



Comhairle Contae
Átha Cliath Theas
South Dublin County Council



Annual Report 2020



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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Foreword from the Mayor

I am honoured as Mayor and First Citizen to give the foreword to this Annual Report for South Dublin County Council in what has been one of the more challenging years I hope any of us will have to face. At the heart of South Dublin County is a strong community spirit and we have seen that in abundance this year.

I want to start by paying tribute to all those within our County who have worked on the frontline in the fight against COVID-19. The work they have done has been a shining light for all of us during this time and it is something that I believe we will remember for years to come.

One of the highlights of my time in office has been in seeing the community-led response to dealing with the pandemic and by supporting each other in our daily lives. In particular, I would like to highlight the volunteers I met at Tallaght Stadium in September who worked tirelessly on testing and of those people who answered the community call and worked with the Council on delivering vital medication, food and friendship to those cocooning during particularly difficult times of the past year.

COVID-19 has shaped much of what we have been able to do as individuals and as a community. It has also changed the way South Dublin County Council works and the projects we have been able to carry out. But I am proud of the work we have accomplished as a Council. While we were adapting to this new reality, we were still doing the work needed today while planning for tomorrow. This report gives a snapshot of the main projects and events of the year but I also want to pay tribute to the staff who adapted to those changed realities of work and kept the day-to-day operations of the Council running smoothly.

Beyond COVID, I believe we have put in place several projects that will reshape and redefine South Dublin County in the years ahead. Whether that is in increasing sustainable transport infrastructure through plans like Cycle South Dublin, upgrading Tallaght Stadium or attracting Ireland's first media park to Grange Castle Business Park.

While affordable housing remains an issue, the Council's plans for developments in Rathcoole,



Cllr Ed O'Brien

Mayor of South Dublin County

Killinarden and particularly in Clonburr where the Council is developing a new town, should help ease some of that pressure. The investment the Council is making in opening new libraries in North Clondalkin and Castletymon and the ongoing works in Lucan for its new swimming pool will make a real difference to the lives of people in the area.

That is just a flavour of what has been progressing in the Council over the last year but there has been much more. The progressive budget the Council passed towards the end of 2020 will help support business, build out Tallaght with projects like the new Innovation Quarter, attract tourists and new residents to the County and it will increase the quality of life of our citizens. In a year that has been as turbulent as the past twelve months have been, the work being done right now and the commitments given within that budget offers hope for a brighter future for everyone that lives, works, learns and does business here.

It has been a privilege to serve the people of South Dublin County as Mayor during 2020

and 2021. I have no doubt that we will bounce back stronger as a community from our current challenges and I look forward to continuing to support the people of this County through my work on the Council in the years ahead. I would like to close by thanking the Chief Executive, Daniel McLoughlin, his staff and my fellow Elected Members of the Council for their support during my time as Mayor.

Chief Executive's Introduction

I want to join with the Mayor in setting out our Annual Report for 2020, an extraordinary year by any standard. The onset of COVID-19 and the reporting of the first case on 29th February, initiated a sustained period of change in our personal and working lives, that placed this council at the centre of supportive action for our community and the local businesses that sustain our economy.

The pandemic was our predominant influence throughout 2020 and demanded our utmost attention. As a democratic institution, unit of government and the provider of essential services, the requirement was simply to maintain these services as best possible, while protecting staff and maintaining public safety. What followed in the nine months to the year end was a sustained collaborative effort across the organisation to this end. Vital public services continued with minimum disruption, communities including our most vulnerable were supported through resilience and wellbeing programmes, while the ongoing development and future provision of social infrastructure, including much needed housing was maintained. With

government funding, critical financial supports were administered for business, including €58m in rates waiver support and €32m in restart grants.

Notwithstanding these challenges, it is worth reflecting on positive achievements made throughout 2020. Housing construction continued, following a short period of construction closure. A further 534 houses were added to stock, while work continued on major projects such as the commencement of Kilcarbery and the tender of Killinarden. A new Age Friendly Housing Strategy and accompanying Rightsizing Policy have been adopted. In keeping with this programme, new elderly housing schemes at Whitestown Way and Fernwood/Maplewood commenced construction, while smaller schemes at Templeogue and Old Bawn are out to tender.

In the context of community, recreation and amenity services, notable achievements included the substantial completion of new libraries at Tymon and Clondalkin, the progression of Lucan Pool, new pavilions at Corkagh and Old Bawn, securing planning for major enhancements to



Daniel McLoughlin

Chief Executive

Kiltipper Park and the substantial advancement of new parks in Adamstown to the value of €15m. The final phase of Tallaght Stadium costing €7m, the construction of a new community centre in Saggart and substantial enhancements to Corkagh Park were brought through planning and will all commence in 2021. We completed our Play Space Programme bringing total numbers provided to 49 while our Teen Space Programme commenced with an annual funding provision of €500k. Finally, the adoption of a 5-year Playing Pitch Strategy sets out our plans for the development of over 20 additional playing pitches in that period to cater for new and ever-growing communities.

Urban regeneration and public realm enhancements were once again a major focus of our work in 2020. During this year Saggart village improvements were completed, while €45m of URDF funding was confirmed for urban regeneration works to central Tallaght. This bundle of complementary projects was brought through planning in 2020, including a new Innovation Centre, the completion of Tallaght Stadium, a new civic plaza and pedestrian links

and additional roads to open up the Belgard North and Cookstown area. Council approved a new District Enhancement Scheme with €650k to be invested in two locations annually. Lucan village secured Destination Village status from Fáilte Ireland and tenders have been awarded for the design of the €2.5m enhancement scheme in the village. The Naas Road Regeneration Study commenced in June in conjunction with Dublin City Council. The study led by SDCC will examine 700 hectares of regeneration lands with a focus on repurposing this largely industrial area as a new mixed used/residential zone to be developed, over the period to 2040 and beyond.

Following the launch of our first Climate Action Plan 2019-2024 last year, work continued on our programme of initiatives. The Council exceeded its carbon emission reduction target to 2020 by reducing its baseline by 34.4%. Significant progress was made across a range of areas included the contract signing for the Tallaght District Heating project, the approval and advancement of the Whitestown, Poddle and Camac Flood Alleviation Schemes and the replacement of a further 2,000 LED public



lights. The planning of constructed wetlands, a substantial Tree Planting and Pollinator Programme and EV charging are among the other initiatives being perused. The adoption of Cycle South Dublin, with potential associated investment of over €200m in cycling infrastructure, is a critical component of our active travel and climate strategy going forward.

Work commenced on the access road to the new western 500-acre extension to Grange Castle Business Park while the amenity park and castle restoration project were completed in the main park. We continue to work with IDA Ireland on the promotion of the park to international and indigenous companies.

We ended the year having completed the initial round of consultation on the review of our County Development Plan. While 2020 was a remarkable and difficult year, it was not without its positives with real progress been made on corporate objectives. The resilience and perseverance of our community and business sector was remarkable and deserves our continued support.

We look forward to 2021 with a sense of hope and expectation that significant progress will be

made in worldwide vaccination programmes that will bring this horrible pandemic under control. In the interim we will continue to work within the constraints on the betterment of the county for everyone.



Rathfarnham Castle and Park

COVID-19 Response

Community Response

South Dublin County Council was mandated by the government to co-ordinate the community response to the COVID-19 emergency in the County. Accordingly, a South Dublin Community Response Forum was established in March to lead the co-ordination of COVID-19 community supports and resilience. This included a diverse range of groups, such as the Council, An Post, Dublin GAA, HSE, An Garda Síochána, ALONE, Tusla, the Public Participation Network, South Dublin County Partnership and more. A dedicated phone line and email address were established as points of contact for members of the public and community organisations seeking or wishing to provide assistance.

The Council's COVID-19 Community Response Forum ensured the very best use of the many resources assisting vulnerable persons with their daily needs during this unprecedented time, whether that was collecting medication, food shopping, social support and contact.

The Council also began offering a range of activities and resources as part of a new 'Keep Well' initiative, launched by An Taoiseach Michael Martin on 29 October 2020. Keep Well built on the "In This Together" campaign which happened earlier in 2020. The campaign aimed to help everyone in Ireland to stay connected, stay active, and look after their mental health throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Keep Well aimed to show people of all ages how they could mind their physical and mental health and wellbeing by adding healthy and helpful habits to daily and weekly routines. It provided guidelines, information, and tips on how to make a plan to do things that are good for us every day. The campaign in South Dublin County drew together a huge range of activities that people could pursue in their home or locality, by themselves or with family members or with friends online. It provided ideas and activities for people of all ages.

The Council also established a Community COVID 19 Resilience Fund to assist community and voluntary groups and organisations adapt their services and support to communities affected by the pandemic. The funding was directed to those groups aiming to improve their local communities and to recover from the effects of COVID-19.



The Mayor with volunteers at Citywest testing centre.



Lucan Village Parklet

Supporting Business During COVID-19

2020 was a very difficult year for many businesses in South Dublin County. To help, South Dublin County Council provided a range of supports to businesses to help keep them stay afloat through restrictions and reduced trade. Through the Local Enterprise Office, the Council provided in excess of €32m in direct support across Restart Grants, trading online vouchers, business continuity vouchers and Client Stimulus Schemes.

The Council also gave a commercial rates waiver to eligible businesses, including the vast majority of Small and Medium Enterprises and supported by a €900 million special funding allocation from the government.

Financial assistance was one side of the Council's business support, enabling trade in a safe and responsible environment was the other. The Council worked with the local business community to re-imagine and design towns in the County so that citizens felt comfortable and safe whilst shopping and going about their business. The Council prepared a streamlined process for businesses to apply for permission to place tables and chairs on the public realm or in existing on-street parking bays. Its purpose was to support those businesses impacted by social distancing requirements but would benefit from having additional outside space to serve food or drinks when restrictions allowed.

Local Enterprise Office South Dublin launched a campaign encouraging citizens to shop local in the run-up to Christmas. The campaign asked businesses to sign up for free to an online directory, which was then promoted through local media in print and online. The campaign featured several businesses in a different town or village each week to promote the talent and entrepreneurship that exists in South Dublin County.

The Local Enterprise Office also continued to offer a wide variety of training programmes and workshops online for budding entrepreneurs and existing businesses within the County.

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.



Our Principal Services

We have five service areas as follows:

1

Economic, enterprise and tourism development

- Economic development and promotion of the county for investment
- Enterprise development and supports
- Asset management
- Library services, the arts office and **cultural infrastructure**
- County promotion and tourism development

2

Land use, planning and transportation

- Development management
- **Forward Planning**
- Roads construction and maintenance
- Traffic management
- Public lighting
- Building control
- Heritage and conservation promotion

3

Housing, social and community development

- Social housing programme
- Housing allocations, maintenance and refurbishment
- Social services, estate management and community development
- Age-friendly and social inclusion initiatives
- Sports programmes and health and wellbeing initiatives

4

Environment, water and climate change

- **Climate change mitigation** and adaptation
- Major emergency management
- Waste and enforcement
- Water and drainage services
- Veterinary services
- Public realm management and maintenance

5

Organisational capacity and accountability

- Corporate services
- Human resource management
- Financial management
- Information and communication technologies
- Architectural services
- Legal services



Annual General Meeting in the National Basketball Arena

Council meetings

There were 84 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
- 2 Special Meetings of the County Council
- 2 Budget Meetings
- 4 Organisation, Procedure and Finance Committee Meetings (including 1 Special Budget Meeting)
- 11 Corporate Policy Group meetings (including 1 Budget Meeting)

The three Area Committees for Clondalkin, Lucan-Palmerstown-North Clondalkin and Tallaght met seven times and the Rathfarnham-Templeogue-Firhouse-Bohernabrenna met eight times in 2020.

In addition, there were:

- 18 meetings across the six Strategic Policy Committees
- 4 meetings of the Joint Policing Committee
- 3 Audit Committee Meetings

Strategic Policy Committees

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

Chaired by Councillor Mick Duff

This SPC met four times in 2020 to consider policies in relation to the following areas:

- Fourth Irish Language Scheme;
- Creative Ireland Strategy;
- Library Capital Projects;
- Red Line Book Festival;
- COVID-19 sectoral response.

Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development Strategic Policy Committee

Chaired by Councillor Cathal King

This SPC met four times in 2020 to consider policies in relation to the following areas:

- The Digital Strategy;
- Tallaght Stadium Branding Strategy;
- COVID-19 sectoral response and business supports;
- Developments in the Grange Castle Business Park;
- The Tallaght Innovation Centre.

Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change Strategic Policy Committee

Chaired by Councillor Brian Lawlor

This SPC met three times to consider policies in the following areas:

- Climate Change Action Plan 2019 - 2024;
- The Sports Pitch Strategy;
- The Parks and Open Spaces Strategy;
- Litter Management Plan 2020 - 2024;
- Dublin Urban Rivers LIFE Project;
- Flood Alleviation Schemes;
- Biodiversity Plan.

Housing Strategic Policy Committee

Chaired by Councillor Charlie O Connor

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

- Housing Supply and Delivery – Projects;
- Integrated Housing System;
- Incremental Purchase Scheme;
- COVID-19 Housing Responses;
- Age Friendly Housing and Rightsizing Policy;
- Anti-Social Behaviour.

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:

- Saggart Community Centre;
- Age Friendly Strategy;
- Integration Strategy;
- Community Call and In This Together;
- Human Rights and Equality Grant Scheme.

Land Use, Planning and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee

Chaired by Councillor Liam Sinclair

This SPC met four times to consider policies in relation to the following areas:

- Cycle South Dublin;
- Bus Connects;
- County Development Plan 2022-2028;
- Development Contribution Scheme 2021-2025;
- Green Infrastructure Strategy;
- Urban Regeneration and Development Fund;
- Tallaght Local Area Plan.

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



Sod turning on the Celbridge Link Road



Progress on Corporate Plan 2020 - 2024

The Corporate Plan 2020 - 2024 for South Dublin County Council identifies five high-level themes with corresponding objectives and strategies. This chapter reports on the progress made on those objectives and strategies under each theme.

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Listed under each theme are objectives with key achievements from 2020 listed underneath.

1. Economic, enterprise and tourism development

Objective 1: Maintain a supportive business environment

In excess of €32m in direct support to businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic across Restart Grants, trading online vouchers, business continuity vouchers and Client Stimulus Schemes.

Granted a Commercial Rates waiver to eligible businesses, including the vast majority of Small and Medium Enterprises and supported by a €900 million special funding allocation from the government

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

Local Enterprise Office South Dublin launched a campaign encouraging citizens to shop local in the run-up to Christmas.

Business support fund financing was agreed for Budget 2021 and the projects and supports funded will be reviewed by the Strategic Policy Committee (SPC).

The Local Enterprise Office offered a wide variety of training programmes and workshops online with approximately 1,800 participants taking part in 2020.

A successful South Dublin Local Enterprise Week 2020 was held between 2 and 6 March.

Objective 2: Support and Increase foreign direct and local investment in the county

Continued to work with IDA Ireland and Enterprise Ireland to manage and promote Grange Castle International Business Park.

Agreed to the sale of 48 acres at Grange Castle Business Park to Lens Media Limited for the construction of Ireland's first full-service media park. The construction of the media park at Grange Castle is expected to generate between 1,200 and 1,500 jobs and will also provide approximately 1,800 direct jobs and a further 1,800 ancillary jobs.

Signed a contract with Clonmel Enterprises Ltd for the provision of Phase 1 of the Grange Castle West Access Road.

Conservation works were carried out to Grange Castle that included the development of a new public park around the castle situated at Grange Castle Business Park.

Objective 3: Manage the assets of the Local Authority in a way that fully supports Economic Development

Announced a €7.7m upgrade of Tallaght Stadium that includes the building of a new North Stand. The investment in Tallaght Stadium will see a new North Stand and development of the West Stand to a high-quality corporate area.

Continued to implement the local Digital Strategy, in line with the National Broadband Strategy.

Grange Castle Business Park supported in excess of 5,300 jobs by the end of 2020.

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

Objective 4: Maximise the contribution of Arts, Libraries, Heritage and the Irish Language to the citizen and visitor cultural experience

The North Clondalkin library was opened to the public in late-2020 with a number of events taking place.

Works continued on a new library in Castletymon.

Funding was secured from the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform through the Public Service Innovation Fund 2020 for a Creative Studio in the North Clondalkin library.

The Red Line Book Festival delivered a blended programme of events, taking place both online and offline, in venues around South Dublin County.

Implementation of the Library Development Plan 2018–2022 continued.

Implemented programmes under Healthy Ireland, Right to Read and Work Matters in accordance with national strategies.

In its eleventh year, Unwrapped '20, the annual winter festival, was held online in 2020. The theme of the year was 'Shining a Light', a celebration of rebirth and renewal.

Cruinniú na nÓg 2020 was held and Joe Caslin's Reset was launched in Rua Red on Culture Night.

Continued the pilot programme for 'Toys, Technology and Training' to provide support and additional learning aids to junior patrons, their parents, carers or guardians and other interested parties who may have learning difficulties or other additional needs.

Objective 5: Implement a Tourism Strategy focussed on new product and brand development

Progressed a branding and marketing plan to promote Tallaght Stadium as an events venue to include music, festivals and community events.

The South Dublin County Heritage Trail App was launched.

Seven Shop Front Grants were awarded in 2020 to complement the ongoing village improvement works across South Dublin County.

Awarded East Village Coffee the licence to operate a café and retail offering at the Round Tower, Clondalkin, as well as managing the visitor centre.

An Bord Pleanála granted planning permission for the Dublin Mountains Visitor Centre.

Continued to roll out the Tourism Marketing Strategy and Implementation Plan.



Handing the keys to the Round Tower



North Clondalkin Library

2. Land use, planning and transportation



Objective 1: Strategic planning for resilient and compact growth

A review of the County Development Plan was commenced, and a public consultation held in the second half of the year.

Public consultation on a draft Biodiversity Action Plan was carried out and the Council adopted a final Biodiversity Action Plan in November.

A new Development Contribution Scheme (2021 – 2025) was prepared, consulted on, and then adopted by Council.

Planning permission was granted for a new Bus interchange at Liffey Valley, and the Council worked with the NTA and the Square shopping centre on a design for a new Tallaght public square and transport interchange.

The Council engaged with Irish Rail to progress the opening of the Kishogue station at Clonburris and on plans for DART+ through the County.

Actively monitored and coordinated the delivery of homes and infrastructure on lands within our Strategic Development Zones (SDZ) and Local Area Plans.

The on-going assessment of the Housing Task Force returns continued with over 1,700 homes under construction across the County.



Objective 2: Connect places through sustainable mobility projects

Public consultation on a draft 'Cycle South Dublin – Programme of Work' was carried out.

Works on phase 1 Dodder Greenway were completed, works on phase 2 started on-site and a Contractor was appointed for phase 3.

The Bawnogue permeability scheme in Clondalkin was completed.

Works started on-site to deliver the Celbridge Link Road scheme in Adamstown, Monastery Road active travel scheme in Clondalkin and Belgard North Link Road in Tallaght.

A preferred design for the Airton Road extension scheme was identified and land assembly work to deliver the road commenced.

Design work for the Wellington Lane active travel scheme was progressed.

The Winter Maintenance programme was carried out.

The 2020 annual maintenance and upgrade programme was delivered in full and included upgrades to; 137,558 sqm of road; 55,232 sqm of footpath; and 5,580 sqm of cycle-paths. This included an additional €2.4 million of COVID Stimulus funding.

A School Street programme for the County was agreed by the Council which identified eight schools where improved active travel and traffic calming works will be delivered.

Repaired work to 5,428 public lights across the County was carried out and 2,158 new LED lights were installed.

A County wide Signage Strategy was agreed by the Council to develop detailed design and delivery of new signage infrastructure.

Public consultation on a traffic calming programme was carried out and a series of traffic calming measures were identified. Public consultation on a review of the Parking Bye Laws also commenced.

The Road Safety Working Together Group (RSWTG) continued to meet during 2020 and to oversee the implementation of the Road Safety Action Plan.



Objective 3: Through the built environment, promote a sense-of-community in the different places of South Dublin

The Tallaght Local Area Plan was adopted by Council and came into effect in July 2020.

A masterplan team for the Naas Road Planning Framework was appointed and the stage 1 (baseline) assessment was completed.

Work was carried out at Clonburris to prepare and

agree the SDZ pre-commencement strategies and a Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF) application for €176m for strategic infrastructure was submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH). A further URDF funding application for approximately €10m was submitted to DHLGH for two new public spaces and a civic building.

A robust programme of public consultation was carried out for the Strategic Issues County Development Plan with 227 responses received.

Works on the Saggart village renewal scheme were completed.

A District Centre Enhancement Programme for the County including ten district centre locations was agreed.

A minor alteration to the Adamstown SDZ was agreed by An Bord Pleanála in October updating aspects of the Planning Scheme on issues related to height and density to ensure that the SDZ planning scheme is aligned with national and regional policy.

Continued support was provided for the national ePlanning tool as well as the progression of other online public engagement options for the Council.

Works on delivering two new parks at Tandy's Lane and Airlie Park in Adamstown commenced on site.


Six projects across the County were supported through the Built Heritage Investment Scheme and completed during 2020.

Works to restore the historic King Johns Bridge progressed on-site while restoration works at Ballymount Gate House were completed.



St Finian's Church and Graveyard

3. Housing, social and community development


 **Objective 1: Deliver quality social and affordable housing across the county to meet housing needs**

Planning continued for over 4,000 new homes at Kilcarbery, Killinarden, Clonburriss and Rathcoole in mixed tenure housing developments.

A new development of 133 affordable rental apartments at Belgard Square North was approved.

Minister for Housing, Darragh O'Brien TD, presented keys to new tenants in Cooleven, Clondalkin where 83 new-build family homes developed by Tuath Housing were allocated by the Council in December, part of 495 new allocations of social homes in the year.

Contractors were appointed on four new social housing developments that will deliver 52 new homes at St Catherine's (Tallaght), in Riversdale/ Mayfield in Clondalkin, Greenfort (also Clondalkin) and at Homeville on the Old Knocklyon Road.

 **Objective 2: Provide optimal and innovative housing management, supports and regulation for better tenures, tenancies and estates**

Management and maintenance of the Council's social housing stock of 9,731 homes was ongoing across the county.


Continued development of the online integrated housing system to maximise customer service and organisational efficiency.

Developed and adopted a Policy for Rightsizing and Allocation of Age Friendly Accommodation.

By the end of 2020, there were a total of 4,344 active Housing Assistance Payment tenancies (including enhanced HAP) in the County, along with 1,123 homes through the Rented Accommodation Scheme and a further 1,310 long-term leased homes.

275 housing adaptation grants were awarded to make existing private homes more suitable to live in for a person with a physical, sensory or intellectual disability or mental health difficulty.

70 applications approved totalling €14,768,054 under the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan scheme.

 **Objective 3: Lead inclusion, equality and interagency initiatives for integrated and socially connected communities**

A South Dublin Community Response Forum was established to lead the co-ordination of COVID-19 community supports and resilience.

Established a COVID-19 Resilience Fund to assist community and voluntary groups to adapt their services and support to communities affected by the pandemic.

Adopted and began to implement the South Dublin Age Friendly County Strategy 2020-2024.

The Social Inclusion Festival took place between 16 and 22 November to promote social diversity in South Dublin County.

The Joint Policing Committee continued its work with community and elected representatives along with An Garda Síochána and the Council in addressing policing and crime issues.

 **Objective 4: Lead a healthy, active and participative county**

€355k was approved by the Local Community Development Committee under the Department of Rural and Community Development Community Enhancement Programme for local and community groups.

Community Grants totalling over €227k were awarded to 139 community and voluntary groups.

Continued to implement the Healthy South Dublin County strategic plan.

Offered a range of activities and resources as part of the 'In This Together' and 'Keep Well' initiatives.

Over 140,000 people accessed South Dublin County Council's leisure facilities in the year.

Almost 72,000 participants took part in one of 516 sports programmes co-ordinated in 2020.



Gandon Walk, Adamstown



4.Environment, water and climate change

Objective 1: Create a sustainable low carbon and climate-resilient county

Continued to implement the South Dublin County Council Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) 2019 - 2024 and launched the Annual Progress Report 2020 of the same. Of the 130 actions listed in CCAP, 91% of the actions are either complete or in progress

The Energy Review 2019 was published showing the Council achieved 34.4% energy improvement surpassing its energy efficiency target of 33% by 2020, one year ahead of schedule, and that the Council is well placed to meet the 40% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

Continued to support the Climate Action Regional Office, and work together with the Dublin Local Authorities to deliver Climate Action Plans.

Signed up to the WHO (World Health Organisation) BreatheLife campaign, a commitment to bringing air quality to safe levels by 2030.

Established Ireland's first publicly owned, not-for-profit energy company, to provide low carbon heat to local community buildings. Trading as Heatworks, the company will deliver the Tallaght District Heating Network, estimated when completed to reduce carbon dioxide emissions in the South Dublin County area by nearly 1,500 tonnes per year.

Continued to progress flood alleviation schemes on the Whitechurch, Poddle and Camac rivers

Major emergency planning training took place for staff to better respond to severe weather and other events.

Citizen engagement on climate change continued with the rollout of the Sustainable Energy Community

Programme and Climate Action Workshops.

Objective 2: Improve the visual appearance of our County in the interest of economic and social development

The Derelict Sites Register was maintained with 309 Dangerous Buildings / Derelict Sites inspected during the year.

The Litter Management Plan 2020- 2022 was adopted and rolled out while the Council continued to utilise environmental monitoring initiatives to help combat illegal dumping and other litter issues.

Waterstown Park, Sean Walsh Park, Tymon Park, Corkagh Park and Rathfarnham Castle Park were all awarded Green Flag Awards, with Rathfarnham Castle Park receiving their flag for the first time.

South Dublin Canvas was held for a third consecutive year.

A new street sweeping contract with increased service levels commenced in January.

Carried out a review of the 'Living With Trees' tree management policy while continuing to operate a three-year rolling programme of tree maintenance.

Objective 3: Support a Green Infrastructure Network across the county to provide a shared space for amenity, recreation, biodiversity protection, flood management and adaptation to climate change

The Sports Pitch Strategy was agreed by elected members to provide an analysis of the demand for playing pitches, both grass and artificial, in the County. The strategy plans for future need and makes recommendations regarding pitch demand, capacity

and any further requirements.

Planted 1,541 trees around the County.

Developed, and began the implementation of, the Biodiversity Action Plan, which presents a background to the diversity of nature in the County and to the challenges that face biodiversity.

Completed and opened playspaces at Collinstown Park, Firhouse, Newcastle and Corkagh Park.

Completed and opened Kiltipper Park Phase 1.

Commenced the construction of the Local Infrastructure Housing Activated Funds (LIHAF) enabled Tandy's Lane and Airlie Park Project.

Progressed the development of a Green Infrastructure Strategy and a Parks and Open Space Strategy for the County.

Progressed the pavilion construction programme and sought funding for such through the Sports Capital Grant.

Developed and rolled out a Pitch Allocation and Booking System to better monitor and allocate the use of pitches in the County.

Progressed the planning for wetlands at five locations in conjunction with the Dublin Urban Rivers LIFE project.

Objective 4: Manage Regulatory, Licensing and Enforcement requirements, including Service Level Agreements

Implemented National Waste Prevention, Management and Enforcement priorities for 2020.

Delivered a proactive litter and waste enforcement services to ensure high standards of cleanliness in the County

Continued to liaise with the Eastern Midlands Regional Waste Office in implementing actions and goals under the eight strategic objectives of the Waste Management Plan 2015–2021.

Monitored compliance under the Control of Horses and Control of Dogs legislation.

The Annual Service Plan for 2020 was agreed with Irish Water and the service continued to be provided under a Service Level Agreement.

The 2020 Service Plan was agreed for delivery with the Food Safety Authority of Ireland.

Continued to implement the programme of measures arising from the River Basin Management Plan 2018 - 2021.

Supported the delivery of Dublin's Emergency and Fire Services.

Continued the implementation of the Dublin Environmental Noise Action Plan 2019 – 2023.

Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WERLA) 2020 work plan agreed by the 12 Eastern Local Authorities.



Corkagh Park

5. Organisational capacity and accountability

Objective 1: Support the policy and leadership role of councillors in providing effective local government.

The Annual Council Meeting was held in June and the Budget Council Meeting for the 2021 Budget was held in November 2020. Over the year 84 meetings were supported across the full Council, Corporate Policy Group, Area Committees, Organisation Procedures and Finance Committee, Strategic Policy Committees, the Joint Policing Committee, and with Oireachtas Members.

The Draft Register of Electors, to come into force on 15 February 2020 and remain in force until 14 February 2021, was published.

Council meetings were facilitated at Tallaght Stadium, the National Basketball Arena and held online to ensure compliance with government physical distancing guidelines.

Objective 2: Deliver quality services that treat all service users with dignity, respect and equality.

South Dublin County Council became the first JAM Card friendly local authority in the State.

The Council installed its first Changing Places toilet facility in County Hall, Tallaght. This purpose-built toilet facility gives people with disabilities and carers more space and the right equipment to take care of personal hygiene, in safety and comfort.

Promoted accessibility and highlighted positive examples of accessibility during National Accessibility Week.

Objective 3: Foster a strong governance culture in the organisation.

The Audit Committee met three times during the year. The Chair of the Audit Committee presented to the Council in March on the Committee's Annual Report for 2019.

The Corporate Procurement Plan 2018–2020 was reviewed and work carried out on the development of a new procurement plan to cover 2021 to 2023.

Continuously reviewed and updated the corporate governance section of the Council's website.

Processed and issued 287 decisions in 2020 in respect of requests under Freedom of Information, Access to Information on the Environment, Data Protection and Ombudsman legislation.

The Quality Assurance Report for 2020 under the Public Spending Code was published and submitted to the National Oversight and Audit Commission.

Objective 4: Build public trust through the delivery of effective communications and citizen engagement.

The Council's Fourth Irish Language Scheme came into effect from December.

Reach across South Dublin County Council's social media channels grew by 42%, with approximately 18 million post views. Engagement with the Council's posts grew by 105% in 2020, with over 700,000 interactions across Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram.

A summer and winter edition of the Citizen's Newsletter was published.

The Unwrapped 2020 programme of Christmas Festivities was held online in December.

Webpages on the Council's website were viewed over 3,200,000 times in 2020.

Then Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar, joined Vicki Casserly, the then Mayor of South Dublin County, in Lucan on 25 June to launch a new initiative – South Dublin Together - which aimed to give advice and motivation to vulnerable and at-risk people living in the community concerning COVID-19.

Objective 5: Develop organisational capacity to actively support the delivery of the Corporate Plan objectives and the local government reform programme.

The Council launched a Digital Health Platform from staff and elected members to better support mental and physical wellbeing.

The Council also made the SpectrumLife Employee Assistance Programme made available for both

staff and elected members.

Launched an e-recruitment system to modernise the Council's approach to staff recruitment.

The Council's LGBTQ+ Staff Network and Dublin City Council's LGBTQ+ Staff Network hosted an "Out at Work" virtual conference to support LGBTQ+ inclusivity in the workplace.



Mayor's COVID-19 Community Initiative



Celebrating Pride at County Hall, Tallaght



Objective 6: Advance the Council's use of information and communication technology (ICT) through secure, modern, and intelligent initiatives enabling better experiences and outcomes in service delivery

Rolled out Microsoft Teams throughout the organisation to ensure service delivery continued during the pandemic whilst modernising workplace communication among staff.

Ensured the Council's cyber security measures were constantly, reviewed, updated and monitored with awareness raised among staff.

Reviewed and developed dashboard capability for performance monitoring and reporting.

Supported project delivery throughout the organisation through the provision of cloud technologies and other online tools and facilities.

Developed and deployed virtual consultation rooms and explored new collaborative approaches for greater public engagement.



Objective 7: Provide robust financial management and risk management systems

Reviewed and updated the risk register throughout the organisation.

Continued to monitor and internally promote the Capital Project Monitoring System which tracks the progress of projects to provide reliable and up to date information which facilitates better coordination and more efficient management for the delivery of the projects.

Continued to develop the debt management unit to ensure timely income billing and debt management

across the organisation.

Prepared the annual accounts for audit in line with the Local Authority Accounting in Ireland Code of Practice and Accounting Regulations.

The Annual Budget for 2020 was actively monitored and controlled with quarterly reports issued to the Council and to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

The 3-year capital programme incorporating projects of €567m was produced for 2021-2023.

Consulted with the public on the local property tax variation procedure and brought proposals to elected members for approval.

The Council adopted a 2021 Revenue budget of €268m.

The 2019 Annual Financial Statement was prepared with subsequent audited accounts and audit report submitted to council and audit committee.



Council meeting during COVID



Launching the Pollinator Plan

2020 in photos



Deputy Mayor and Mayor



INTREO Roadshow at Tallaght Stadium



Physical distance measures in our parks.



Grange Castle



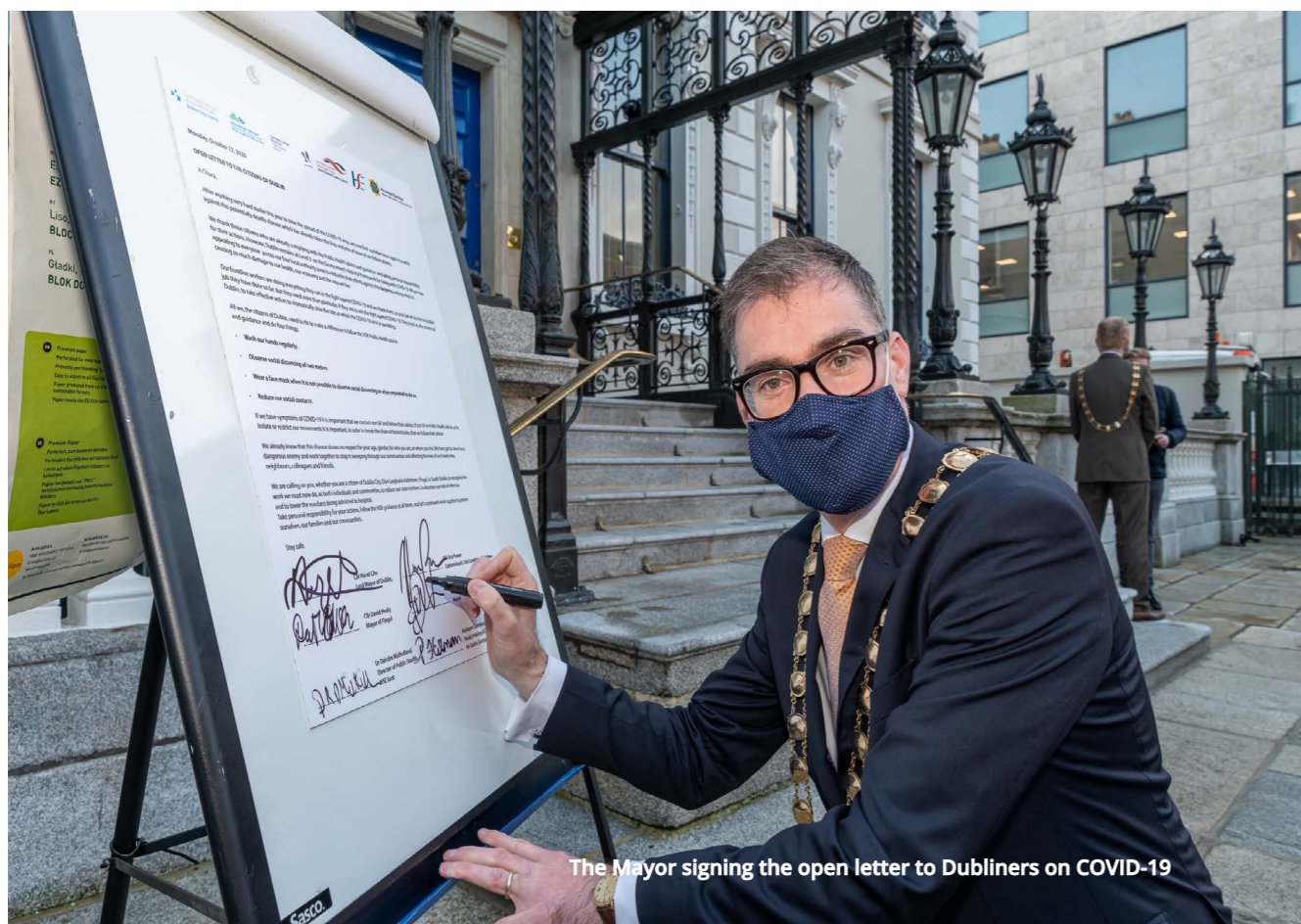
Green Flag for Rathfarnham Castle



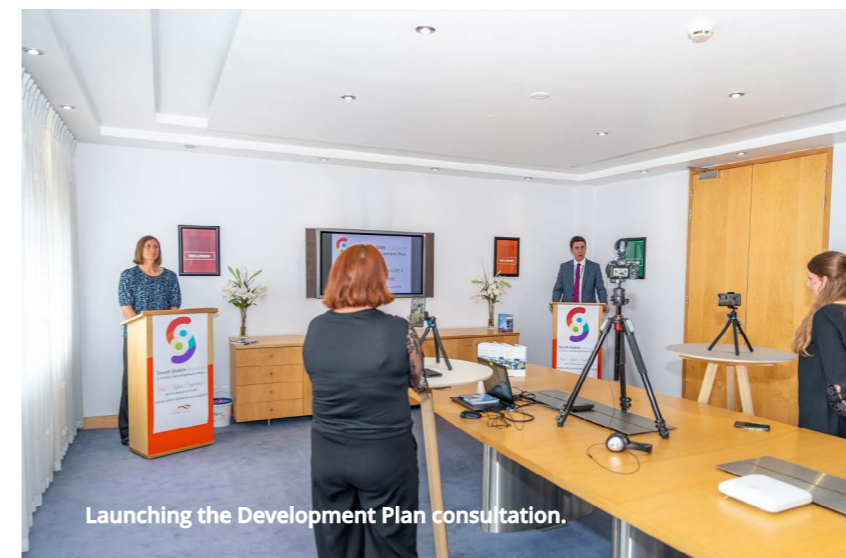
Plans for the Tallaght Innovation Centre



National Bike Week



The Mayor signing the open letter to Dubliners on COVID-19



Launching the Development Plan consultation.



Pollinator Measures



Collinstown Park Playspace opening



New homes at Ross Gate, Adamstown



Local Enterprise Week



Heritage Trail app launch



Sod turning on the Grange Castle West Access Road



Cruinniú na nÓg

Annual Service Delivery Plan Performance Indicators

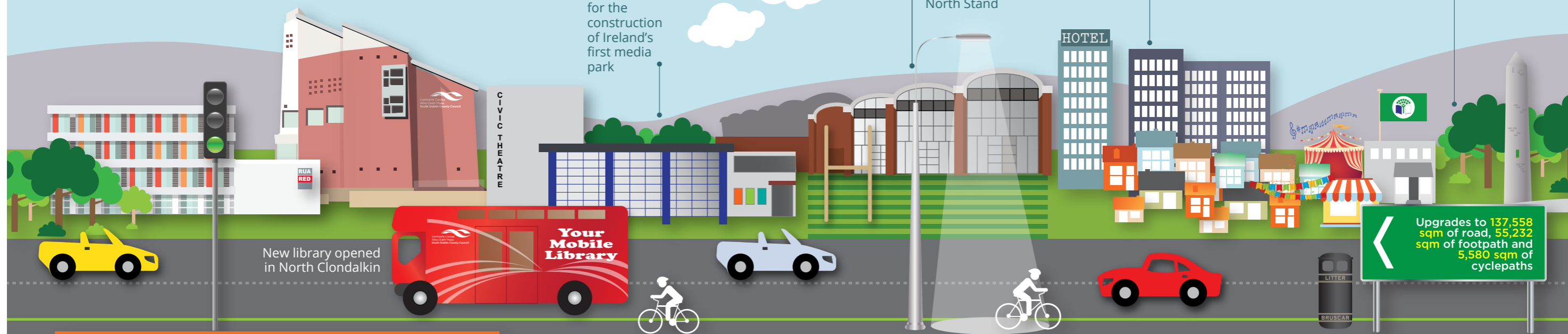
An assessment of the delivery of the Service Delivery Plan for 2020. Service levels in some areas were negatively impacted by the COVID pandemic as evidenced in some of the figures below.

Agreed to the sale of **48 acres** at Grange Castle Business Park for the construction of Ireland's first media park

Announced a **€7.7m** upgrade of Tallaght Stadium that includes the building of a new North Stand

In excess of **€32m** in direct support to businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

5 Green flags awarded for our parks



Corporate Performance and Change Management



Indicator

People on the electoral register
Customer queries received
Customer queries closed within deadline
Freedom of Information requests
Citizens engaged through consultations
Development courses per staff member

Anticipated

194,496
80,000
94%
315
6,500
3

Delivered

196,496
83,578
90%
273
2,469
2

Housing, Social and Community Development

Indicator

New housing allocations
Homeless exits / preventions
Planned maintenance expenditure
Interagency meetings
Visitors to council leisure facilities
Participants on council-led sports and health and well-being initiatives

Anticipated

680
705
€4.5m
42
600,000
140,000

Delivered

580
767
€476k
45
136,345
75,698



Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

Indicator

Business support initiatives and expenditure
Jobs supported in Grange Castle Park
Economic development land disposals
Active library members
Library space in metres squared
Festival / tourism events

Anticipated

35 / €300,000
6,150
20
49,835
7,712
11

Delivered

28 / €260,000
6,150
20
49,835
7,712
2



Environment, Water and Climate Change

Indicator

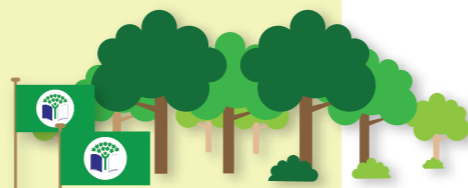
Climate action initiatives
Local authority energy savings
Trees planted
Environmental awareness sessions
New play spaces / teen spaces / pitches

Anticipated

85
33%
2,500
150
20

Delivered

118
34.4%
1,954
66
12



Land Use, Planning and Transportation

Indicator

New and upgraded footpaths in m2
New and upgraded cycle paths in m2
Public LED lighting upgrades
Village and district enhancement schemes
% of pre-planning meetings held within eight weeks of request
Private homes completed (Q4 2019 to Q3 2020)

Anticipated

60,000
14,000
2,000
1
60%
1,200

Delivered

60,903
14,000
2,158
1
66%
949



Appendix 1

Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) at 31 December 2020 (Unaudited)

	2020 €	2019 €
Fixed Assets		
Operational	2,128,057,110	2,098,002,789
Infrastructural	1,136,198,253	1,143,897,032
Community	11,631,281	9,680,900
Non-Operational	83,798,948	84,828,743
	3,359,685,593	3,336,409,463
Work in Progress and Preliminary Expenses	79,791,799	77,594,462
Long Term Debtors	188,130,089	178,069,516
Current Assets		
Stocks	-	-
Trade Debtors and Prepayments	63,796,289	55,892,045
Bank Investments	335,370,466	283,926,285
Cash at Bank	36,736,854	1,210,442
Cash in Transit	33,676	33,862
	435,937,285	341,062,634
Current Liabilities (Amounts falling due within one year)		
Bank Overdraft	-	-
Creditors and Accruals	104,107,487	47,775,381
Finance Leases	-	-
	104,107,487	47,775,381
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)	331,829,798	293,287,252
Creditors (Amounts falling due after more than one year)		
Loans Payable	178,147,941	181,739,121
Finance Leases	-	-
Refundable deposits	31,814,255	30,698,518
Other	50,677,957	38,177,830
	260,640,153	250,615,470
Net Assets	3,698,797,125	3,634,745,224
Represented by		
Capitalisation Account	3,359,685,593	3,336,409,463
Income WIP	87,457,637	88,124,184
General Revenue Reserve	12,210,777	12,189,910
Other Specific Reserves	-	-
Other Balances	239,443,119	198,021,666
Total Reserves	3,698,797,125	3,634,745,224

	Gross Expenditure 2020 €	Income 2020 €	Net Expenditure 2020 €
Housing and Building	73,973,289	74,506,389	(533,100)
Roads Transportation and Safety	27,625,858	6,305,235	21,320,623
Water Services	11,798,270	8,644,437	3,153,833
Development Management	48,219,742	40,553,577	7,666,164
Environmental Services	34,821,322	4,960,032	29,861,290
Recreation and Amenity	35,874,966	4,301,225	31,573,740
Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare	1,289,190	586,627	702,563
Miscellaneous Services	65,286,496	68,628,872	(3,342,376)
Total Expenditure/Income	298,889,133	208,486,395	
Net cost of Divisions to be funded from Rates and Local Property Tax			90,402,738
Rates			130,712,588
Local Property Tax			5,440,667
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfers			45,750,517
Transfers from/(to) Reserves			(45,729,651)
Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year			20,866
General Reserve @ 1 January 2020			12,189,910
General Reserve @ 31 December 2020			12,210,777

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:

- Distinguished persons, and
- 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 €505.20 in total for 2020.

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	IND
Councillor Eoin Ó Broin	IND

Rathfarnham - Templeogue

Ráth Fearnáin - Teach Mealóg

Councillor Carly Bailey	SD
Councillor Yvonne Collins	FF
Councillor Lynn McCrave	FG
Councillor Pamela Kearns	LAB
Councillor Ronan McMahon	IND
Councillor David McManus	FG
Councillor Laura Donaghy	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	IND

Lucan

Leamhcán

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

Tallaght South

Tamhlact Theas

Councillor Patrick Pearse Holohan	IND
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 - North Clondalkin

Baile Phámar - Cluain Dolcáin Thuaidh

Councillor Guss O'Connell	IND
Councillor Derren Ó Brádaigh	SF
Councillor Madeleine Johansson	PBP
Councillor Alan Hayes	IND
Councillor Shane Moynihan	FF



Party Abbreviations

Cllr	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 2.1

Payments to Councillors in 2020

Payments made to Councillors under Section 142 of the Local Government Act

Representational Payments Total	€683,032.35
Monthly Payments	€246,316.16
Strategic Policy Committee Chairperson's Allowance Total	€34,440.23
Mayor's Allowance (January to December)	€29,892.20
Deputy Mayor's Allowance (January to December)	€5,979.48
Area Committee Allowance	€37,244.62
Vouched Expenses	€19,058.60
Training and Conferences	€6,674.43
Other Payments	€576.80
Total of Expenses paid to members in respect of attendance at meetings of the County Council and its Committees	€1,063,214.87

Appendix 2.2

Council Membership of Committees and Other Bodies

Area Committee Chairs

Clondalkin	Councillor Eoin Ó Broin
Lucan / Palmerstown / North Clondalkin	Councillor Alan Hayes
Rathfarnham / Templeogue / Firhouse / Bohernabreena	Councillor Yvonne Collins
Tallaght	Councillor Liam Sinclair

Current Strategic Policy Committees (SPC) Membership

Arts, Culture, Gaelige, Heritage and Libraries SPC

Councillor Mick Duff (Independent) - Chair
Councillor Guss O'Connell (Independent)
Councillor Kenneth Egan (Independent)
Councillor Alan Hayes (Independent)
Councillor Peter Kavanagh (Independent)
Councillor Teresa Costello (Fianna Fáil)

Elaine O'Hara - Adult Education DDLETB
Freda Manweler - PPN

Economic Development, Enterprise and Tourism SPC

Councillor Cathal King (Sinn Féin) - Chair
Councillor Lynn McCrave (Fine Gael)
Councillor Ronan McMahon (Independent)
Councillor Sandra Fay (Solidarity)
Councillor Ed O'Brien (Fianna Fáil)
Councillor Louise Dunne (Sinn Féin)
Councillor Liona O'Toole (Independent)
Councillor Pamela Kearns (Labour)

Jack McDonnell - TUD Tallaght
John Kiberd - PPN
Sherri Brennan - Business Chamber of Commerce

Environment, Public Realm and Climate Change SPC

Councillor Brian Lawlor (Fine Gael) - Chair
Councillor Yvonne Collins (Fianna Fáil)
Councillor Dermot Richardson (Sinn Féin)
Councillor Madeleine Johansson (Solidarity)
Councillor Francis Timmons (Independent)
Councillor Alan Edge (Independent)
Councillor Green Party Co-Option

Una Ruddock - PPN
Deirdre Mooney - Business Community
Donnie Andersen - Agricultural and Farming

Housing SPC

Councillor Charlie O'Connor (Fianna Fáil) - Chair
Councillor Laura Donaghy (Green Party)
Councillor Baby Pereppadan (Fine Gael)
Councillor Kieran Mahon (Solidarity)
Councillor Joanna Tuffy (Labour)
Councillor Deirdre O'Donovan (Fianna Fáil)
Councillor William Carey (Sinn Féin)

Betty Tyrrell-Collard - Trade Union
Sharon Harty - PPN
Gerry Stockil - PPN

Social, Community and Equality SPC

Councillor Trevor Gilligan (Fianna Fáil) - Chair
Councillor Paddy Holohan (Independent)
Councillor Vicki Casserly (Fine Gael)
Councillor Shirley O'Hara (Fine Gael)
Councillor Emma Murphy (Fianna Fáil)
Councillor Carly Bailey (Social Democrats)

Daire Hennessy - PPN
Emma Hendrick - PPN

Land Use, Planning and Transportation SPC

Councillor Liam Sinclair (Independent) - Chair
Councillor David McManus (Fine Gael)
Councillor Paul Gogarty (Independent)
Councillor Eoin Ó Broin (Independent)
Councillor Shane Moynihan (Fianna Fáil)
Councillor Derren Ó Brádaigh (Sinn Féin)

Eoin Ahern - PPN

Other Committee Memberships

Audit Committee Members in 2020

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*, Senior Management Accountant, Tallaght Hospital (AMNCH)
Martin Nolan*, Director of Compliance and Professional Standards, Relate Software.
Councillor Emer Higgins*
Councillor Francis Noel Duffy*
Councillor Ed O'Brien
Councillor David McManus*
Councillor Guss O'Connell*

* During 2020, Martin Nolan replaced Karen O'Donoghue, and Councillors David McManus and Guss O'Connell replaced Councillors Emer Higgins and Francis Noel Duffy. The committee retained a formal membership of seven during the year.

Local Community Development Committee Membership for 2020

Prof Mary Corcoran, NUI Maynooth
Dr Phil Mulvaney, PPN 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
Andy Leeson, Youth Services
Councillor Kieran Mahon
Councillor Alan Hayes
Councillor David McManus
Colm Ward, South Dublin County Council
Padraig Rehill, Health Service Executive
Marguerite Gallagher, Department of Social Protection
Deirdre McKeon, Dublin and Dún Laoghaire

Education and Training Board
Thomas Rooney, Local Enterprise Office

Joint Policing Committee Membership for 2020

Councillor Ed O'Brien, Mayor
Councillor Emma Murphy (Chair)
Councillor Yvonne Collins
Councillor Laura Donaghy
Councillor Mick Duff
Councillor Louise Dunne
Councillor Cathal King
Councillor Lynn McCrave
Councillor Shane Moynihan
Councillor Eoin Ó Broin
Councillor Deirdre O'Donovan
Councillor Shirley O'Hara
Councillor Liona O'Toole
Councillor Baby Pereppadam
Councillor William Priestley
Councillor Mary Seery Kearney

Sean Crowe T.D.
John Curran T.D.
John Lahart T.D.
Emer Higgins T.D.
Paul Murphy T.D.
Mark Ward T.D.

Colm Ward, South Dublin County Council

Chief Superintendent Finbarr Murphy
Chief Superintendent Kevin Gralton
Chief Superintendent Peter Duff

Ann Corrigan, PPN
Enda Creegan, PPN
Emer Meighan, PPN
Michael Noonan, PPN
Vacant - Drug and Alcohol Task Force Community
Ray McGrath, Drug and Alcohol Task Force Community
Gemma Carton, Garda Diversion

Appendix 3

Training Conferences attended by Councillors in 2020

Name	Location	Date
IPI - Annual Conference	Co. Cork	5 February
AILG Module 2	Co. Cavan	13 February
AILG Spring Conference	Co. Longford	4 - 5 March
AILG Module 3	Co.Louth	30 July

Appendix 4

Energy Efficiency Report 2020

South Dublin County Council total final energy consumption

Total Primary Energy Requirement (TPER)

Energy	Energy Category	Energy Type	Unit	Baseline	2020
Electricity			kWh	52,692,179	28,389,639
	Electricity		kWh	52,692,179	28,389,639
		Net Electricity Imports (MPRN data)	kWh	23,062,512	10,282,980
		Net Electricity Imports (non-MPRN data)	kWh	29,629,667	20,075,130
Thermal			kWh	8,218,586	7,518,444
	Gas		kWh	6,929,617	6,245,083
		Natural Gas (GPRN data)	kWh	6,874,655	6,193,957
		LPG (purchased by volume)	kWh	54,962	51,126
	Heating Oils		kWh	1,288,969	1,273,361
		Kerosene	kWh	84,875	25,278
		Gasoil	kWh	1,204,094	1,248,083
Transport			kWh	6,820,250	3,768,645
	Transport Fuels (Mineral Oil Fuels)		kWh	6,771,205	3,557,923
		Petrol (excl. blended bioethanol)	kWh	91,963	46,138
		Road Diesel (DERV) (excl. blended biodiesel)	kWh	6,679,242	3,511,785
	Transport Biofuels		kWh	49,045	210,722
		Biodiesel (incl. all blended biodiesel)	kWh	47,590	209,199
		Bioethanol(incl. all blended bioethanol)	kWh	1,455	1,523
Total Primary Energy Requirement (TPER)			kWh	67,741,015	39,676,728

In 2020, SDCC consumed 39 gigawatt hours (GWh) of primary energy; this is equivalent to 6,899 tonnes of CO₂ and an estimated cost of this energy use to be approximately €2.7 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 45.7%, 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. SEAI is also looking at what was the impact of COVID on the local authorities energy efficiency during 2020.

Appendix 5

Protected Disclosures 2020

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 no reports were received in 2020.

Appendix 6

Full Statistics

Corporate Performance and Change Management

Corporate Performance and Change Management Local Performance Indicators 2020

Number of Customer Queries received	83,578
Number of Customer Queries closed within deadline	75,227
Number of Members Reps received	8,510
Number of Members Reps closed within deadline	4,718
Number of Freedom of Information/Data Access Requests responded to	287
Telephone calls answered	231,656
Telephone calls answered within 20 seconds (%)	89.4%
Media queries responded to	298
Fix Your Street queries responded to	5,086
Web pages opened	3,210,938
Social media reach	17,880,350
Social media engagement	622,870
Staff employed - Whole Time Equivalents	1,258
Percentage attendance rate on courses	74.3%
Percentage of Training Programme for 2020 delivered (April to April)	18.9%
Apprenticeships/graduates	10
Number of Customer Care Queries/Complaints received in Irish	0
Number of Citizens who actively engaged in Council consultations	2,469

Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development Local Performance Indicators 2020

LEO – jobs supported	49
LEO – projects approved	31
LEO – training participants	1,975
LEO – mentoring sessions	459
Business support grants spend	459,883.14
Business support grants spend (projects)	22
Business initiative with Chamber meetings held	308
Shopfront grants paid	21,469
Grange Castle jobs sustained	5,328
Library – visitors actual	282,613
Library – visitors online	151,679
Library – items borrowed	1,282,817
Library – computer sessions	35,651
Libraries – events hosted	2,072
Library Wi-Fi users	88,257
Arts grants paid	96
Arts events hosted	23
Visitors Civic Theatre	31,988
Visitors Rua Red	56,590
GC Jobs (Construction)	788
SDCC investment in tourism projects	467,476.50
SDCC investment in Grange Castle Business Park projects	0

Environment, Water and Climate Change

Environment, Water and Climate Change Local Performance Indicators 2020

Grass cut – Hectares	6,479
Trees inspected	4,884
Trees pruned	3,907
Trees removed	706
Trees planted	1,541
Tonnage of waste collected – street bins	467.95
Tonnage of waste collected – litter/illegal dumping	6,429.58
Tonnage of waste collected – road sweeping/gullies	9,722.97
Kilometres of roads swept monthly	930
Derelict site/Dangerous building inspections	309
Number of environment inspections	1,336
Litter – fines issued	372
Number of waste enforcement notices issued	72
Percentage of unaccounted for water	38.2
Drinking water network repairs completed	455
Water pollution incidents dealt with	63
Plastic bottles saved through use of drinking water from fountains	57,847
Number of environmental/climate action awareness sessions	59
Number of dogs impounded	208
Number of horses impounded	69
Dublin Fire Brigade fire incidents mobilised	2,069
Dublin Fire Brigade ambulance incidents mobilised	12,771

Housing, Social and Community Development

Housing, Social and Community Development Local Performance Indicators 2020

Total housing stock	9,731
Construction starts	73
Construction completions	0
Total housing needs assessed	6,740
Allocations - New Tenancies	495
Number of voids	98
Time taken to re-let dwellings (weeks)	19.6
Total RAS units	1,123
Total HAP units	3,736
Total units leased	1,310
Number of housing grants approved	275
Housing Maintenance requests received	16,746
Housing Maintenance requests completed	4,689
Number of PRTB Inspections	1,736
Total PPN registrations	67
Planned Maintenance - units completed	7
Number of community grants issued	139
Number of sports programmes	516
Number of community events	10
Number of sports programme participants	71,941
Number of community event participants	922
Visitors to leisure facilities	141,833
BER inspections	0
BER Certs published	0
Mechanical Inspections	1,954
Energy upgrades completed	177
Electrical inspections completed	1,579
Number of anti-social incidents reported	1,109
Number of actions taken in response to reports	10,248
JPC and Policing Fora meetings held	18
Number of Local Festivals supported	0
DPG Works	102
Tidy Towns Groups Supported	11
Number of CE participants	82
Percentage of CE participants allocated	67.25

Land Use, Planning and Transportation

Land Use, Planning and Transportation Local Performance Indicators 2020

Planning applications received - new housing	130
Planning applications received - new housing (units)	1,324
Planning granted new houses - applications	83
Planning granted new houses - applications (units)	1,019
Planning applications housing - applications	213
Planning applications housing - applications (units)	2,343
Planning refused - number of houses	285
Planning applications - other	786
Planning other - number granted	563
Planning other - number refused	48
Additional information requests - all classes	199
Percentage decisions upheld by An Bord Pleanála	75.1%
Pre planning meetings held	112
Planning enforcements initiated	268
Enforcement files closed	68
Building control inspections (number of units inspected)	293
Commencement notices received (number of units commencing)	742
TIC requests received	21
TIC completions	2
Area of footpath repaired in m2	54,719
Area of new footpath in m2	0
Area of road repaired in m2	144,808
Area of new road in m2	0
Area of cycle track repaired in m2	8,180
Area of new cycle track in m2	0
Number of public lights in charge	30,264
Number of public lights repaired	5,664
Traffic lights repaired	732
Public Lighting LED Programme	2,168

Appendix 7

Senior Management Team

Chief Executive	Daniel McLoughlin
Director of Corporate Performance and Change Management	Lorna Maxwell
Director of Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development	Frank Nevin
Director of Environment, Water and Climate Change	Teresa Walsh
Director of Housing, Social and Community Development	Colm Ward
Director of Land Use, Planning and Transportation	Mick Mulhern
Head of Finance	Ronan Fitzgerald
Head of Information Systems	Tommy Kavanagh
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