

ANNUAL REPORT

2019



Our Mission

To make our county a vibrant and inclusive place for the people who live, visit, work, and do business here, now and for the future.

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Cllr Vicki Casserly

Mayor of South Dublin
County Council

I am honoured as Mayor and First Citizen of our great County to give the foreword to the 2019 Annual Report. 2019 was an eventful year, and this report presents an overview of some of the key milestones for the Council.

It also gives me great pride as a former employee of South Dublin County Council to introduce some of the great work the Council carried out throughout the year. My experience as a former staff member has hugely influenced how I helped shape our chambers, our County and our workplace this year to follow the core values of community, opportunity, environment, wellbeing and inclusion.

Our Council works because of the strong working relationships between various stakeholders. We work collaboratively with staff, businesses, community groups, elected representatives, and most importantly, any citizen that wishes to engage with our local authority to influence and

Foreword From the Mayor

shape the area in which they live. It has always been key for our developments as this interaction helps us to consistently strive to ensure South Dublin County is an inclusive county for all who live, work and travel through here. We want to meet the needs of our diverse society and strive to incorporate this into the ethos of our work.

2019 held many highlights for both myself and the Council. One of the great pleasures of my role as Mayor has been in seeing the great spirit of community that exists in all corners of this County. People from all walks of life, old and young, rural and urban, new and established communities, showing a tremendous sense of respect for each other. Community is something we cherish even more in this trying time, but what I have witnessed in my year ahead gives me great hope for our future. I was very pleased when the Council adopted the Climate Change Action Plan during the year, formalising the targets and actions we will take to meet the climate challenges that lie ahead. However, we were already ahead of the curve in

implementing areas such as pollinator plans, green schools initiatives, water fountains, recycling days, tree planting, safe electrical free recycling days, education and our hugely successful natural playspace programme. We have also been trailblazers in ensuring new playspaces are fully accessible and inclusive for persons with disability in our community.

It has been an enormous privilege to be Mayor and to serve South Dublin County during 2019 and 2020. Through the achievements and the challenges we have faced together, my belief in the spirit of the community in South Dublin County and the work the Council does to serve you has never been stronger. Finally, I would like to thank the Chief Executive, Daniel McLoughlin and all of the Council staff and Elected Members for their support during my term of office.



Daniel McLoughlin

Chief Executive

I want to join with the Mayor in welcoming the publication of our Annual Report, which is an important milestone each year in our efforts to communicate what we are trying to achieve for the citizens of South Dublin. This was an important year from a corporate perspective, being a local election year and the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of this Council. Following its election in May, one of the primary obligations of the new Council was the preparation of its five-year Corporate Plan, which was adopted in December and provides us with a roadmap for the next five years.

Organisationally 2019 saw significant developments across all work areas. In particular good progress was made in improved service delivery and the advancement of infrastructure developments. Once again in 2019 housing completion targets were exceeded, with 1,722 housing solutions provided, for families on our housing list. Our immediate and short-term housing plans include the delivery of 4,500 homes over the next five years. The first of these developments at Kilcarbery, received planning permission from An Bord Pleanála for 1,034 homes in December. Our larger sites will provide mixed tenure opportunities and we applied for and have been awarded €18m from the Serviced Sited Fund, to support the provision of affordable housing as part of these developments.

Introduction From the Chief Executive

Conscious of the need to manage our existing stock, the Council adopted an €11m Planned Maintenance Programme early in 2019. In the interests of streamlining tenant services and moving to digital platforms, substantial progress has been made on the implementation of a dedicated ICT Housing System, due to be rolled out in mid-2020.

In the context of Community Services, the Council once again provided a vast range of community and social inclusion supports including grant aid, sport programmes, health and wellbeing interventions and direct support through its network of community centres. In the context of housing and community policy, the Council adopted a new Traveller Accommodation Plan for the period 2019-2024 and a new Integration Strategy “A More Inclusive County”, for the same period.

Community development is also supported through the provision of a wide range of sport and recreation facilities. 2019 saw the completion of our Playspace Programme with a 70% increase in provision to 49 facilities. The emphasis going forward, will be on our recently developed Teen Space Programme. Additional facilities at Firhouse Mount Carmel, Dodder Valley together with two new parks at Adamstown valued at €14m, are among the additions to our recreation provision being advanced to construction. We continue to support clubs in advancing projects under the Sports Capital Programme, such as Lucan Athletic and Collinstown FC. We have commenced our Pavillions Programme with construction nearing completion at Old Bawn and planning has been received for Griffeen, Lucan. The construction of Lucan Pool and Leisure Centre is underway, while a new Sports Pitch Strategy is in the process of completion.

It has been a busy year on the planning front, with the final approval of the Clonburris SDZ and the publication of the Tallaght LAP. The Council has successfully applied for funding under the first round of the URDF, receiving €15m for a range of projects in Tallaght Town Centre and funding for the master planning of the regeneration zoned lands along the Naas Road, east of the M50. There has been a very significant increase in planning activity associated with Strategic Housing Developments (SHDs), which although determined by An Bord Pleanála, require advance consultation with our planning department. The Council has advanced a range of mobility and cycling projects, while roads projects of note, include the completion of the €20m R120 upgrade and the commencement of the Belgard North Link Road.

Sustaining and growing business and employment are fundamental to our growth strategy. Once again in 2019, we supported existing businesses through our €1m Business Support Fund. Architects have been appointed to design the new Innovation Centre which will be the centrepiece of the Innovation Quarter at Belgard North. The expansion of Grange Castle took another step forward, with the tender of the access road to the new lands at Grange Castle West. This will commence construction in early 2020. Further information has been lodged with An Bord Pleanála for the Dublin Mountains Project, while the expansion of the Grand Canal Greenway has received planning approval.

Other substantial projects in this area include the final stand in Tallaght Stadium, which is under design and library developments at Tymon and Clondalkin, which are nearing completion. We continue to make good progress on the presentation of the County with enhancement works to our villages and improved public realm and landscape improvements, most notably to the N81.

The launch of our first Climate Action Plan 2019-2024 signifies a significant area of focus for the years ahead. We have already made good progress in LED public lighting replacement, single use plastics policy, tree planting, electrification of our fleet, pollinator plan implementation and flood alleviation projects. In this latter regard, schemes for the Poodle, Camac and Whitchurch Stream have advanced through planning. The Tallaght District Heating Programme has received €4m grant aid and will commence construction in 2020.

We look forward in continuing this good work in the years ahead and fulfilling the ambition of our new Corporate Plan for the benefit of our existing citizens and those yet to live here.

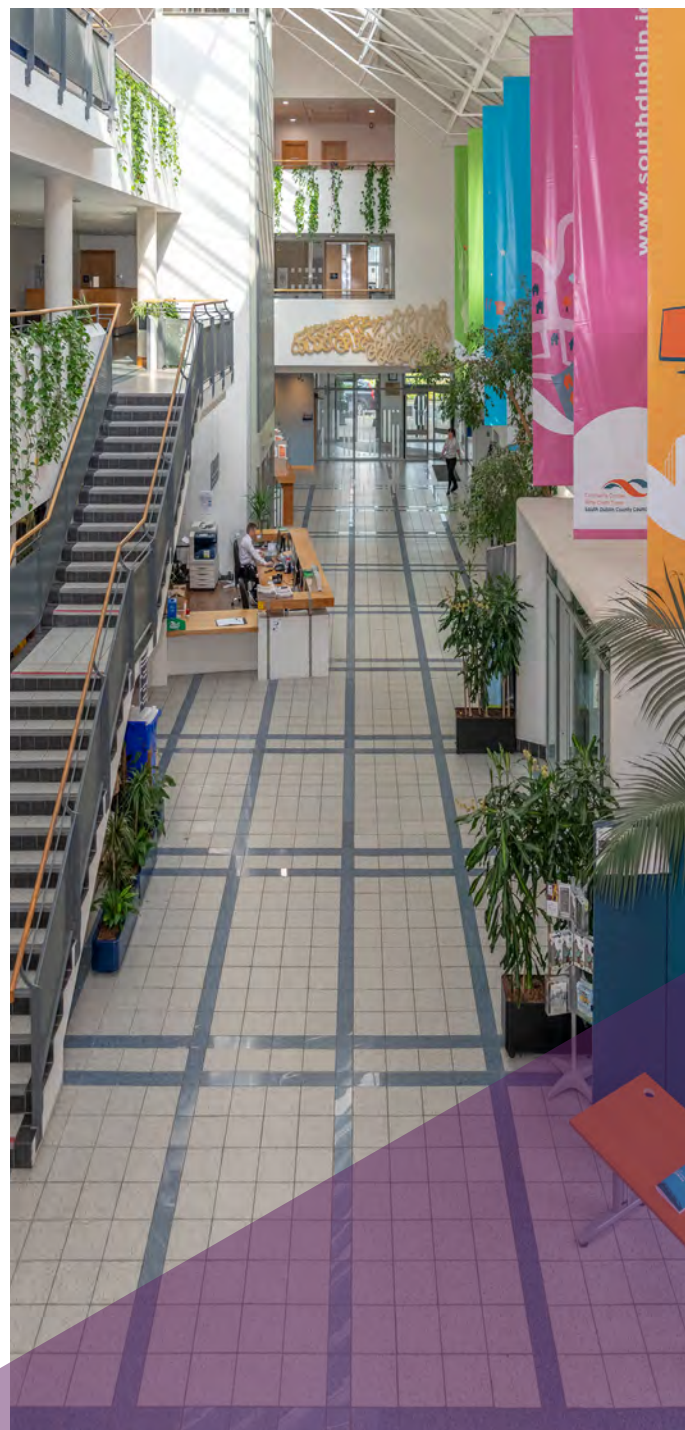


The Round Tower, Clondalkin

About the Council

South Dublin County Council came into existence on the 1st January 1994 and operates in an area of 222.74 square kilometers. It is bounded by Dublin city to the northeast, the Dublin Mountains and County Wicklow to the south, the River Liffey to the north separating it from Fingal and County Kildare to the west. The county has a population of 278,767 people living in 92,363 homes according to the 2016 census, representing a 5.1 per cent population increase from the previous census in 2011. This is higher than the national population increase of 3.8 per cent and on a par with the level of growth in Dublin City.

The Council is made up of 40 elected members spread across seven electoral areas with the Mayor elected by the members annually. Along with the Corporate Policy Group, six Strategic Policy Committees develop and recommend policy to the Council. Committees are made up of elected members and representatives of the business, farming, environment, community and trade union sectors.



25 Years Dedicated to Service

South Dublin County Council celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary during 2019. The Council invited back past members and staff of the Council to celebrate the event, including Don Tipping, the Council's first Cathaoirleach and John Fitzgerald, the first County Manager.

A number of events and initiatives were held throughout the year as the Council reflected on past achievements. These achievements include the development of Tallaght town centre, the transportation network including the Luas to Tallaght and City West, the County's many business parks, its retail hubs at Liffey Valley and the Square, together with the numerous libraries, community, leisure and recreational facilities provided by the Council. The milestone occurred as the Council continues its work on improving the quality of life and socio-economic opportunities of its existing 278,000 residents while providing a pathway and infrastructure to accommodate and integrate the anticipated 150,000 additional population in the medium to long term.



Council Meetings 2019

There were 81 meetings of the full Council, Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee, Corporate Policy Group (CPG) and Area Committees comprising:

- 10 County Council Meetings
- 1 Annual Meeting
- 1 Annual Budget Meeting
- 5 Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee Meetings (including 1 Special Budget Meeting)
- 11 Corporate Policy Group meetings (including 1 Budget Meeting)
- The four Area Committees for Clondalkin, Lucan-Palmerstown-Fonthill, Rathfarnham/Tempelogue-Firhouse/Bohernabreen and Tallaght each met eight times in 2019

In addition, there were:

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

Strategic Policy Committees (SPCs)

Arts, Culture, Gaelige, Heritage and Libraries Strategic Policy Committee

Chaired by Councillor Mick Duff

This SPC met twice in 2019 to consider policies in relation to the following areas:

- Fourth Irish Language Scheme;
- Creative Ireland Strategy;
- Library Capital Projects;
- Updates on the South Dublin County Libraries Development Plan 2018-2023 'Open to You';
- Appointments to the Board of SDCC Arts Company/ Civic Theatre Board.

Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee

Chaired by Councillor Cathal King

This SPC met twice in 2019 to consider policies in relation to the following areas:

- The Business Support Strategy in conjunction with South Dublin Chamber;
- The County Tourism Strategy;
- The Local Economic Community Plan (LECP) updates and implementation;
- Developments in the Grange Castle Business Park;
- The Dodder Greenway.

Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change Strategic Policy Committee

Chaired by Councillor Brian Lawlor

This SPC met twice in 2019 to consider policies in the following areas:

- Climate Change Action Plan 2019 - 2024;
- Flood Alleviation and Minor Surface Water Improvement Schemes;
- Living With Trees Interim Review;
- Sports Pitch Update;
- Draft Litter Management Plan 2020 - 2024;
- Agglomeration Noise Action Plan.

Housing Strategic Policy Committee

Chaired by Councillor Charlie O Connor

The Housing SPC met twice to consider policies in relation to the following areas:

- Housing Supply and Delivery – Projects;
- Dublin Region Homeless Action Plan 2019-2021;
- Draft Scheme of Priority Affordable Dwelling Purchase Arrangement;
- Differential Rents Scheme;
- Allocations Scheme;
- Traveller Accommodation Programme;
- Disability Supports.

Social, Community and Equality Strategic Policy Committee

Chaired by Councillor Trevor Gilligan

The Social, Community and Equality SPC met twice to consider policies in relation to the following areas:

- Migrant Integration Strategy 'A More Inclusive County'
- Review of South Dublin County Council's Age Friendly Strategy;
- Community Grants;
- Community Infrastructure Fund;
- Community Endeavour Awards 2019.

Land Use, Planning and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

Chaired by Councillor William Priestley

This SPC met twice in 2019 to consider policies in relation to the following areas:

- County Development Plan Variation No.3;
- Regional Spatial Economic Strategy Update;
- Ballycullen-Oldcourt Local Area Plan Extension;
- Strategic Housing Development Update;
- Parking Bye Laws;
- Tallaght Local Area Plan.

Details on the full membership of each Strategic Policy Committee is available in Appendix 2.

Key Achievements in 2019



Local Elections 2019

Forty councillors were elected at the 2019 Local Elections in May. This included seventeen newly elected members that joined a returning twenty-three to make up the forty seats in the Council. They will act as the public representatives of the people of South Dublin County over the coming years.

Fianna Fáil was returned as the largest political party in the make-up of the new Council while 35% of the seats, 14 out of 40, were won by women, higher than the national average. The new Council sat for the first time at the Annual Meeting of South Dublin County Council held on Friday 7 June 2019 in County Hall, Tallaght, where Cllr Vicki Casserly representing the Lucan electoral area was elected Mayor of South Dublin County.

Voter.ie Launch

In the lead up to the Local Elections, South Dublin County Council and the other three Dublin local authorities launched a new web portal that enables over one million Dublin residents to check their electoral details in real-time.

Voter.ie is a joint initiative involving the four Dublin local authorities. It was developed to improve the efficiency and accuracy of the Register of Electors and allow for online registration.

In addition to the basic search functionality, the portal will also allow voters who are registered with mygov.id to add themselves to the Register of Electors, change their details or remove themselves from the register.



Corporate Plan

In December, elected members adopted the Council's Corporate Plan 2020 - 2024. The Corporate Plan was the product of extensive consultation across elected members and Council staff, the public and external stakeholder bodies, as well as strategic planning and analysis across the activities of the Council.

The Council's new mission statement is to 'to make our county a vibrant and inclusive place for the people who live, visit, work, and do business here, now and for the future.'

The Corporate Plan 2020 - 2024 provides a clear link for citizens between the Council's Annual Service Delivery Plans, the budgetary process and the Chief Executive's monthly progress report.

The six Core Values identified in the new Corporate Plan are listed to the right.

Core Values

Customer service

Sustainability

Inclusiveness, equality and accessibility

Innovation, creativity and diversity

Accountability and transparency

Value for money



Kilcarbery

The Council's joint venture development of 1,034 homes on 29 acres of council lands at Kilcarbery in Clondalkin, Dublin 22 was approved by An Bord Pleanála in December.

The mixed tenure development includes 310 social housing units, or 30% of the development, and is the first of its kind envisaged as part of the major urban sites initiative under "Rebuilding Ireland".

The 724 private homes include a comprehensive range of three and four-bed houses as well as one, two and three-bed apartments. The tender also includes an 847 square metre community building which will be handed over to the Council. A crèche and retail unit are also included as part of the development.

Housing Targets

115%

In February of 2019, figures released by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government showed that more than 1,787 additional households were supported by South Dublin County Council through social housing solutions in the previous year representing 115% of the Council's Rebuilding Ireland target set.

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In July, the Council considered proposals that could deliver up to 4,500 new homes to the area during the lifetime of the current Council up until 2024. The total investment envisaged under the ambitious housing plan is in excess of €1 billion. It is expected that over 70% of the 4,500 homes will be delivered as either social or affordable housing.

Affordable Housing

An expressions of interest portal for affordable housing in the County was launched in September. The launch of the portal followed the allocation of €18 million to South Dublin County Council by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government through the government's Serviced Sites Fund to support the development of three sites earmarked for the delivery of affordable homes. The three sites initially earmarked were Killinarden in Tallaght, Rathcoole and phase one of the Clonburris Strategic Development Zone.



Home Delivery

Final figures showed that over 1,700 households were supported by South Dublin County Council through new social housing supply in 2019.

Under the Rebuilding Ireland Programme, annual targets are set by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) for each local authority area. Local authorities are responsible for monitoring and delivering on these targets, including through collaboration with Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs). For South Dublin County, the overall new build figure delivered in 2019 was 449 – which is 3% above the South Dublin County build target.

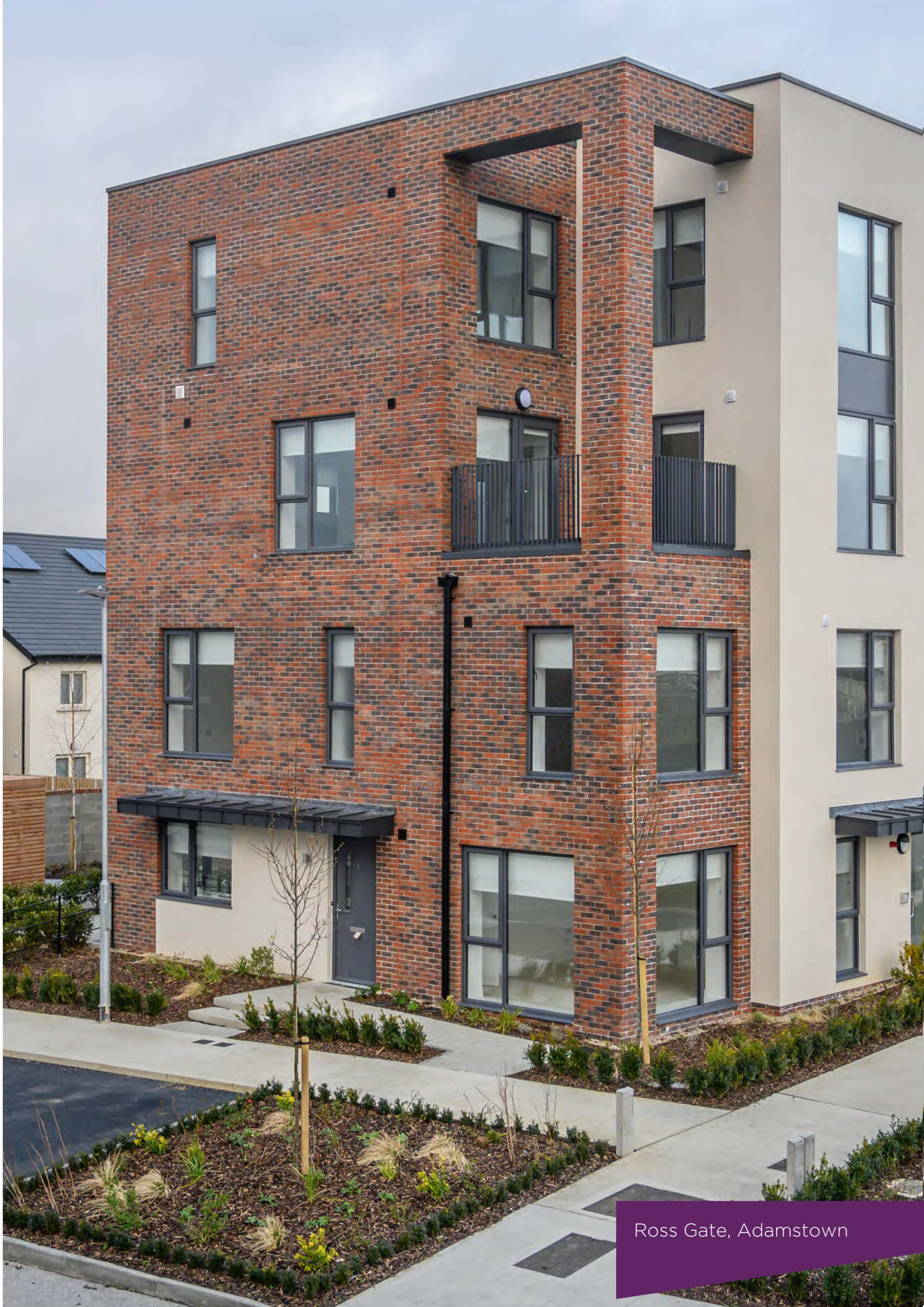
These figures included new developments delivered under the Council's social housing construction programme, including those at St. Cuthbert's, Clondalkin and Owendoher, Ballyboden; homes provided through Part

V requirements; and, Council-supported delivery by Approved Housing Bodies through Capital Advance Leasing Facility and the Capital Assistance Scheme in Adamstown, Scholarstown, Greenhills and Citywest amongst other areas.

A further 93 second-hand properties were acquired in the County by the Council or AHBs for social housing in 2019 representing 122% of the target figure of 76 acquisitions. In addition, casual vacancies in existing Council and AHB homes meant that a further 175 families and individuals were accommodated in 2019.

Home Loan Scheme

The Council were notified in August of a €28m allocation from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government for the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan scheme to cover the period from February 2018 to December 2019. This allocation covered loans issued since the scheme began as well as loans approved and projected demand to the end of 2019. The Council provided 98 home loans to applicants through the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan Scheme in 2019.



Ross Gate, Adamstown

Climate Action Plan 2019 - 2024

The Climate Change Action Plan was approved by Council in May. The plan identifies the main climate risks facing South Dublin County and includes both the Councils' and the current levels of greenhouse gas emissions across the South Dublin County Council area. It includes four targets for the Council to reach in the coming years:

- A 33% improvement in the Council's energy efficiency by 2020,
- A 40% reduction in the Councils' greenhouse gas emissions by 2030,
- To make Dublin a climate- resilient region, by reducing the impacts of future climate change-related events,
- To actively engage and inform citizens on climate change.

Through the Climate Change Action Plan, South Dublin County Council has put forward 130 actions that are either ongoing or planned within the Council, under five key areas - Energy and Buildings, Transport, Flood Resilience, Nature-Based Solutions and Resource Management.

The public consultation for the Climate Change Action Plan was held through a series of events and workshops between 11 February and 25 March 2019.

All-Ireland Pollinator Plan

The Council signed up to the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan in November after undertaking a range of projects throughout the year to assist our native pollinating insects like honeybees, bumblebees, hoverflies, and butterflies by setting up 'pollinator sites' that are identified by 'Managed for Biodiversity' signage throughout the County.





Public Water Fountains

The Council launched new public water fountains in September. This was the first of a series of public water fountains installed in 2019. Public water fountains are aimed at supporting wellbeing and healthier lifestyle choices, promoting active travel options and encouraging the use of reusable flasks and bottles over single-use plastics.

Solar Powered Bins

The Council took another step in the digital direction on litter management and climate action as Solar Powered Bins were installed in the Rathfarnham area. By installing the solar-powered bins in place of regular litter bins, the number of on-street bins required could be reduced by up to 20%. The bins also have real-time wireless monitoring systems which tell the Council each bin's current capacity status, allowing for more efficient collection scheduling.



Green Flags

Four South Dublin County Council parks were awarded a prestigious Green Flag Award from An Taisce in July. Corkagh Park, Waterstown Park, Sean Walsh Park were all awarded Green Flags Awards whilst Tymon Park received a Green Flag Award and was also awarded the All Ireland Pollinator Award Overall Category for Town Park.

Flood Alleviation Schemes

2019 saw significant advancement for all three flood alleviation schemes the Council are undertaking. Following a competitive tender process, AECOM Ireland Ltd were appointed technical consultants for the Camac Flood Alleviation Scheme in October. Following a review of the draft Preliminary Design Report, significant changes were made to the White Church Stream Flood Alleviation Scheme and further studies into areas such as habitat, flora and fauna and invasive species were carried out. The Poddle Flood Alleviation Scheme saw an emphasis placed on providing nature-based solutions, such as integrated constructed wetlands as part of the preparation for submission to An Bord Pleanála.

Team Green

Deputy Mayor, Cllr Trevor Gilligan officially launched the Council Clubs Plastic Bottles/Cans Recycling scheme in November and in conjunction with Repak's Team Green Campaign. The scheme encourages and promotes environmental awareness around the recycling of plastic bottles, cans and how to recycle the right way.



Playspace Programme

A number of new playspaces opened in South Dublin County in 2019 as part of the completion of South Dublin County Council's Playspace Programme, bringing the number of council managed playgrounds and playspaces in the county to a total of 49.

Playspaces opened in 2019 include natural playspaces at Whitechurch, Glendown, Waterstown Park, Willsbrook Park and Lucan Demesne. A playspace at Perrystown was also completed and a playspace at Greenhills Park. Playspaces at Dodder Valley and Newcastle also recently passed Part 8 (Planning) processes.

The provision of playgrounds in the recent past concentrated on large, formally equipped and defined playgrounds with highly specialised equipment. The Council's playspace programme is different; as it purely

aims to provide opportunities to play. Children make their play based on what is available and adaptable in their environment. This type of play allows children to develop their imagination, challenge their abilities, deal with risk and, critically, adapt their environment. Creating better play environments will bring benefits for the physical and mental health of the children growing up here and for communities.

The Council also shared its learnings from the past five years with other local authorities and experts in child development at a seminar in County Hall in December.

Environmental Noise Action Plan

The Environmental Noise Action Plan was presented to Council in April. The Action Plan is aimed at managing environmental noise and excludes noise from domestic activities, noise created by neighbours, noise at workplaces or construction noise as these can be dealt with under existing legislation such as the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 and health and safety legislation. The Environmental Noise Action Plan will be in place until July 2023.

Our Year



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In Pictures



Our Year



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In Pictures

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- 1. The opening of the South Stand of Tallaght Stadium, one of many milestones for the stadium in 2019.**
- 2. Mayor Vicki Casserly and Daniel McLoughlin, Chief Executive, celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Council with Don Tipping, the first Cathaoirleach, and John Fitzgerald, the first County Manager.**
- 3. Turning the sod on the Corkagh Grange housing development, an expected 109 homes are being developed on site.**
- 4. Promoting Make Way Day, a campaign that brings the disability and wider community together to consider the needs of people with disabilities in the public space.**
- 5. Council staff being awarded the Age Friendly Safety and Security Award for the Home Security Lock Scheme and Carbon Monoxide Scheme at the 2019 National Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards.**
- 6. Launching the Healthy South Dublin County Strategy with Minister Catherine Byrne T.D in June.**
- 7. Mayor Vicki Casserly opens the new playspace at Tymon Park, one of many opened through the County in 2019.**
- 8. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, which offers a free book per month to children under the age of five in the Dublin 24 area, was launched in the County Library.**
- 9. Another successful Unwrapped Festival took place in December.**
- 10. Planting trees with local children at Harelawn Park, Clondalkin. Almost 2,000 trees were planted by the Council in 2019.**
- 11. The Clondalkin Mens' Shed were awarded the Overall Winners of the Community Endeavour Awards.**
- 12. Gandon Green was just one of the Council's housing developments on site in 2019.**



Clonburris Strategic Development Zone

In May, An Bord Pleanála approved South Dublin County Council’s plan to deliver up to 11,000 new homes at the Clonburris Strategic Development Zone.

The land, comprising approximately 280 hectares, is located between the established communities of Lucan, Clondalkin and Liffey Valley. The lands have been designated by the Government as a Major Urban Housing Development Site and could provide homes for a population of over 21,000.

The approved Planning Scheme will include the provision of three primary and three post-primary schools.

Approximately 72% of housing will be located within 500 metres of schools and about 98% of residents will be able to access a bus stop within 400 metres or train station within 800 metres, thereby significantly reducing dependence on the private car as we also address climate change. The lands will be

serviced by two train stations at Kishoge and Clondalkin/Fonthill, approximately a 15-minute train journey from Dublin City Centre. Three Regional Roads, including the Outer Ring Road, connect the lands to the N4 and N7 National Routes.

South Dublin County Council is confident that Clonburris will have a central role to play in addressing the demand for new housing in Dublin.



URDF Funding

It was announced that South Dublin County Council will be supported through the government's Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) to deliver a range of projects that will transform Tallaght. The Tallaght projects have an estimated value of €19.8million and will be receiving 75% funding of €14.85million. The balance of €4.95 million will be provided by the Council.

The projects include new roads infrastructure to open up lands at Belgard North, Enterprise Innovation Centre, the completion of Tallaght Stadium, a new Mobility Hub at the Luas terminal and the development of Civic Plazas at Belgard North and Library Square.

A submission to prepare a masterplan for the redevelopment of the Naas Road Corridor was also approved and both the Council and Dublin City Council were jointly awarded €200,000 to initiate a plan-led approach to the regeneration opportunity. It was agreed that South Dublin County Council will lead out on this plan preparation on behalf of both authorities.



Village Enhancement

A village renewal scheme in Saggart was completed in October 2019. The project included significant improvements to Mill Road, Mill Lane and Church Road that delivered a much-improved pedestrian and cyclist environment. Plans for a similar scheme in Templeogue received Part 8 approval.

R120 and R134 Improvement

The completion of the Adamstown Road (R120) and Nangor Road (R134) Improvement Scheme occurred in the Summer of 2019. This significant road improvement project re-aligned the old Adamstown (R120) and Nangor (R134) Regional Roads in West Dublin, immediately adjacent to Grange Castle Business Park. The project has provided hugely improved transport capacity across this part of South Dublin County.

Belgard North Link Road

Work began in September on an important link road that connects the Belgard North Road up into the existing Cookstown Road and Fourth Avenue. The new road provides significantly improved connections across the Cookstown area and will open-up this land to support new mixed-use regeneration.



Road Works Programme

€4,400,000 was earmarked for road and footpath works in 2019. The Annual Road Works Programme was delivered to elected members in March and outlined details on locations and works that were then carried out throughout the year. This represented an approximate increase of 12% in spending by the Council when compared to the 2018 Annual Road Works Programme.

Innovation Centre

An inception meeting was held in the South Dublin Local Enterprise Office between Oxford Innovation and the Council in November regarding the Council's upcoming Enterprise Innovation Centre. The new 4,000 m² innovation centre will be located adjacent to the Council's head office in Tallaght and will provide flexible office space. The project is being supported by the government's Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF). Architects have been appointed to design the new Innovation Centre which will be the centrepiece of the Innovation Quarter at Belgard North.

Grange Castle

Work was carried out on the construction of the third entrance to Grange Castle Business Park accessing the newly realigned Nangor Road. This project completes the transport infrastructure in the original Grange Castle campus.

Grange Castle Business Park is a South Dublin County Council owned Business Park promoted in association with IDA Ireland to attract major strategic investment to South Dublin County. Located in Clondalkin, the Park is approximately 3km west of the M50 Orbital Motorway and is close to the strategic road and rail connections to the rest of Ireland.

Business Support Fund

The Council continued to support existing businesses in 2019 through the €1m Business Support Fund. There are four funds specifically designed to address key issues for businesses in the County. These include support for physical works, for existing small scale businesses and start-up businesses utilising previously vacant units.





District Heating

South Dublin District Heating Company was established in September to facilitate growth in low-carbon renewable technologies across the County centering on Tallaght. South Dublin District Heating Company is a not-for-profit company owned by the Council to procure the construction, management and maintenance of the district heating network and energy centre. The company will be wholly owned by the Council and will report to it at regular intervals. It will also be responsible for forward planning and pricing policy, including the future expansion of the network. The establishment of this company follows the successful multi-city bid under Inter-Reg North-West Europe to secure funding relating to pilot-projects to promote the development of district heating and the securing of a further €4.5m in grant-aid under the Climate Action Fund from the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment.



Tallaght Stadium

The Council announced plans to extend the seating capacity of the Council owned Tallaght Stadium to 10,000 with the building of the North Stand. The Council also plans to develop the West Stand to incorporate a high-quality corporate area. This work followed the expansion of the stadium in March of 2019 with the opening of the South Stand.

In conjunction with these plans, the Council further announced the intention to promote Tallaght Stadium as an events venue to include music, festivals and all aspects of community events. With stadium seating and temporary on-field seating, the venue will accommodate up to 20,000 people.

In advance of the building of the North Stand, South Dublin County Council contracted Core to provide an analysis of advertising and branding opportunities for Tallaght Stadium.

The development of Tallaght Stadium and the advertising and marketing strategy came on the ten-year anniversary of the stadium opening in 2009 and following a very successful year.

The opening of the South Stand in March was followed with a new Tallaght Stadium attendance record being set in April for the Shamrock Rovers and Bohemians' League of Ireland clash. Tallaght Stadium played host to the UEFA European U17 Championship in May and saw packed stands in October for both the Republic of Ireland Women's National Football Team's win over Ukraine and Stephen Kenny's U-21's side's match with Italy.

Tallaght Local Area Plan

Initial public consultation on the Tallaght Local Area Plan commenced in September. A range of public engagement events were held to encourage people from Tallaght and from across the County to talk to the Council's planning team about the content of the draft plan and what they believe to be current issues and future opportunities for Tallaght. The Local Area Plan guides the growth of Tallaght over a six year period and beyond.





KEY 2019

STATISTICS

5,328

Grange Castle Jobs Sustained

849,837

Visitors to Libraries

657

LEO Mentoring Sessions

€340,364

Business Support Grants

4,945

Public Lights Repaired

156,379

Road Repaired in m2

87%

Decisions Upheld by An Bord Pleanála

1,845

Planning Applications - New Housing

9,605

Total Housing Stock

125,465

Sports Programme Participants

339

Housing Grants Approved

5,825

Housing Maintenance Requests Completed

1,750

Hectares of Park Land Maintained

8,610

Hectares of Grass Cut

1,914

Trees Planted

15,907

Tonnage of Waste Collected

9,655

Members Representations Processed

171,814

Telephone Calls Answered

92%

Calls Answered Within 20 Seconds

3,204,622

Web Pages Opened



Irish Language Scheme

The Fourth Irish Language Scheme was brought to Council in September. Since the introduction of the first scheme in 2009, South Dublin County Council has made significant progress in the provision of services in Irish for our Irish speaking citizens and visitors to our County.

Strategic Policy Committee Scheme

The Strategic Policy Committees (SPC) Scheme 2019 – 2024 was adopted by the Council in November. Strategic Policy Committees provide Councillors with a framework and opportunity to fulfil to a far greater extent their role as overall policymakers for and within the local government system. It also develops opportunities for partnership with local and appropriate sectoral interests.

Polling Scheme

The Council's new polling scheme was approved by elected members in December. The new scheme was the first approved by Council since 2010 and was informed by a number of items that gave rise to changes to the Register of Electors, including the existing 2013 Dáil Constituency Boundary, the Dáil Constituency Commission Report 2017, and the Local Electoral Areas as contained in the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee No. 2 Report. 2018.



Traveller Accommodation Programme

The Council's Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019 - 2024 was adopted by elected members at the July Council meeting. The programme looks to meet the existing and projected accommodation needs of members of the indigenous Travelling Community, those families who have been resident in the County for three years prior to the adoption of the programme. 471 Traveller families took part in the survey that was fundamental to the design of the programme and recommendations made for future accommodation needs. The programme was further informed by four meetings of the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee during the year.

'A More Inclusive County' Integration Strategy

'A More Inclusive County', the Council's integration strategy for 2019 - 2023 was brought to Council in March. "A More Inclusive County" is South Dublin County Council's second integration strategy and builds and further develops the Council's approach to the integration of its migrant population into Irish society through deliverable actions under the Council's remit with other partners over a five year period.

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Combat Period Poverty

South Dublin County Council launched a new initiative in March to provide free sanitary products in public toilets at Council offices. This was in response to a campaign by the Homeless Period Ireland organisation to combat 'Period Poverty' that works to support girls and women who require sanitary products but are unable to afford them. The pilot initiative was launched in County Hall, Tallaght on International Women's Day by then-Mayor of South Dublin County Council, Cllr Mark Ward.

MindMindR App

The MindMindR 2019 iPhone and Android app was launched in May. The app was developed in conjunction with the HSE and gives details of support services across a wide range of areas including depression, addiction, crisis pregnancy and suicide prevention. Emergency contact details for national services are listed and services are mapped to enable the user to find the services themselves.



€300K Have Your Say

Five community-led projects were selected by the public to be funded in the Firhouse – Bohernabreenan Electoral Area through South Dublin County Council’s landmark €300k Have Your Say participatory budgeting initiative.

The five projects selected for funding included:

- A Health and Wellbeing Garden in Firhouse Community Centre
- An Intergenerational Outdoor Activity Space in Glenasmole
- A Nature Trail along the River Dodder
- Upgraded playground facilities in Ballycragh Park
- A Native Tree Trail in Woodlawn Park

Over 5,000 people voted in the 2019 edition of ‘€300k Have Your Say’, making it the most successful to date in terms of voting.

‘€300k Have Your Say’ is a participatory budgeting initiative which has been run by South Dublin County Council since 2017. South Dublin County Council has previously won a Chambers Ireland Local Government Award in Citizen Engagement for the initiative and been shortlisted for a European Innovation in Politics award in the ‘Democracy’ category.

South Dublin County Council was the first local authority in the country to run a participatory budgeting initiative in 2017.

Local Government Awards

The Round Tower, Visitor Centre, Clondalkin - Brú Chrónáin was awarded the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Award in the Supporting Tourism. The Round Tower, Clondalkin has become a key tourist destination in the region since opening its door on 3 July 2017. The hugely-successful visitor centre features an interpretative entre, exhibition space, café, gardens, and terrace dining and is nestled in the heart of Clondalkin Village, within minutes of the Grand Canal Greenway, Corkagh Regional Park and nearby Irish Cultural Centre, Áras Chrónáin.





Red Line Book Festival

A host of top Irish and international authors descended on South Dublin County in October as the Red Line Book Festival returned for an exciting ninth edition. An initiative of South Dublin Libraries and Arts, Red Line Book Festival brings local, national and international authors, alongside talks, workshops, theatrical productions and creative writing competitions, to venues across South Dublin County each October.

UK Poet Laureate Simon Armitage launched the 2019 Red Line Book Festival with a special poetry reading at Rua Red, Tallaght. Others in the line-up included Irish Laureate for Fiction Sebastian Barry, Laureate na nÓg Sarah Crossan, Kevin Barry, Sarah Webb, Alison Spittle, Joseph O'Connor, Christine Dwyer Hickey, Colm O'Regan and Laura Dodsworth.

New to the programme was the Changing Ideas strand, with a number of events featuring writers whose work is pushing boundaries or affecting social change.

The Digital Worlds strand delved into the world of social media. Alison Spittle hosted another edition of Internet Famous, a panel event with Colm O'Regan, Sophie White, Twisteddoodles and Liam Geraghty. Elsewhere, Jack Fennell discussed his critically-acclaimed collection of lesser-known works of classic Irish science fiction, *A Brilliant Void*.

Celebrating the rising stars of Irish writing, the Debuts strand saw novelist Vivienne Kearns discussing her first book *The Emerald Dress*, while Daring Debuts found novelists Sarah Davis-Goff, Kealan Ryan & Eoghan Smith sharing their journey of writing and releasing their debut novels to the world. The festival's Poetic Licence strand celebrated poetry and included a special event with Kathleen Watkins discussing her new anthology *The Ordinary Woman and Other Poems I Love* with Dermot Bolge.



Flavours of South Dublin

Flavours of South Dublin Food and Family Fun Festival took place in Rathfarnham Castle Park on Sunday 23 June. This unique food and family fun festival showcased the very best cuisine from the locality, highlighting the diversity and vibrancy of the food culture in the county, local community and migrant groups showcased their heritage and culture in a dedicated cultural area.

This was the third year of the festival; it was free to attend and was a great day out for the whole family. Visitors and locals alike were encouraged to come along and try some of the gourmet cuisine and delectable tastes and got a chance to see the many cultural stalls. The festival featured flavours from around the world, from traditional Irish fare to Asian dishes, with something to suit all tastes. Some new additions to the festival took place such as Agri-Aware's Mobile Farm, a second entertainment stage and Mobiloo amongst others.

Appendix 1. Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) at 31st December 2019 (Unaudited)

	2019 €	2018 €
Fixed Assets		
Operational	2,098,002,789	2,003,599,187
Infrastructural	1,143,897,032	1,148,140,158
Community	9,680,900	9,162,255
Non-Operational	84,828,743	84,527,783
	3,336,409,463	3,245,429,383
Work in Progress and Preliminary Expenses	77,594,462	111,425,722
Long Term Debtors	178,069,516	166,956,501
Current Assets		
Stocks	-	-
Trade Debtors & Prepayments	55,892,045	54,391,115
Bank Investments	283,926,285	233,635,396
Cash at Bank	1,210,442	1,963,273
Cash in Transit	33,862	34,667
	341,062,634	290,024,451
Current Liabilities (Amounts falling due within one year)		
Bank Overdraft	-	-
Creditors & Accruals	47,775,381	49,623,027
Finance Leases	-	-
	47,775,381	49,623,027
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)	293,287,252	240,401,424
Creditors (Amounts falling due after more than one year)		
Loans Payable	181,739,121	181,779,507
Finance Leases	-	-
Refundable deposits	30,698,518	23,260,775
Other	38,177,830	27,710,363
	250,615,470	232,750,645
Net Assets	3,634,745,224	3,531,462,386
Represented by		
Capitalisation Account	3,336,409,463	3,245,429,383
Income WIP	88,124,184	127,252,655
Specific Revenue Reserve	-	304,110
General Revenue Reserve	12,189,910	12,185,836
Other Balances	198,021,666	146,290,402
Total Reserves	3,634,745,223	3,531,462,386

Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income & Expenditure Account Statement) For year ending 31st December 2019 (Unaudited)

	Gross Expenditure 2019 €	Income 2019 €	Net Expenditure 2019 €
Housing & Building	70,611,922	70,208,317	403,605
Roads Transportation & Safety	29,368,357	6,641,034	22,727,323
Water Services	12,034,866	8,990,907	3,043,959
Development Management	15,489,675	6,940,682	8,548,992
Environmental Services	35,239,529	4,379,857	30,859,673
Recreation & Amenity	37,904,687	4,497,349	33,407,338
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	1,372,009	643,303	728,706
Miscellaneous Services	10,605,885	17,367,986	(6,762,101)
Total Expenditure/Income	212,626,930	119,669,435	
Net cost of Divisions to be funded from Rates & Local Property Tax			92,957,495
Rates			122,312,727
Local Property Tax			5,436,834
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfers			34,792,065
Transfers from/(to) Reserves			(34,787,992)
Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year			4,073
General Reserve @ 1st January 2019			12,185,836
General Reserve @ 31st December 2019			12,189,910

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 €1,064.60 in total for 2019.

Appendix 2.

Current Membership of South Dublin County Council

Clondalkin Cluain Dolcáin

Councillor Trevor Gilligan	FF
Councillor Shirley O'Hara	FG
Councillor Kenneth Egan	FG
Councillor Francis Timmons	IND
Councillor William Joseph Carey	SF
Councillor Peter Kavanagh	Green
Councillor Eoin Ó Broin	IND

Rathfarnham - Templeogue Ráth Fearnáin - Teach Mealóg

Councillor Carly Bailey	SD
Councillor Yvonne Collins	FF
Councillor Mary Seery Kearney	FG
Councillor Pamela Kearns	LAB
Councillor Ronan McMahon	IND
Councillor David McManus	FG
Councillor William Priestley	Green

Tallaght Central Tamhlact An Lár

Councillor Kieran Mahon	SOL
Councillor Charlie O'Connor	FF
Councillor Mick Duff	IND
Councillor Teresa Costello	FF
Councillor Cathal King	SF
Councillor Liam Sinclair	Green

Lucan Leamhcán

Councillor Ed O'Brien	FF
Councillor Vicki Casserly	FG
Councillor Liona O'Toole	IND
Councillor Paul Gogarty	IND
Councillor Joanna Tuffly	LAB

Tallaght South Tamhlact Theas

Councillor Patrick Pearse Holohan	SF
Councillor Sandra Fay	SOL
Councillor Dermot Richardson	SF
Councillor Louise Dunne	SF
Councillor Baby Pereppadan	FG

Firhouse - Bohernabreena Teach na Giúise - Bóthar na Bruíne

Councillor Clare O'Byrne	Green
Councillor Deirdre O'Donovan	FF
Councillor Brian Lawlor	FG
Councillor Emma Murphy	FF
Councillor Alan Edge	IND

Palmerstown - Fonthill - Baile Phámar - Cnoc an Fhuaráin

Councillor Guss O'Connell	IND
Councillor Lisa Kinsella Colman	SF
Councillor Madeleine Johansson	PBP
Councillor Alan Hayes	IND
Councillor Shane Moynihan	FF



Party Abbreviations

Clr	Councillor
PBP	People Before Profit Alliance
SOL	Solidarity
FF	Fianna Fáil
SF	Sinn Féin
SD	Social Democrats
FG	Fine Gael
LAB	The Labour Party
IND	Independent
Green	The Green Party

Appendix 2. Membership of South Dublin County Council

Appendix 2.1. Payments to Councillors in 2019

Payments made to Councillors under Section 142 of the Local Government Act 2001	Amount
Representational Payments Total	€677,752.87
Monthly Payments	€244,762.06
Strategic Policy Committee Chairperson's Allowance Total	€35,785.00
Mayor's Allowance (January to December 2019)	€29,801.82
Deputy Mayor's Allowance (January to December 2019)	€5,987.69
Area Committee Allowance	€39,460.82
Vouched Expenses	€19,340.68
Training and Conferences	€30,330.26
Other Payments	€838.10
Total of Expenses paid to members in respect of attendance at meetings of the County Council and its Committees	€1,084,059.30

Appendix 2.2: Council Membership of Committees and Other Bodies

Area Committees Chairs

Clondalkin Area Committee	Councillor Peter Kavanagh
Lucan / Palmerstown / Fonthill Area Committee	Councillor Shane Moynihan
Tallaght Area Committee	Councillor Charlie O'Connor
Rathfarnham / Templeogue / Firhouse / Bohernabreena Area Committee	Councillor Mary Seery Kearney

Current Strategic Policy Committees (SPC) Membership

Arts, Culture, Gaelige, Heritage and Libraries SPC

- Councillor Mick Duff – Chairperson
- Councillor Guss O’Connell
- Councillor Kenneth Egan
- Councillor Alan Hayes
- Councillor Peter Kavanagh
- Councillor Teresa Costello
- Ms Freda Manweiler – PPN

Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism SPC

- Councillor Cathal King – Chairperson
- Councillor Mary Seery Kearney
- Councillor Ronan Mc Mahon
- Councillor Sandra Fay
- Councillor Ed O’Brien
- Councillor Louise Dunne
- Councillor Liona O’Toole
- Councillor Pamela Kearns
- Jack McDonnell – TUD Tallaght
- Tara De Buitlear – PPN
- Sherri Brennan – South Dublin Chamber

Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change SPC

- Councillor Brian Lawlor – Chairperson
- Councillor Yvonne Collins
- Councillor Dermot Richardson
- Councillor Madeleine Johansson
- Councillor Liam Sinclair
- Councillor Francis Timmons
- Councillor Alan Edge
- Una Ruddock - PPN
- Deirdre Mooney – Business Community
- Donnie Andersen – Agricultural and Farming

Housing SPC

- Councillor Charlie O’Connor – Chairperson
- Councillor Clare O’Byrne
- Councillor Lisa Kinsella Colman
- Councillor Baby Pereppadan
- Councillor Kieran Mahon
- Councillor Johanna Tuffy
- Councillor Deirdre O’Donovan
- Betty Tyrrell Collard – ICTU
- Sharon Harty – PPN
- Jim Lawlor – PPN

Social, Community and Equality SPC

- Councillor Trevor Gilligan – Chairperson
- Councillor Paddy Holohan
- Councillor Vicki Casserly
- Councillor Shirley O Hara
- Councillor Carly Bailey
- Councillor Emma Murphy
- Latifat Olagoke – PPN

Land Use, Transportation and Planning SPC

- Councillor William Priestley – Chairperson
- Councillor William Carey
- Councillor David McManus
- Councillor Paul Gogarty
- Councillor Eoin Ó Broin
- Councillor Shane Moynihan
- Siobhan Butler – PPN

South Dublin County Council Audit Committee Members

- Eilis Quinlan (Chair), Quinlan & Co Chartered Accountants
- Ann Horan Chairperson of the Health Products Regulatory Authority
- George Kennington, Partner Audit Crowe Horwath
- Karen O’Donoghue, Tallaght University Hospital
- Councillor Ed O’Brien
- Councillor Guss O’Connell
- Councillor David McManus

Appendix 2. Membership of South Dublin County Council

South Dublin County Council Joint Policing Committee Membership 2019

Councillor Vicki Casserly, Mayor
 Councillor Emma Murphy (Chair)
 Councillor Yvonne Collins
 Councillor Mick Duff
 Councillor Louise Dunne
 Councillor Cathal King
 Councillor Shane Moynihan
 Councillor Eoin Ó Broin
 Councillor Deirdre O'Donovan
 Councillor Liona O'Toole
 Councillor Baby Pereppadam
 Councillor William Priestley
 Councillor Mary Seery Kearney
 Councillor Mark Ward

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

Colm Ward, Director of Housing, Social and Community
 Development, SDCC

Chief Superintendent Finbarr Murphy
 Chief Superintendent Kevin Galton

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 2019

Prof. Mary Corcoran	NUI Maynooth
Prof. Joe Barry	Trinity College Centre for Health Sciences
Dr. Phil Mulvaney	Community
Peter Byrne	South Dublin Chamber
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
Andy Leeson	Youth Services
Councillor Kieran Mahon	Elected Member
Councillor Alan Hayes	Elected Member
Councillor David McManus	Elected Member
Colm Ward	South Dublin County Council
Padraig Rehill	Health Service Executive
Deirdre McKeon	Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board
Amanda Butler	Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection
Thomas Rooney	Local Enterprise Office

Appendix 3: Training Conferences attended by Councillors in 2019

Name	Location	Date
AILG Module 1	Co. Westmeath	19 Jan
IPT - Local Elections	Co. Donegal	15 - 17 Feb
AILG Annual Conference	Co. Longford	21 - 22 Feb
Colmcille Winter School	Co. Donegal	22 - 23 Feb
LAMA Spring Seminar	Co. Leitrim	7 - 8 Mar
IPT Register of Electors & Boundary Changes	Co. Wexford	22 - 24 Mar
Irish Planning Institute Annual Conference	Co. Leitrim	3 - 4 April
IPT Changing Trends to Drugs & Alcohol Abuse	Co. Cork	12 - 14 April
IPT From Ballot Box to Chamber	Co. Wexford	5 - 7 July
AILG Induction Training for Elected Member	Co. Westmeath	11 July
McGill Summer School	Co. Donegal	21 - 26 July
Parnell Summer School	Co. Wicklow	11 - 15 Aug
Daniel O'Connell Summer School	Co. Kerry	23 - 24 Aug
Kennedy Summer School	Co. Wexford	5 - 7 Sept
AILG Autumn Seminar	Co. Monaghan	11 - 12 Sept
Irish Planning Institute Conference	Co. Dublin	4 Oct
Irish Council for Social Housing Conference	Co. Wexford	10 - 11 Oct
AILG Module 4	Co. Louth	12 Oct
LAMA Autumn Seminar	Co. Clare	17 - 19 Oct
AILG Module 5	Co. Westmeath	21 Nov
Celtic Conferences First-Time Buyers Incentive	Co. Louth	14 Dec

Appendix 4. Energy Efficiency Report 2019

South Dublin County Council total final energy consumption

Total Primary Energy Requirement (TPER)

Energy	Energy Category	Energy Type	Unit	Baseline	2019
Electricity			kWh	52,968,666	33,389,504
	Electricity		kWh	52,968,666	33,389,504
		Net Electricity Imports (MPRN data)	kWh	23,183,983	13,314,374
		Net Electricity Imports (non-MPRN data)	kWh	29,784,683	20,075,130
Thermal			kWh	8,218,587	9,887,877
	Gas		kWh	6,929,617	8,256,710
		Natural Gas (GPRN data)	kWh	6,874,655	7,853,634
		LPG (purchased by volume)	kWh	54,962	403,076
	Heating Oils		kWh	1,288,969	1,631,167
		Kerosene	kWh	84,875	263,502
		Gasoil	kWh	1,204,094	1,367,665
Transport			kWh	6,820,250	4,088,059
	Transport Fuels (Mineral Oil Fuels)		kWh	6,771,205	3,882,183
		Petrol (excl. blended bioethanol)	kWh	91,963	68,050
		Road Diesel (DERV) (excl. blended biodiesel)	kWh	6,679,242	3,814,132
	Transport Biofuels		kWh	49,045	205,876
		Biodiesel (incl. all blended biodiesel)	kWh	47,590	203,635
		Bioethanol (incl. all blended bioethanol)	kWh	1,455	2,242
Total Primary Energy Requirement (TPER)			kWh	68,007,502	47,365,440

In 2019, South Dublin County Council (SDCC) consumed 47 gigawatt hours (GWh) of primary energy; this is equivalent to 8,848 tonnes of CO₂ and an estimated cost of this energy use to be approximately €3.1 million. Codema has been entering this yearly data into the M&R system on behalf of SDCC since 2011, in order to comply with the reporting requirements of the European Energy Efficiency Directive 2012/27/EU. The directive has been transposed into Irish Law as Statutory Instrument S.I. 426 of 2014, which sets out several obligations on public bodies with respect to their “exemplary role” for energy efficiency by achieving savings of 33% by 2020. This is an average reduction target of 3% per year.

To date, as reported by the M&R system, SDCC has improved its energy performance by 34.4%, compared to the baseline year (which is an average of between 2006-2008). Therefore SDCC has achieved their energy efficiency goal of 33% energy efficiency savings by 2020. It has to be noted that SEAI is currently looking to change the methodology within the M&R system to account for the new 50% energy efficiency target by 2030 as set out in the national 2019 Climate Action Plan. The 2019 Energy Review produced by Codema will look at this new target and what will it take to achieve it.

Appendix 5. Protected Disclosures 2019

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 2019.

Appendix 6. Full Statistics

Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development Local Performance Indicators 2019

LEO - jobs supported	50
LEO - projects approved	25
LEO - training participants	2034
LEO - mentoring sessions	657
Business support grants spend	€340,364.59
Business support grants spend (projects)	€9,846.64
Business initiative with Chamber meetings held	257
Shopfront grants paid	€120,106.36
Grange Castle jobs sustained	5,328
Library - visitors actual	849,837
Library - visitors online	416,816
Library - items borrowed	1,185,879
Library - computer sessions	142,252
Libraries - events hosted	3,593
Library Wi-Fi users	159,526
Arts grants paid	67
Arts events hosted	57
Visitors civic theatre	186,514
Visitors Rua Red	186,789
GC Jobs (Construction)	788
SDCC Investment in Tourism Projects	€475,558.31

Land Use, Planning and Transportation

Land Use, Planning & Transportation Local Performance Indicators 2019

Planning applications received – new housing	199
Planning applications received – new housing (units)	1,845
Planning granted new houses – applications	94
Planning granted new houses – applications (units)	734
Planning applications housing – applications	293
Planning applications housing – applications (units)	2,579
Planning Refused – number of houses	621
Planning applications – other	727
Planning other – number granted	606
Planning other – number refused	60
Additional information requests – all classes	197
% decisions upheld by ABP	87.25
Pre planning meetings held	164
Planning enforcements initiated	270
Enforcement files closed	186
Building control inspections	569
Commencement notices received	1,476
Taking in Charge (TIC) requests received	5
TIC completions	9
Area of footpath repaired in metres squared (m ²)	69,898
Area of road repaired in m ²	156,379
Number of public lights in charge	30,134
Number of public lights repaired	4,945
Traffic lights repaired	1,125
Public Lighting LED Programme	1,855

Housing, Social and Community Development

Housing, Social & Community Development Local Performance Indicators 2019

Total housing stock	9,605
Construction starts	0
Construction completions	112
Total housing needs assessed	6,864
Allocations - Homeless/Other	504
No. of voids	99
Time taken to re-let dwellings (weeks)	18.39
Total RAS units	1,184
Total HAP units	3,273
Total units leased	1,170
Number of housing grants approved	339
Housing Maintenance requests received	17,540
Housing Maintenance requests completed	5,825
Planned Maintenance - units completed	166
Total PPN registrations	87
Number of community grants issued	152
Number of sports programmes	1,661
Number of sports programme participants	125,465
Number of community events	178
Number of community event participants	72,288
Visitors to leisure facilities	592,420
Private Residential Tenancies Board (PRTB) inspections	162
PRTB called no access	81
Building Energy Rating (BER) inspections	0
BER Certs published	0
Mechanical Inspections	2,271
Energy upgrades completed	95
Electrical inspections completed	2,109

Housing, Social and Community Development

Housing, Social & Community Development Local Performance Indicators 2019

Number of anti-social incidents reported	741
Number of actions taken in response to reports	9,697
JPC and Policing Fora meetings held	23
Number of Local Festivals supported	1
Disabled Person's Grant (DPG) Works	123
Tidy Towns Groups Supported	11
Number of Community Employment (CE) participants	90
% of CE participants allocated	73

Environment, Water and Climate Change

Environment, Water and Climate Change Local Performance Indicators 2019

Grass cut - Hectares	8,609
Trees inspected	14,515
Trees pruned	3,258
Trees removed	990
Trees planted	1,914
Number of stumps removed	1,033
Number of locations of hedge cuts	202
Hectares of park land maintained	1,750
Number of allotments provided	425
Playing pitches provided/maintained	163
Playgrounds provided/maintained	44
Tonnage of waste collected - street bins	487.88
Tonnage of waste collected - litter/illegal dumping	6,509.03
Tonnage of waste collected - road sweeping/gullies	8,660.59
Number of bring banks provided	74
Number of recycling centres	2
Number of green flag schools	136
Kilometres of roads swept monthly	930
Derelict site/Dangerous building inspections	256
Number of sites on derelict sites register	10
Number of environment inspections	908
Environment enforcement procedures commenced	13
Environment enforcement - cases closed	291
Litter - fines issued	514
Litter - court appearances	30
Litter - cases closed	4,029

Environment, Water and Climate Change

Environment, Water & Climate Change Local Performance Indicators 2019

Total number of waste permits in force	47
Number of waste enforcement notices issued	50
Water Quality (%)	99.77
% of unaccounted for water	37.19
Water maintenance repairs completed	628
Water pollution incidents dealt with	83
Number of dogs impounded	377
Number of dog licences in force	8,235
Dublin Fire Brigade (DFB) fire incidents mobilised	1,953
DFB Ambulance incidents mobilised	12,972
Number of horses impounded	82

Corporate Performance and Change Management

Corporate Performance and Change Management Local Performance Indicators 2019

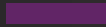
Customer Contacts processed through Customer Management System (CMS)	87,967
Average CMS response time (days)	5.19
Members representations processed	9,655
Members representations Average Response time (days)	10.19
Telephone calls answered	171,814
Telephone calls answered within 20 seconds (%)	92.34
Media queries responded to	435
Fix Your Street queries responded to	4,672
Web pages opened	3,204,622
Social media followers	35,823
Staff employed - Whole Time Equivalents	1,261
Apprenticeships/graduates	10
Training programme - Number of participants	3,523
Number of Customer Care Queries/Complaints received in Irish	21

Appendix 7. Senior Management Team

Chief Executive	Daniel McLoughlin
Director of Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development	Frank Nevin
Director of Environment, Water and Climate Change	Teresa Walsh
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