Displays were in SDCC Libraries.

Control of Animals legislation actively enforced under which 591 dogs and 227 horses were impounded during the year. A New National Horse Seizure Tender was published and an interim contract was signed locally.

Ballyowen Equine Centre formally opened and is currently occupied under an Annual Management Agreement with Clondalkin Equine Club.

Dublin Region Horse Welfare Working Group established by SDCC in August 2017 with a broad purpose to develop a concerted collaborative programme aimed at promoting and facilitating responsible horse ownership.

A new tender for the Dog Pound Contract was published and awarded.

Working with the Eastern Midlands Regional Waste Office, SDCC is implementing actions and goals under the eight strategic objectives of the Waste Management Plan 2015 - 2021. Site investigations / Environmental Risk Assessments have been completed at two historic unlicensed landfills which are identified as risk category A.

Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities 2017 work plan agreed by the 12 Eastern Local Authorities.

A Comprehensive Internal Review of management of the Council's Burial Ground services concluded, this examined strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats associated with this service / capacity, costs, policies and procedures. A comprehensive suite of protocols and systems was subsequently developed.

Ballyowen Equine Centre



Objective 4
Maintain and improve our parks and recreation areas to enhance our quality of life

Maintenance and allocation of 163 pitches provided by Council was ongoing throughout the year.

An allotment needs assessment was carried out during the year and the information collated was incorporated into the design of the proposed allotment facilities.

Three new playspaces were completed at Kilnamanagh, Kingswood and Glendoher Park. A large playspace was opened at Tymon Park, and the playground at Griffeen Valley Park was refurbished during the year.

Under the Sports Capital Grants, Tymon Park pitch re-construction and the Lucan Athletics Track upgrade are due on site in 2018. Detailed design progressed concerning an all-weather pitch at Lucan, and discussions between the Club and residents were assisted with facilitation from the council. A further eight projects received Sports Capital Grant Funding in December 2017.

The Planning approval for recreational facilities at Mount Carmel, Dodder Park was approved in October 2017. The construction of replacement pitches at Firhouse Park was completed in September 2017, with the pitches now being in establishment stage.

The feasibility report for Corkagh Park was presented to the SPCs and the Council during the year.

Tymon Park natural playground





Organisational Capacity and Accountability

Objective 1
Support local democracy
including the policy-making
and representation role of
our Elected Members



The '€300k Have Your Say' Participatory Budgeting initiative was launched on 28 February, 2017 for the Lucan Electoral Area. The initiative saw over 2,500 ballots cast across 17 shortlisted projects after the public had submitted 160 ideas. There were eight winning projects chosen to progress to completion in 2018. The Clondalkin Electoral Area was selected as the local electoral area for 2018 at the Council Budget Meeting in November.

The Mayor of South Dublin County held a conference on 3 April in Tallaght Stadium titled 'Putting People First in South Dublin'. The target audience for the event were Councillors, the PPN and the Executive of South Dublin County Council.

The Annual Council Meeting took place on Friday, 30 June, with Councillor Paul Gogarty elected as the Mayor for 2017 - 2018 and Councillor Breeda Bonner elected as Deputy Mayor at the meeting. Appreciation was given to outgoing Mayor Councillor Guss O'Connell and outgoing Deputy Mayor Councillor Martina Genockey at the meeting.

Over one hundred Council meetings were supported annually across meetings of the full Council, CPG, Area Committees, Organisation Procedures and Finance Committee, Strategic Policy Committees and the Joint Policing Committee, including two Special Housing Council Meetings in March and April and a Special Motions meeting in May.

Results night for the '€300k Have Your Say' Participatory Budgeting Initiative



Organisational Capacity and Accountability

Meetings with Oireachtas Members from South Dublin County were held on 24 July and 27 November

The Electoral Register for 2017 / 2018 was published on 15 February, 2017 and the Draft Electoral Register for 2018 / 2019 was published between 1 and 25 November. Work has been finalised on the data cleansing of the current iReg system and is now being tested on its replacement system Voter.ie. Voter.ie is a shared service involving the four Dublin authorities.

Donations statements under Section 19 of the Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure) Act 1999 were returned by members before the deadline of 31 January 2017.

A full review of Standing Orders was undertaken in 2017. Following comparisons with other similarly sized authorities and meetings with administrators and group leaders, the final draft was presented to Members at the May Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee (O. P. and F.) and the agreed final draft was adopted by the Members at the June 2017 Council meeting.

A proposal to introduce Webcasting for County Council meetings was presented to the members at CPG, O. P. and F. and County Council meetings but a decision was made not to proceed with its introduction at this time.

Objective 2 **Provide robust financial management, risk management, audit and corporate governance systems**

In 2017, the financial welfare and effective financial management of the council was achieved and supported through a combination of measures. Budgets were actively monitored and controlled with quarterly reports in revenue and capital issued to Council and the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government.

During the year, the county underwent a complete rates revaluation. Income was tracked through the production and review of monthly billing and collection statements to ensure income maximisation.

The 3-year capital programme incorporating projects of €383.5 million was produced for 2017 - 2018 while council adopted a 2018 revenue budget of €232 million on 16 November.

The 2016 Annual Financial Statement was prepared with subsequent audited accounts and audit report submitted to council and audit committee. During the year, the financial management system was upgraded to Milestone 4 status.

The Audit Committee met four times during the year and delivered their work programme as circulated to the January Council meeting. The Chair of the Audit Committee attended the March Council meeting and presented the Committee's 2016 annual report. The Chair also attended the September Council meeting and presented the Committee's report on their consideration of the Audit of the Annual Financial Statement 2016. Internal Audits were carried out during the year in accordance with the audit plan and recommendations made assisted in strengthening the control environment. The strategic audit plan 2018 - 2020 was approved by the Audit Committee at the December meeting.

The Corporate Procurement Plan 2015 - 2017 continued to be implemented, with progress overseen by the Procurement Steering Group which comprises of middle and senior managers from each Council Department. In 2017, the dedicated Procurement Unit provided training to staff in procurement policy and centrally managed the advertising of competitions on www.etenders.gov.ie. The procurement functionality on the new financial management system Milestone 4 was also rolled out in Q4 2017.

Completion of South Dublin's return for the National Performance Indicators for 2016 was submitted to National Oversight and Audit Commission (NOAC) before the deadline (27 April).

The Public Spending Code was published and submitted to the NOAC on 31 May 2017.

A Record Management and Retention Policy was finalised in 2017 and will assist Council staff in improving record management and in the undertaking of preparatory work in advance of the implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in May 2018.

The Ethics Declaration and preparation of the Ethics Register was completed before the end of February 2017.

The Monthly Management Report to Council was presented at every Council meeting. Changes to the local performance indicators, including target setting and graphical display of data, were completed in test mode to be introduced in 2018.

The Council processed and issued 240 decisions in respect of requests for information under Freedom of Information, Access to Information on the Environment, Data Protection and Ombudsman legislation.

Organisational Capacity and Accountability

Objective 3 **Exploit advances** **in information and** **communications technology** **(ICT) to become more** **efficient and to improve** **services for local people**

A significant procurement exercise was undertaken during 2017 paving the way for a new integrated housing solution to be procured with the implementation project to begin during 2018.

Significant server, desktop, and system upgrades were undertaken during 2017, improving the stability and resilience of the Council's Information and Communications Technology (ICT) base. Provision of upgraded Wi-Fi facilities in our Libraries was completed.

A further iteration of the Council's ICT strategic planning activity was undertaken during 2017, and a technical strategy and security strategy was prepared and will begin its implementation during 2018.

Substantial work took place to deliver a new Council website in 2017. The Council's new website went live in early 2018.

Development, upgrades, and enhancements of many of our systems and online facilities have taken place over the course of 2017. This included the areas of Planning, Dog Licences, Housing Rents, Vacant Sites, Voters Register, Housing Inspections, Agresso / Milestone 4, Core HR and Payroll, NETconsent, Participatory Budgeting System of Ideation and Voting, Risk Management System, PMDS, Roadmap, Environmental Complaints System, and many others.

In conjunction with the Planning Department, the Council's spatial team has been drove the development of a new website for launch in 2018 that assists an individual classified as a property buyer. This service, known as the property economic portal, will yield relevant information regarding areas in our County, related housing availability and development potential.

Objective 4 **Develop and maintain** **appropriate communication** **channels that enable** **proactive citizen** **engagement**

Excellence in Local Government 2017 Award for Citizen Engagement was awarded to South Dublin County Council for the '€300k Have Your Say' Initiative. A further five projects were shortlisted.

Over 450 media enquiries were responded to in 2017.

The number of social media followers increased by over 5,000 with approximately 20,800 followers now on our various social media channels. The Council's Instagram page was also relaunched to reach a younger audience within the region.

Reach across South Dublin County Council's Facebook channel grew by over 66%, with 1,901,450 people seeing the Council's posts. Engagement with the Council's posts increased by 49% in 2017, with 109,387 interacting on Facebook. Reach on Twitter grew by a further 24%, with over 1,300,000 people seeing South Dublin County Council's tweets.

South Dublin County Council took part in Local Authority Twitter Day on 7 March 2017, promoting through social media the varied services that Local Authorities provide to citizens.



Organisational Capacity and Accountability

A Summer and Winter edition of the Citizen's Newsletter was published.

The Unwrapped 2017 programme of Christmas Festivities took place in December.

Over 80,000 queries were processed through customer services across the year with an average response time of 10 days.

Over 162,490 telephone calls were handled by customer services, of which 84% were answered within 20 seconds.

25 Consultations and Surveys closed in 2017 with over 1,100 submissions received.

Smart Dublin Initiative: SBIR Challenge in the area of illegal dumping was launched in 2017. SDCC collaborated with Dublin City Council on this project.

The Smart Dublin team made a presentation to SDCC in the Council's Chambers on 4 October and was attended by 82 staff. Lunch and Learn session on Open Data was presented by Dublinked staff on 28 November and was attended by 17 staff, the full complement allowed at the session.

Seachtain na Gaeilge Átha Cliath Theas, ran from 1 - 17 March with a busy calendar of events, including a special concert by Kila, the Mayor's Céilí, classes for all levels, a workshop with John Spillane, and traditional music sessions.

An extensive programme of events was held on Health and Well-being throughout the year, culminating in Health and Well-being Week in September.

Social Inclusion Week took place from the 20 - 27 of November in conjunction with a host of organisations, including BelongTo, the South Dublin Age Friendly Programme, the HSE and more.

National Accessibility Week was held from 27 November to 4 December with a full programme of events across a range of venues in South Dublin County and organised in conjunction with key partners.

Objective 5
Support staff and organisational development and performance through the implementation of best practice in Human Resource Management

Health and Safety Policy updated and signed by the Chief Executive on 3 March, 2017 with regular monitoring reports presented to the Senior Management Team. Consultation and communication with staff was achieved through quarterly meetings with local safety Monitoring Consultative Committees. Health and Safety inspections were undertaken throughout the year, where non-conformances were identified corrective actions were defined, agreed and implemented.

Workforce planning was led by senior management on a quarterly basis to address issues related to staff structures, grades, skills requirements, mobility and critical vacancies. A Workforce Planning Forum with the trade unions met on a quarterly basis. Recruitment to fill vacancies was ongoing.

The Performance Management and Development System was fully linked to incremental credits and is the core mechanism for managing staff performance in the organisation. It is accompanied by the 2017 Training and Development Plan, which delivered training to over 2,000 participants.

Staff Communications: The Chief Executive gave four Annual Staff Briefings to all staff in Tallaght Stadium in February 2017. The Staff Communications Survey was undertaken in December 2017, and the Staff Newsletter was published in August and December 2017.

Occupational Health Programme: Staff Health and Wellbeing Week took place from the 18 - 25 October.

Staff Service Recognition, Excellence and Innovation Awards Ceremony held on 14 December with recognition given to all retired staff, staff with over 25 years' service and staff with excellent attendance records. Two new categories were added in 2017 of the Outstanding Personal Achievement Award and Best Lean Six Sigma Project Team Award.

30 staff were trained to Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt standard, and 1 to a Green Belt standard, bringing the total number of staff trained to 64 (61 Yellow Belt, 2 Green Belt and 1 Black Belt). Eight projects have issued recommendations and are being implemented across the organisation.



Corporate Awards 2017

Chambers Excellence in Local Government Awards

South Dublin County Council were awarded the Best Practice in Citizen Engagement Award for the '€300k Have Your Say' participatory budgeting initiative.

South Dublin County Council were also shortlisted in the following categories:

- Supporting Active Communities - 55plus Daily Activity Planner
- Health and Wellbeing - It's Not Just a Race
- Best Library Service - Digital Technologies - STEAM in South Dublin Libraries
- Enhancing the Urban Environment - Ballyowen Equine Centre
- Commemorations and Centenaries - Our Heroes - Ár Laochra

National Planning Awards

South Dublin County Council were awarded the top prize in both the Smart Travel and the Planning for Climate Change categories.

Collecting the Best Practice in Citizen Engagement Award at the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards



Appendix 1.

Financial Charts and Graphs

Balance Sheet

as at 31 December 2017 (unaudited)

	2017	2016
	€'000	€'000
Fixed Assets and Work in Progress	3,292,529	3,270,310
Long Term Debtors	155,827	158,230
Net Current Assets	201,188	150,938
Long Term Creditors	(222,381)	(221,110)
Net Assets	3,427,163	3,358,368

Financed by:

Work in Progress and Capitalisation Account	3,311,496	3,258,229
Revenue Reserve - Specific	304	4,870
Revenue Reserve - General	12,146	12,111
Other Balances	103,217	83,158
	3,427,163	3,358,368

Income and Expenditure Account Statement

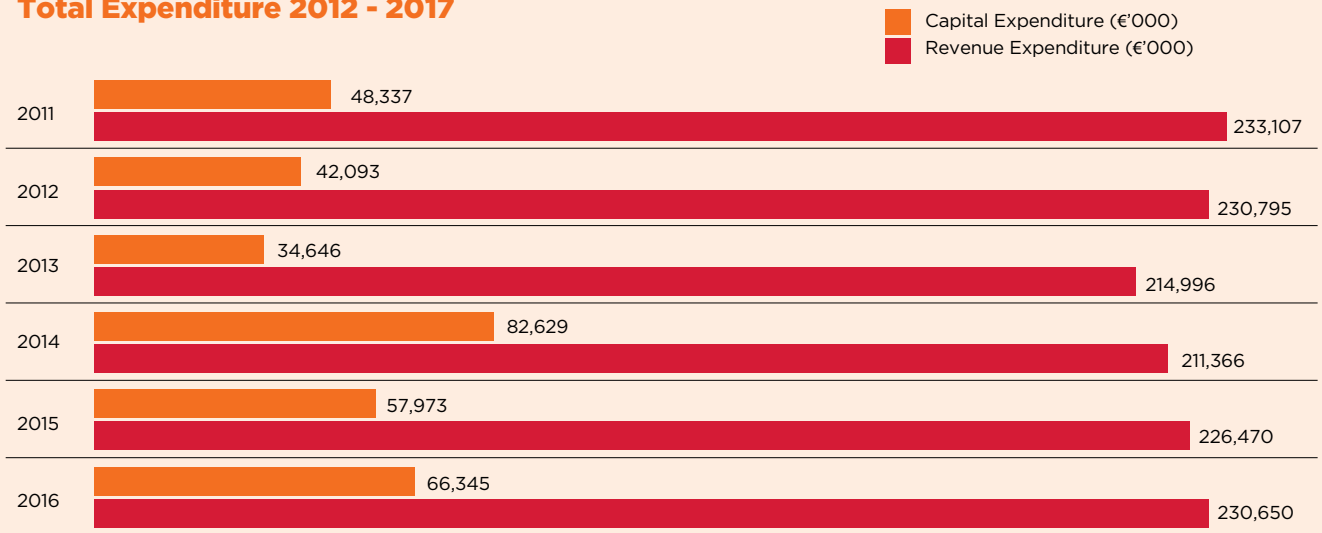
For Year Ending 31 December 2017 (unaudited)

	Gross Expenditure 2017 €'000	Income 2017 €'000	Net Cost 2017 €'000
Housing and Building	60,096	61,223	(1,127)
Roads Transportation and Safety	24,678	5,409	19,269
Water Services	10,373	8,663	1,710
Development Management	16,064	6,485	9,579
Environmental Services	33,384	6,916	26,468
Recreation and Amenity	33,803	4,831	28,972
Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare	1,570	716	854
Miscellaneous Services	16,261	13,677	2,584
Total Expenditure / Income	196,229	107,920	

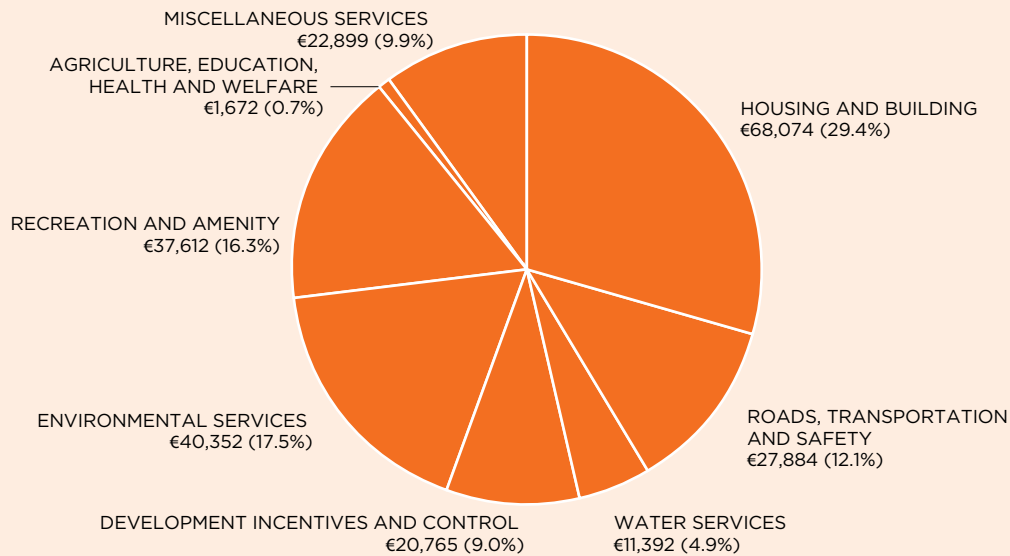
Net cost of Divisions to be funded from Rates, Local Property Tax & PRD

	88,309
Rates Income	117,151
Local Property Tax	5,425
Pension Related Deduction (PRD)	-
Net Transfers to Reserves	(34,232)
Surplus for Year	35
General Reserve at 1 January 2017	12,111
General Reserve at 31 December 2017	12,146

Total Expenditure 2012 - 2017



Revenue Expenditure 2017 by Division (€'000): TOTAL €226,460



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

Appendix 1.1 Entertainment and Associated Expenses

Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2001 requires that the annual report of a local authority record the expenditure and other particulars in connection with the provision of receptions and entertainment in relation to:

- (a) Distinguished persons, and
- (b) In connection with the holding of special events relevant to its function.

Pursuant to this requirement, South Dublin County Council hereby confirms that this figure was €4,975.05 in total for 2017.

Appendix 2.

Membership of South Dublin County Council

Clondalkin - Cluain Dolcáin

Councillor Breeda Bonner (Deputy Mayor)	LAB	bbonner@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Kenneth Egan	FG	kegan@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Trevor Gilligan	FF	tgilligan@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Jonathan Graham	SF	jgraham@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Emer Higgins	FG	ehiggins@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Madeleine Johansson	PBP	mjhansson@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Francis Timmons	IND	ftimmons@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Mark Ward	SF	mward@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie

Lucan - Leamhcán

Councillor Vicki Casserly	FG	vcasserly@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Paul Gogarty (Mayor)	IND	pgogarty@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor William Lavelle	FG	wlavelle@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Ruth Nolan	I4C	ruthnolan@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Danny O'Brien	SF	dannyobrien@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Ed O'Brien	FF	eobrien@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Guss O'Connell	IND	goconnell@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Liona O'Toole	IND	lotoole@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie

Rathfarnham - Ráth Fearnáin

Councillor Paula Donovan	FG	pdonovan@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Francis Duffy	Green	fnduffy@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Sarah Holland	SF	sholland@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Conor McMahon*	FG	cmcmahon@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Emma Murphy	FF	emurphy@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Deirdre O'Donovan	IND	dodonovan@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie

*Following the resignation of Councillor Anne-Marie Dermody, Councillor Conor McMahon was co-opted to South Dublin County Council at the November Council meeting.

Tallaght Central - Tamhlact An Lár

Councillor Mick Duff	LAB	mduff@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Brendan Ferron	SF	bferron@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Kieran Mahon	SOL	kmahon@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Cora McCann	SF	cmccann@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Mick Murphy	SOL	mmurphy@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Charlie O'Connor	FF	coconnor@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie

Tallaght South - Tamhlact Theas

Councillor Louise Dunne	SF	ldunne@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Martina Genockey	LAB	mgenockey@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Emma Hendrick*	PBP	ehendrick@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Cathal King	SF	cathalking@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Brian Leech	SOL	bleech@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Dermot Richardson	SF	drichardson@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie

*Following the resignation of Councillor Nicky Coules, Councillor Emma Hendrick was co-opted to South Dublin County Council at the September Council meeting.

Templeogue - Terenure - Teach Mealóg - Tír an Iúir

Councillor Paul Foley	FF	pfoley@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Pamela Kearns	LAB	pkearns@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Brian Lawlor	FG	blawlor@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Dermot Looney	SD	dlooney@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Ronan McMahon	RENUA	rmcmahon@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie
Councillor Robert Russell*	SF	rrussell@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie

* Following the resignation of Councillor Enda Fanning, Councillor Robert Russell was co-opted to South Dublin County Council at the October Council meeting.

Party Abbreviations

FF Fianna Fáil	PBP People Before Profit Alliance	Green The Green Party
FG Fine Gael	SF Sinn Féin	SOL Solidarity – The Left Alternative
IND Independent	LAB The Labour Party	RENUA RENUA Ireland
I4C Independents 4 Change	SD Social Democrats	

Appendix 2. Membership of South Dublin County Council

Appendix 2.1. Payments to Councillors in 2017

Payments made to Councillors under Section 142 of the Local Government Act 2001	Amount
Representational Payments Total	€662,185.89
Monthly Payments	€257,355.21
Strategic Policy Committee Chairperson's Allowance Total	€36,000.00
Mayor's Allowance (January to December 2017)	€29,938.46
Deputy Mayor's Allowance (January to December 2017)	€5,987.69
Training	€35,033.64
Other Payments	€2,055.83
Total of Expenses paid to members in respect of attendance at meetings of the County Council and its Committees	€1,028,556.72

Appendix 2.2: Council Membership of Committees and Other Bodies

Area Committees Chairs

Councillor Mark Ward was unanimously elected Chair of the Clondalkin Area Committee.

Councillor Ed O'Brien was unanimously elected Chair of the Lucan Area Committee.

Councillor Louise Dunne was unanimously elected Chair of the Tallaght Area Committee.

Councillor Dermot Looney was unanimously elected Chair of the Rathfarnham / Templeogue-Terenure Area Committee.

Strategic Policy Committees

Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Education and Libraries SPC Council Members

- Councillor Dermot Richardson - Chairperson
- Councillor Breeda Bonner
- Councillor Brian Leech
- Councillor Madeleine Johansson
- Councillor Cora McCann
- Councillor Dermot Looney

Sectoral Members

- Ms Deirdre Mooney - South Dublin Chamber
- Mr Peadar O'Caomhanaigh - PPN

Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism SPC

Council Members

- Councillor Charlie O' Connor - Chairperson
- Councillor Guss O' Connell
- Councillor Ronan Mc Mahon
- Councillor Francis Duffy
- Councillor Paul Foley
- Councillor Conor McMahon
- Councillor Brendan Ferron
- Councillor William Lavelle

Sectoral Members

- Dr. Damien Roche - ITT or Institute of Technology Tallaght
- Sean Reid - South Dublin Chamber
- Tara De Buitlear - PPN
- Sherri Brennan - South Dublin Chamber
- IBEC - Vacant at present

Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change SPC

Council Members

- Councillor Pamela Kearns - Chairperson
- Councillor Danny O'Brien
- Councillor Ed O' Brien
- Councillor Brian Lawlor
- Councillor Rob Russell
- Councillor Francis Timmons

Sectoral Members

- Connie Kiernan - PPN
- John Farrell - South Dublin Chamber
- Donnie Andersen - Agricultural and Farming

Housing SPC

Council Members

- Councillor Cathal King - Chairperson
- Councillor Louise Dunne
- Councillor Kieron Mahon
- Councillor Mick Duff
- Councillor Martina Genockey
- Councillor Trevor Gilligan
- Councillor Mark Ward
- Councillor Emma Hendrick

Sectoral Members

- Betty Tyrrell-Collard - ICTU
- Gillian Mc Williams - PPN
- Catriona Mc Clean - PPN

Social and Community SPC

Council Members

- Councillor Deirdre O'Donovan - Chairperson
- Councillor Jonathan Graham
- Councillor Vicki Casserly
- Councillor Sarah Holland
- Councillor Kenneth Egan
- Councillor Emma Murphy

Sectoral Members

- Gráinne Ní Mhuirí - PPN
- Latifat Olagoke - PPN

Land Use, Transportation and Planning SPC

Council Members

- Councillor Emer Higgins - Chairperson
- Councillor Mick Murphy
- Councillor Ruth Nolan
- Councillor Paul Gogarty
- Councillor Liona O' Toole
- Councillor Paula Donovan

Sectoral Members

- Neil Durkan - Development Construction
- Denis Sherwin - South Dublin Chamber
- Siobhan Butler - PPN

South Dublin County Council Audit Committee Members

- George Kennington (Chair), Partner Audit, Crowe Horwath
- Eilis Quinlan, Quinlan and Co Chartered Accountants
- Ann Horan, Chairperson of the Health Products Regulatory Authority
- Dermot Carter, Director of Finance, The Adelaide and Meath Hospital incorporating the National Children's Hospital*
- Councillor Dermot Richardson
- Councillor Guss O'Connell
- Councillor Martina Genockey

*Dermot Carter resigned from the Committee on the 12 December 2017

Appendix 2. Membership of South Dublin County Council

South Dublin County Council Joint Policing Committee Membership 2017

South Dublin Councillors (13) plus Mayor

- Councillor Deirdre O'Donovan (Chair)
- Councillor Paula Donovan
- Councillor Mick Duff
- Councillor Louise Dunne
- Councillor Kenneth Egan
- Councillor Brendan Ferron
- Councillor Paul Foley
- Councillor Emma Hendrick
- Councillor Cathal King
- Councillor Kieran Mahon
- Councillor Ed O'Brien
- Councillor Liona O'Toole
- Councillor Mark Ward
- Mayor, Councillor Paul Gogarty

Oireachtas (5)

- Sean Crowe T.D.
- John Curran T.D.
- John Lahart T.D.
- Vacant
- Vacant

SDCC (1)

- Billy Coman

Garda Siochána (2)

- Chief Superintendent Kevin Galton
- Chief Superintendent Lorraine Wheatley

Community (7) (PPN (4) Other (3))

- Ann Corrigan (PPN)
- Enda Creegan (PPN)
- Tara Deasy (PPN)
- Michael Noonan (PPN)
- Vacant (Drug and Alcohol Task Force Community)
- Ray McGrath (Drug and Alcohol Task Force Community)
- Gemma Carton (Garda Diversion)

Local Community Development Committee Membership 2017

Name	Organisation
Private	
Prof. Mary Corcoran	NUI Maynooth
Prof. Joe Barry	Trinity College Centre for Health Sciences
Anna Lee	Community
Larry O'Neill	SDC Partnership
Tricia Nolan	PPN Community
Gerry Stockil	PPN Community
Justin Byrne	PPN Environment
Aiden Lloyd	PPN Social Inclusion
Maurice Walsh	PPN Social Inclusion
Vacancy	Youth Services

Name	Organisation
Public	
Cllr Paula Donovan	Elected Member
Cllr Kieran Mahon	Elected Member
Cllr Sarah Holland	Elected Member
Billy Coman	South Dublin County Council
Padraig Rehill	Health Service Executive
Deirdre McKeon	Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board
Henry Fottrell	Department of Social Protection
Colm Ward	Local Enterprise Office

Appendix 3. Training Conferences attended by Councillors in 2017

Name	Venue	Date
AILG Training National Planning Framework	Radisson Blu Hotel, Co. Athlone	16 February 2017
Local Government Modernisation	University College, Co. Cork	16 February 2017
Colmcille Winter School Ireland and the EU after post-British Withdrawal	28th Colmcille Winter School, Co. Donegal	24 - 25 February 2017
Tourism Seminar - Collaborate Locally to Compete Globally - Local Authorities Supporting Tourism	Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, Co. Dublin	29 - 30 March 2017
AILG Annual Conference	West County Hotel, Ennis, Co. Clare	6 - 7 April 2018
LAMA Annual Conference	City North Hotel, Gormanston, Co. Meath	28 - 29 April 2017
A Briefing for Elected Members on Community Development initiatives - Urban and Rural	Arklow, Co. Wicklow	9 May 2017
A Briefing for Elected Members on Community Development initiatives - Urban and Rural	Castlecourt Hotel, Westport, Co. Mayo	13 May 2017
AILG Training A Briefing for Elected Members on Community Development Initiatives	Lakeside Hotel, Ballina / Killaloe, Co. Tipperary	18 May 2017
Brexit, Regional Planning and EU Affairs	Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow	26 May 2017
AILG Training	Dundalk, Co. Louth	10 June 2017
Global Turbulence And Uncertainty - Ireland And Europe Must Prepare For A New Era	Mac Gill Summer School, Glenties, Co. Donegal	19 - 20 July 2017
Changing Trends And Approaches To Drug And Alcohol Abuse'	Baltimore, Co. Cork	1 - 3 September 2017
Wellbeing for Councillors	City North Hotel, Gormanstown, Co. Meath	14 September 2017

Appendix 3. Training Conferences attended by Councillors in 2017

Name	Venue	Date
Wellbeing for Councillors	Clayton Silver Springs Hotel, Co. Cork	23 September 2017
Local Authority Members Association Waste Management Better Efficiency	Hotel Minella, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary	28 - 30 September 2017
Association of Irish Local Government - Autumn Training Conference	Sligo Park Hotel, Co. Sligo	12 - 13 October 2017
Institute of Professional Training Local Authority Budgets	Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal	13 - 15 October 2017
Association of Irish Local Government National Library Strategy 2018 - 2022	Bridge House Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly	19 October 2017
Association, of Irish Local Government - Weather Emergencies and Local Authorities	Amber Springs Hotel, Gorey, Co. Wexford	14 November 2017
Association, of Irish Local Government - Weather Emergencies and Local Authorities	Dunboyne Castle, Dunboyne, Co. Meath	18 November 2017
University of Limerick 8th Annual Tourism Workshop	Dromoland Castle, Newmarket-on-Fergus, Co. Clare	17 - 18 November 2017

Appendix 4. Energy Efficiency Report 2017

2017 South Dublin County Council total final energy consumption

Total Primary Energy Requirement (TPER)

Energy	Energy Category	Energy Type	Unit	Baseline	2017
Electricity			kWh	52,968,669	40,602,807
	Electricity		kWh	52,968,669	40,602,807
		Net Electricity Imports (MPRN data)	kWh	23,183,983	15,688,977
		Net Electricity Imports (non-MPRN data)	kWh	29,784,685	24,913,830
Thermal			kWh	8,215,097	9,271,520
	Gas		kWh	6,926,128	7,804,193
		Natural Gas (GPRN data)	kWh	6,871,166	7,401,983
		LPG (purchased by volume)	kWh	54,962	402,211
	Heating Oils		kWh	1,288,969	1,467,327
		Kerosene	kWh	84,875	25,188
		Gasoil	kWh	1,204,094	1,442,139
Transport			kWh	6,820,250	4,313,368
		Transport Fuels (Mineral Oil Fuels)	kWh	6,771,205	4,186,437
		Transport Biofuels	kWh	49,045	126,931
Total Primary Energy Requirement (TPER)			kWh	68,004,016	54,187,695

This is a 27% improvement in energy performance and is based on a baseline year of the average between 2006 and 2008 and a composite activity metric of population served per leisure centre as the leisure centres opened the doors to the public during the baseline period. South Dublin County Council is on target to reach required 33% improvement by 2020.

Appendix 4. Energy Efficiency Report 2017

Summary of Energy Related Projects and Activities

District Heating detailed study: - EU HEATNET project

South Dublin County Council are partners in this three year EU project to develop a transition strategy for delivering low carbon district heat, developed and tested in six local district heating networks in UK, Ireland, Belgium, France and the Netherlands. As part of this a pilot project for the first fourth generation district heating network in Ireland is being developed in Tallaght.

Pilot project Freqcon next generation DS3 energy converter installed with 50kw of Photovoltaic cells on the roof of County Hall resulting in a reduction in carbon production.

Municipal Buildings:

County Hall - Continued programme of energy savings and staff energy awareness programme during 2017.

Tallaght Stadium - Lighting upgrade and water saving efficiencies have been measured.

Community/Residential

Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DECLG) Energy Upgrade Programme - continued upgrade of tenant houses with 310 dwellings in Foxdene, Greenfort and Moorfield upgraded in 2017.

Green Community Centres Project -

Upgrades and awareness campaign continued in 2017.

Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) BEC 2017 Programme -

Knockmitten and Fettercairn Community Centres:

- Installation of PV (Photovoltaic System)
- Lighting Energy Upgrade (general and emergency lighting)
- Heating Upgrade Works (Heat Pump and Heating Controls) (applicable to Knockmitten Community Centre only)

Public Lighting

Roll-out of LED Public Lighting - continued with 1,741 upgrades in 2017

Transport

Dodder Greenway - Environmental Assessment has been completed and Part 8 was formally approved in November for section of Dodder Greenway within South Dublin County Council

Grange Road Scheme - Phase 1 completed early 2017 and official opening of St Enda's Centenary Plaza took place 28 April 2017.

Appendix 5. Protected Disclosures 2017

Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 requires the publication of an annual report relative to Protected Disclosures received.

Pursuant to this requirement, South Dublin County Council hereby confirms that there were no protected disclosures received in 2017.

Appendix 6.

Local Performance Indicators 2017

Corporate Performance and Change Management

Statistic Name	Totals
Customer Contacts processed through Customer Management System (CMS)	86,276
Average CMS response time	5.68
Members representations processed	8,280
Members representations Average Response time (days)	10.28
Telephone calls answered	171,669
Telephone calls answered within 20 seconds (%)	92.54
Media queries responded to	489
Fix Your Street queries responded to	5,660
Web pages opened	2,626,009
Social media followers	19,270
Staff employed - WTE	1,229
Apprenticeships / graduates	8
Number of Community Employment (CE) participants	83
% of CE participants allocated	66
Training programme - Number of participants	2,866
Number of Customer Care queries / complaints received in Irish	17

Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

Statistic Name	Totals
LEO - jobs supported	81
LEO - projects approved	28
LEO - training participants	663
LEO - mentoring sessions	378
Business support grants spend	414,126.24
Business initiative with Chamber meetings held	288
Shopfront grants paid	10
Grange Castle jobs sustained	4,411
Library - visitors actual	859,697
Library - visitors online	477,352
Library - items borrowed	1,161,523
Library - computer sessions	197,270
Libraries - events hosted	3,980
Library Wi-Fi users	125,964
Arts grants paid	29
Arts events hosted	70
Visitors civic theatre	443,138
Visitors Rua Red	146,398
GC Jobs (Construction)	931

Statistic Name	Totals
SDCC Investment in Tourism Projects	2,507,782.66

Environment, Water and Climate Change

Statistic Name	Totals
Grass cut - Hectares	6,526.69
Trees inspected	4,056
Trees pruned	1,766
Trees removed	1,032
Trees planted	606
Number of stumps removed	328
Number of locations of hedge cuts	205
Hectares of park land maintained	1,750
Number of allotments provided	421
Playing pitches provided / maintained	162
Playgrounds provided / maintained	34
Tonnage of waste collected - street bins	427.02
Tonnage of waste collected - litter / illegal dumping	4,966.37
Tonnage of waste collected - road sweeping / gullies	5,615.5
Number of bring banks provided	74
Number of recycling centres	2
Number of green flag schools	134
Kilometres of roads swept monthly	931
Derelict site / dangerous building inspections	343
Number of sites on derelict sites register	20
Number of environment inspections	615
Environment enforcement procedures commenced	23
Environment enforcement - cases closed	24
Litter - fines issued	553
Litter - court appearances	43
Litter - cases closed	4,407
Total number of waste permits in force	34
Number of waste enforcement notices issued	21
Water Quality (%)	99.9
% of unaccounted for water	38.75
Water maintenance repairs completed	584
Water pollution incidents dealt with	59
Number of dogs impounded	591
Number of dog licences in force	8,840
Dublin Fire Brigade (DFB) fire incidents mobilised	2,208

Appendix 6. Local Performance Indicators 2017

Statistic Name	Totals
DFB Ambulance incidents mobilised	12,915
Number of horses impounded	227

Housing, Social and Community Development

Statistic Name	Totals
Total housing stock	9,167
Construction starts	299
Construction completions	0
Total housing needs assessed	8,172
Allocations - Homeless / Other	258
No. of voids	48
Time taken to re-let dwellings (weeks)	9
Total RAS units	1,397
Total HAP units	2,339
Total units leased	892
Number of housing grants approved	261
Housing Maintenance requests received	19,307
Housing Maintenance requests completed	9,011
Planned Maintenance - units completed	134
Total PPN registrations	106
Number of community grants issued	96
Number of sports programmes	2,437
Number of sports programme participants	124,092
Number of community events	323
Number of community event participants	67,430
Visitors to leisure facilities	586,724
Private Residential Tenancies Board (PRTB) inspections	0
PRTB called no access	0
Building Energy Rating (BER) inspections	179
BER Certs published	218
Mechanical Inspections	2,168
Energy upgrades completed	319
Electrical inspections completed	2,143
Number of anti-social incidents reported	663
Number of actions taken in response to reports	7,785
Joint Policing Committee and Policing Fora meetings held	37
Number of Local Festivals supported	10
Disabled Person's Grant (DPG) Works	196
Tidy Towns Groups Supported	11

Land Use Planning and Transportation

Statistic Name	Totals
Planning applications received - new housing	207
Planning applications received - new housing (units)	2,343
Planning granted new houses - applications	104
Planning granted new houses - applications (units)	2,053
Planning applications housing - applications	207
Planning applications housing - applications (units)	2,343
Planning Refused - number of houses	262
Planning applications - other	692
Planning other - number granted	595
Planning other - number refused	63
Additional information requests - all classes	179
% decisions upheld by ABP	60
Pre planning meetings held	206
Planning enforcements initiated	97
Enforcement files closed	84
Building control inspections	313
Commencement notices received	1517
Taking in Charge (TIC) requests received	1
TIC completions	3
Area of footpath repaired in metres squared (m2)	83,781
Area of road repaired in m2	129,455
Number of public lights in charge	29,269
Number of public lights repaired	6,409
Traffic lights repaired	1,005

Appendix 7.

Senior Management Team

Chief Executive	Daniel McLoughlin
Director of Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development	Frank Nevin
Director of Housing, Social and Community Development	Billy Coman
Director of Environment, Water and Climate Change	Teresa Walsh
Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management	Lorna Maxwell
Director of Land Use, Planning and Transportation	Eddie Taaffe (until October 2017) and Laura Leonard, Acting
Head of Finance	Ronan Fitzgerald
Head of Information Systems	Tommy Kavanagh
County Architect	Eddie Conroy
Law Agent	Lorcan Gógan

