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Chief Executive's Report

How we're creating greater opportunity for all

September 2026



Mayoral reception for "Pico" Lopes



About the Chief Executive’s Report

The Chief Executive’s Report is presented to elected members at each SDCC monthly meeting. It forms a key part of our governance and oversight framework, supporting members in their role by providing timely updates on the work of the Council.

In line with Section 136(2) of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014), the report outlines the performance of executive functions, the implementation of Council policy, and the delivery of services across the organisation.

This report should be read alongside updates provided to Area Committee Meetings and the quarterly Capital Progress Report, which together offer a comprehensive view of Council activity and progress.

Each edition includes:

- Updates on how we are delivering on our Corporate Plan goals
- Highlights of major initiatives and events
- A visual snapshot of recent community and Council activities

The report also provides an opportunity to shine a light on areas of our work that may not always be in the spotlight but are vital to the day-to-day life of the county.

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Climate Leadership

Solar power gives council buildings a greener future

Our libraries and community centres are now generating clean electricity, cutting carbon emissions and reducing their reliance on energy from the grid.

We are expanding solar photovoltaic (PV) systems across our building portfolio as part of our drive to improve energy performance and reduce carbon emissions. Since June, installations have been completed at Ballyroan Library and the community centres in Fettercairn, Quarryvale, Kilnamanagh and Rowlagh.

Solar projects are progressing at a further six buildings with installations now complete at Castletymon Library and North Clondalkin Library. Jobstown Community Centre and Brookfield Community Centre are due to be completed in the coming weeks, with Kilcarbery Community Centre and Ballyroan Community Centre to follow.

Complete of the current phase of works will mean that every suitable council

library will have solar panels. The programme will then continue across our network of community centres, with preliminary assessments to be undertaken to identify buildings suitable for works.

The solar rollout will be complemented by the upcoming introduction of energy performance contracts for County Hall and Library, Clondalkin Civic Offices, Rua Red, Civic Theatre, Clondalkin Leisure Centre and Tallaght Leisure Centre, which will see significant solar PV installations comprising more than 1,400 m2 in these six buildings.

By turning rooftops into local sources of clean energy, council buildings are helping to lead South Dublin’s transition to a low-carbon future—while delivering lasting environmental and financial benefits for communities.

At Arthurstown Landfill, a contractor has been appointed for the installation of a 200kw ground mounted solar array,

generating an estimated 150,000 kWh/year, to power the energy demands of the on-site aftercare leachate facility. The project expected to be operational by December, providing annual savings of 51 tonnes of CO2. In addition, a feasibility study is underway for the potential development of a large-scale

renewable energy project on the remaining 67-hectare of land to develop, 24 MWp (Megawatt-peak) solar farm. The feasibility report is currently identifying a model for the delivery of the project and if deemed appropriate will be progressed to market early next year.

Solar PV performance snapshot to mid-August 2026					
Building	Generated	Demand met	Exported	CO ₂ avoided	Tree equivalent
Quarryvale Community Centre Since 17 June	8.7 MWh	86%	3.98 MWh	4.1 tonnes	5 trees
Fettercairn Community Centre Since 13 June	10.0 MWh	68%	1.7 MWh	4.7 tonnes	6 trees
Ballyroan Library Since 10 July	8.6 MWh	61%	3.6 MWh	4.1 tonnes	5 trees

Litter fines increase to €250

A higher fixed payment notice for littering offences came into effect on 1 September, strengthening measures to deter littering and illegal dumping. The fixed payment notice has increased from €150 to €250 following the commencement of Section 36 of the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2026, which amends Section 28 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997. Local authorities were formally notified of this change by the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment in June.

Preparations have been undertaken to ensure public information reflects the revised penalty. This includes updates to

signage, online content, official documents and other public communications relating to litter enforcement.

Littering and illegal dumping continue to have a negative impact on communities, public spaces and the local environment. Every reported or detected incident of illegal dumping is investigated by the Litter Warden service. Where material is recovered, it is examined for evidence and, where evidence is identified, appropriate enforcement action is pursued under the Litter Pollution Act 1997, as amended.

To report incidents or contact the Litter Enforcement service, visit [sdcc.ie](https://www.sdcc.ie).

Climate Leadership



Get involved in SDG Week climate action events

Our climate action department will host a programme of events during Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Week, from 19 to 27 September. The programme is designed to inform, inspire and engage communities in climate action and sustainable living.

Programme of events

Saturday, 19 September — Pitch-side energy clinic

Location: Round Towers GAA Club

Residents of the Clondalkin Decarbonising Zone are invited to meet our Climate Action team and energy

experts from Codema. Visitors can learn practical ways to reduce household energy use, improve energy efficiency and access available grants.

Tuesday, 22 September — Climate Action Lunch and Learn

Join a screening of the DLA-produced documentary Losing the Thread: The Cost of Fashion, followed by a facilitated discussion on the environmental and social impacts of the fashion industry.

Wednesday, 23 September — Climate Action Lunch and Learn

Explore the benefits of growing your own food with practical guidance from our allotment growers. The session will cover straightforward, sustainable gardening techniques suitable for every level of experience.

Wednesday, 23 September — Biodiversity walk in Tymon Park

Park rangers will lead a local school group on an educational walk through Tymon Park, highlighting its habitats and wildlife and explaining the importance of protecting biodiversity.

Friday, 25 September — Horticultural workshop

A craft gardener will deliver an interactive workshop for a local school group, teaching students how to grow food and develop practical, sustainable gardening skills.

Staff, residents and community groups are encouraged to take part in SDG Week. Each event offers an opportunity to learn, share practical ideas and contribute to a more sustainable future.

For more information visit sdcc.ie.

THE GLOBAL GOALS

For Sustainable Development



Climate Leadership



Supporting South Dublin's Wildlife

A recent study organised by our water quality team and funded through the Local Biodiversity Action Fund has highlighted the important role that Integrated Constructed Wetlands (ICWs) play in supporting wildlife.

The survey was carried out at seven wetland cells located in Dodder Valley Park, Griffeen Valley Park and Tymon Park. ICW's are nature-based systems designed to treat polluted surface water before it reaches local rivers. In addition to improving water quality, they create valuable habitats for wildlife.

The results showed that the wetlands support a remarkable variety of insects and

other invertebrates. Researchers recorded 154 different species of invertebrates from 61 families, including butterflies, moths, bees, dragonflies, hoverflies, beetles and many aquatic species.

The most diverse site was the ICW at Tymon Park, where 74 species of invertebrates were found. High levels of biodiversity were also recorded at the Dodder Valley and Griffeen Valley wetlands. The variety of habitats within and around the wetlands, including reeds, wildflowers, grassland and nearby woodland, helps provide food and shelter for many species.

Several notable species were recorded during the survey, including uncommon

ground beetles, and a wide range of dragonflies and damselflies and the red-tailed bumblebee which is classified as near threatened. The wetlands also support many pollinating insects, which are important for maintaining healthy ecosystems and supporting plant life.

The study found a significant increase in recorded diversity compared with surveys completed last year. Scientists believe this reflects both the maturing nature of the wetland habitats and the timing of the surveys, which allowed a greater range of

insect species to be observed. Species-level records increased from 68 to 113, while the number of families recorded rose from 38 to 61.

Importantly, no invasive invertebrate species of concern were recorded during the survey. The findings demonstrate that these wetlands are delivering benefits beyond their original water-treatment function and are becoming valuable biodiversity hotspots within our parklands.



Climate Leadership



Clearing the way for the River Liffey's wild salmon

An ambitious river restoration project is being developed to improve fish passage along the River Liffey and support the recovery of a number of protected and migratory species, including Atlantic salmon, sea trout, river and sea lamprey, European eel and twaite shad.

The Liffey Salmon Migration Barrier Project aims to restore river connectivity to enable habitat recovery, support salmon and other fish migration and improve water quality in the River Liffey. It is a collaborative initiative between Fingal County Council, Dublin City Council, South Dublin County Council and Inland Fisheries Ireland.

The Liffey Salmon Migration Barrier Project focuses on seven historic weirs

located between Islandbridge and Lucan. The project will examine opportunities to improve fish passage at each location, helping species move more freely through the river system and access important spawning and feeding habitats.

The proposed works will be informed by consultation with stakeholders and will need to accommodate the differing migration and habitat requirements of a range of fish species. The project aims to improve connectivity throughout the river, reconnect stretches of habitat and contribute to wider environmental objectives, including improved ecological status under the Water Framework Directive.

Any final design will seek to avoid increasing flood risk or adversely affecting existing bridges and infrastructure. The project will also consider the conservation and repair of historic structures and recorded monuments associated with the weirs, recognising their cultural and heritage value.

The need for the project is highlighted by the significant decline in salmon numbers in recent years. Since 2010, the number of salmon returning to the River Liffey has fallen from more than 2,000

to fewer than 200 fish. A sustainable returning population is estimated to be approximately 7,000 fish.

Improving fish passage is an important step in supporting the recovery of the River Liffey's distinctive salmon population and creating a healthier, more connected river ecosystem for future generations.

Further information is available through the [Liffey Salmon Migration Barrier Project website](#).



Quality Housing



New protocol supports victims accessing housing services

A new inter-local authority protocol has been introduced to support victims and survivors of Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (DSGBV) in accessing social housing services. The protocol allows eligible applicants who are already qualified for social housing support to transfer waiting time accrued on a housing list in one local authority area to another local authority area when relocation is necessary for safety reasons.

The protocol has been developed jointly by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the local

authority sector, following a commitment set out in the Delivering Homes, Building Communities, national housing plan. It aims to remove barriers that may prevent individuals and families fleeing domestic abuse from accessing housing supports in a new area while retaining recognition of time already spent awaiting social housing.

Under the protocol, applicants must continue to meet the relevant social housing eligibility criteria of the receiving local authority and provide appropriate evidence of their circumstances. The process includes information-sharing

arrangements between local authorities to ensure applications can be assessed efficiently while maintaining appropriate safeguards and administrative oversight.

The introduction of this protocol represents a significant enhancement of housing supports for victims and survivors of domestic abuse. By facilitating mobility between local authority areas and recognising previously accrued waiting time, the protocol helps ensure that those seeking safety can access housing services without experiencing additional

disadvantage.

This initiative reflects the ongoing commitment of local authorities and Government to supporting vulnerable households and ensuring that housing services play a positive role in protecting individuals and families affected by domestic, sexual and gender-based violence.

Local authorities have been requested to implement the protocol immediately. For further information and to contact the Housing Allocations section visit sdcc.ie.





Quality Housing

Starter Homes for purchase

Homes at Canal Bank, Clonburris and Kilcarbery Grange are being made available for sale under the Starter Home Purchase Scheme (formerly the Local Authority Affordable Purchase Scheme).

The application portal is now open and will close when it is deemed that a sufficient number of applications have been received. Applications will then be prioritised and assessed.

- The minimum purchase price is: €300,000 for a 3-bedroom duplex at Kilcarbery Grange
- €310,000 for a 3-bedroom duplex at Kilcarbery Grange
- €295,000 for a 2-bedroom apartment at Canal Bank
- €335,000 for a 3-bedroom duplex at Canal Bank

Kilcarbery Grange - available properties

Property Type	Minimum Purchase Price	Maximum Purchase Price	Gross Household Income Limit €	Max Equity Share %	Market Value
Wisteria – 3 bed duplex (1 property available)	€300,000	€384,750	€86,569	25.93%	€405,000
Aster – 3 bed duplex (1 property available)	€310,000	€384,750	€86,569	23.46%	€405,000

Canal Bank - available properties

Property Type	Minimum Purchase Price	Maximum Purchase Price	Gross Household Income Limit€	Max Equity Share %	Market Value
Laurel IV – 2 bed apartment (1 property available)	€295,000	€351,500	€79,088	20.27%	€370,000
Willow I – 3 bed duplex (3 properties available)	€335,000	€399,000	€89,775	20.24%	€420,000

Housing Needs Assessment

We will commence our Housing Needs Assessment this month, in accordance with Section 21 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 and requirements set by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

The assessment is undertaken to confirm that selected households continue to have a housing need and that the information held on their housing application is accurate and up to date. This process supports the ongoing management of our housing list and helps ensure that it continues to reflect current housing need.

This is a targeted assessment and is not a review of all applicants on the housing list. A limited number of applicants will be selected for review and contacted

directly by letter. Only applicants who receive a letter are required to complete the assessment.

Transfer applicants, including our current tenants and households supported through HAP or RAS, are not included in this assessment.

Applicants who are contacted must respond either online or by post and provide all requested documentation by the deadline specified in their correspondence at the risk of their housing application being closed, and they may be removed from the housing list.

For more information or to request assistance completing the assessment, visit [sdcc.ie](https://www.sdcc.ie).



Quality Housing



Housing stock assessment programme progresses

We commenced our housing stock condition survey programme in February last year to build a detailed picture of the condition of our housing stock and support future investment planning.

To date, more than 3,500 surveys have been completed across the Rathfarnham-Templeogue, Palmerstown-Fonthill and Tallaght South (south of the N81) areas.

Surveys are currently underway in Lucan and are expected to be completed by the end of the year. The programme will progress to Tallaght South (north of the N81) next year. The final phase of the current survey cycle is scheduled for 2028 and will cover the Clondalkin, Tallaght Central and Firhouse-Bohernabreena areas.

The surveys assess the condition of key elements within each home, including fire alarm and detection systems, windows and doors, kitchen units and

heating systems. They help identify the remaining lifespan of these components and determine when maintenance, replacement or upgrade works may be required.

The programme will generate valuable data to inform strategic asset management and long-term investment planning across the housing stock.

Over the next three years, €49 million has been committed for investment in existing housing stock through a combination of rental income and grant funding. This investment will support the delivery of key planned maintenance programmes, including safety works, window and door replacement, exterior painting of apartment blocks and targeted refurbishment and enhancement projects. It will also support the ongoing rollout of the Energy Retrofit Scheme.

Oldcastle Park Masterplan

Following several consultation sessions with local residents and elected members, revised proposals for the mixed-tenure housing development at Oldcastle Park, Clondalkin have now been finalised.

Oldcastle Park has been identified as a key opportunity to support our housing delivery objectives. The proposed development will provide approximately 140 homes across a balanced mix of social housing, affordable purchase homes and Traveller-specific accommodation. A range of housing types will be delivered to support the development of a sustainable, inclusive and well-integrated community.

In response to feedback and evolving housing needs, the project team has included provision of Universal Design and Universal Design+ bungalows and has also revised several house and apartment typologies in line with updated housing targets in the Housing Deliver Action Plan, issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

The revised plan is fully compliant with our County Development Plan, with particular emphasis on high-quality design, appropriate residential density, adequate open space provision and successful integration with the surrounding neighbourhood.

The development proposals also include provision for a community facility, the precise nature of which will be determined as the design process progresses. Access to the site is proposed via vehicular entrances from both Grange Castle Road (R136) and New Nangor Road (R134), together with a dedicated pedestrian and cycle link to enhance connectivity and permeability.

The scheme is scheduled to proceed to public consultation this month, with the Chief Executive's Report due to be presented to the elected members in December.



Quality Housing



Strong Progress on Rental Inspections

We are continuing our proactive programme of inspections of private rented properties to help ensure that homes meet the standards set out in the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019. As part of the planned inspection programme, we carry out inspections of properties supported through the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) and Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS), as well as homes managed by Approved Housing Bodies and other privately rented dwellings.

As well as scheduled inspections, we also investigate concerns raised in reports and

complaints received. Over the past two years we surpassed our annual inspection targets, this strong performance has continued this year, with more than 3,459 dwellings inspected to date, we are on track to exceed our annual target of 4,905 inspections by year end.

In addition, to our dedicated inspector, we have recently engaged the services of Niall Keely & Associates, a firm with considerable experience in the sector. Over the past five years, the company has completed more than 80,000 private rented property inspections nationwide. Operating under Q-Mark certified quality

management systems, the company brings a professional, consistent and structured approach to inspection services.

Where an inspection identifies that a property does not meet the minimum standards required under the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019, the landlord is formally notified and given a specified timeframe to complete the necessary improvement works. Follow-up inspections are then carried out to confirm that the required standards have been achieved.

Environmental Health Officers (EHOs) are responsible for enforcing the regulations. In cases where landlords fail to address identified issues, EHO's may take further enforcement action, including the issuing of improvement notices and, where necessary, the initiation of legal proceedings.

Through this ongoing programme, our aim is to support compliance with housing standards and to enhance the quality of rental accommodation.



A Thriving Economy



Kilkenny Design Maker's Academy Finalists

Kilkenny Design and the Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs) have selected 25 finalists for the new Makers' Academy. We delighted to have three of our LEO South Dublin clients selected as Leinster finalists.

The Maker's Academy is a business development programme designed to help some of Ireland's most exciting creative brands scale from independent makers into commercially successful retail businesses.

Hundreds of applications were received from talented makers, designers, and founders across Ireland and the selection process was highly competitive. The 25 finalists are businesses with outstanding

creativity, commercial potential and the ambition to become Ireland's next generation of consumer brands. They represent 15 counties and categories including homeware, jewellery, fashion, craft, food, and wellbeing.

The successful LEO South Dublin clients are:

- Tara Kelly, TAE TEA, a tea with natural power of herbs
- Iryna Ilina, illina handcrafted statement handbags
- Arzu Gorbil, The Crochet Dolls a handcrafted crochet dolls and gifts

This new partnership between Kilkenny Design and the LEOs aims to build on the significant supports already available

to the craft and design sector through the LEOs from funding and mentoring to training and digital and green consultancy and grants.

Over the coming months, the finalists will participate in a programme of workshops, one-to-one mentoring and business coaching delivered in partnership with Kilkenny Design's senior leadership, buying, marketing and ecommerce teams, alongside leading industry, and enterprise experts. Participants will receive practical guidance across retail strategy, branding,

finance, ecommerce, digital marketing, and founder development, equipping them with the tools to accelerate their businesses.

As part of the Makers' Academy, each finalist will also receive the opportunity to showcase their products through pop-ups in Kilkenny Design retail stores, providing exposure to customers and first-hand experience of trading within one of Ireland's best-known retail destinations.

Local Enterprise Office end of summer BBQ

Over 70 clients attended our LEO (Local Enterprise Office) South Dublin, end of summer BBQ networking event at Áras Chrónáin, Clondalkin.

This event provided an opportunity for attendees to make connections, share experiences and engage directly with our LEO staff and business mentors. Discussions focused on the range of supports available, including mentoring, training, grant assistance and business development supports.

Staff also outlined the four new schemes introduced under the Business Support Fund, with businesses using the event to learn more about funding and supports available to help them start, grow and develop. The networking event reinforced the value of peer-to-peer engagement

and our role in supporting a strong local business network.

Attendees had the opportunity to learn from each other's business journeys, discuss challenges and successes, and explore potential opportunities for partnership and collaboration while also highlighting the importance of peer-to-peer learning and the strength of the local business network that continues to grow.



A Better Place



Accessibility audits support more inclusive communities

Work has begun on a programme of accessibility audits to help identify opportunities to improve accessibility in towns, villages and public facilities. The initiative forms part of a wider commitment to creating more inclusive communities and ensuring that public spaces are accessible to everyone.

Through funding of €200,000, the programme is being delivered through a multi-party framework developed in partnership with Dublin City Council. The framework provides access to specialist expertise from Direct Access, Access Earth and O’Herlihy Access Consultancy Ltd, supporting a consistent and evidence-based approach.

The audits will examine streets, public spaces and buildings to identify physical and sensory barriers that may affect how people access and use services and

facilities. The findings will help inform future improvements, with a particular focus on supporting disabled people who live in, work in or visit the area.

Meaningful engagement with people who have lived experience of disability will form an important part of the programme. Focus groups will help ensure that local knowledge and personal experience shape the assessment process and its recommendations.

The programme commenced in Templeogue Village and will continue in Tallaght, Brittas, Clondalkin, Rathfarnham, Rathcoole, Newcastle and Saggart. Findings from the audits will inform future projects under the Villages and District Enhancement Scheme, helping to ensure that public spaces better meet the needs of all users.

Bus Stop Enhancement Programme

Construction has commenced to deliver 11 bus stops under the Bus Stop Enhancement Programme (BSEP), comprising three hardstanding installations and eight new bus shelters.

In addition, we are seeking approval from the National Transport Authority (NTA) for a further nine bus stops. Subject to NTA approval and the availability of the NTA appointed bus shelter contractor, these additional bus stops are targeted for delivery this year.

The supply, delivery and installation of bus shelters are managed exclusively by the NTA through its appointed contractor

and remain subject to the contractor’s programme and resource availability. While local civil works can progress independently, the completion of bus stop infrastructure requiring shelters will be aligned with the NTA contractor’s delivery and installation schedule.

In parallel, the design development of additional bus stop improvements is progressing, with further schemes expected to be submitted for approval in the coming days. This programme will continue to enhance public transport infrastructure, improving accessibility, passenger comfort, and the overall customer experience across the network.

Launch of Saggart-Rathcoole Heritage Trail App

Launching this month, the new Saggart-Rathcoole heritage trail app will create a fun and interactive way for local residents and visitors to explore the rich history all around them.

Following the success of heritage trails in Tallaght, Clondalkin and Rathfarnham, the introduction of the Saggart-Rathcoole trail promises an engaging experience connecting the place we see and live in today with the history and heritage of its past.

Covering a 5km route with eight heritage stops, the app combines audio storytelling and guided navigation to

bring local landmarks, historic sites and the area’s development to life — making it easy to listen, wander and discover something new along the way.



A Better Place



Clonburris SDZ: Construction commences on North Link Street

Construction has commenced on Stage 2A of the Clonburris North Link Street Infrastructure Works, marking an important milestone in the delivery of strategic infrastructure within the Clonburris Strategic Development Zone.

Stage 2A forms part of the wider North Link Street project and will provide key enabling infrastructure north of the railway line, supporting housing delivery and future development within Clonburris. Clonmel Enterprises Ltd are appointed as the main contractor.

The works include the construction

of sections of the North Link Street, strategic drainage and attenuation infrastructure, water, wastewater and utility services, junction and road improvements, pedestrian and cycle facilities, landscaping and associated public realm enhancements.

Following approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, site mobilisation and construction activity commenced in late June. Initial works have included site clearance, boundary fencing, topsoil stripping and early drainage works. Further construction packages

progressed during July, including drainage, attenuation, landscaping and outfall-related design elements. The project will include for works in the Griffeen Glen area to facilitate surface water infrastructure.

The North Link Street is a critical component of the infrastructure required to support the continued development of Clonburris. The project will improve access to housing, public transport, walking and cycling connections, while enabling the future development of

Improving our public lighting

We continue to make significant progress in reducing long-term public lighting outages. These are outages that cannot be resolved through routine lamp replacement and typically arise from more complex issues such as underground cable faults or ESB Networks supply-related problems.

At the beginning of the year, approximately 3.6% of our public lighting stock was not operational. Through a targeted programme, this figure has been reduced to 1.2% over the past six months. This represents a substantial improvement in network performance as we enter the period of shorter daylight hours.

adjoining lands within the SDZ. Work is continuing with project partners, elected members, schools and local stakeholders to minimise disruption throughout the construction phase and to ensure that information on planned works is communicated in advance where required.

The LED Public Lighting Upgrade Programme is also continuing to advance. Approximately 5,000 lanterns remain to be upgraded. These works require the attendance of ESB Networks on site.

While ESB Networks has remained supportive of the programme, the utility is currently expanding capacity through the engagement of additional third-party contractors.

We continue to engage proactively with ESB Networks through regular project meetings and remain focused on completing the upgrade programme and addressing outage levels.

A Better Place



Tallaght Stadium crowd management system now operational

A new pedestrian intelligent crowd management system is now operational at Tallaght Stadium, supporting safer and more efficient movement of people during major events. The system monitors pedestrian activity in real time and automatically adjusts traffic signal timings to respond to crowd movement during event dispersals.

By detecting pedestrian density and movement patterns, it can trigger pedestrian green signals when required, extend crossing times to accommodate increased demand and return to normal traffic operation once pedestrian volumes have reduced.

The technology has been introduced to improve the management of large crowds leaving the stadium and to enhance safety for pedestrians using nearby crossings. By responding dynamically to changing conditions, the system helps to reduce conflicts between pedestrians

and vehicles during peak periods and supports a more efficient dispersal of crowds following events.

The intelligent system also reduces reliance on manual traffic control measures while improving the overall management of pedestrian movements in the area.

Importantly, the solution has been designed with privacy in mind. The LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) based technology does not use cameras and does not collect personal data, ensuring a GDPR-compliant approach to crowd monitoring and traffic management.

The introduction of the system represents an innovative use of technology to improve safety, accessibility and movement around one of the region's busiest event venues and we will continually monitor this innovative system.

New Playgrounds Open in Balrothery and Old Bawn

Two new neighbourhood playgrounds are giving local children more opportunities to play, explore and connect—just a short walk from home.

Creating accessible play opportunities remains a key priority. Continued investment in playgrounds, teenspaces and community facilities is helping more children and young people enjoy safe, welcoming places to be active and spend time together.

The new playgrounds in Balrothery and Old Bawn bring play closer to home for local families. They support the ambition set out in our play policy: that every child should be able to reach a playground within a ten-minute walk from home.

The Balrothery and Old Bawn projects are the latest chapter in a decade of sustained investment in play infrastructure. The number of public playgrounds has grown significantly, helping to create more inclusive, active and child-friendly neighbourhoods.

A new playspace is under construction at Wainsfort/College Drive, while further projects planned for this year include dedicated teenspaces and additional playgrounds in communities where they are needed most.

Together, these investments will provide children and young people with modern,

engaging outdoor spaces that support play, recreation and social connection.

To keep communities at the heart of the design process, we are launching an extensive series of public consultations across the county this month. Feedback from residents will help shape future play provision and ensure new facilities respond to local needs. Following consultation, we aim to bring forward Part 8 planning applications for up to 20 new playspaces by the end of the year.



A Better Place



Safer school zones: summer improvements

Five schools are receiving safer crossings, wider pedestrian areas and clearer road markings as we work to make the daily school journey safer for children, families, walkers and cyclists.

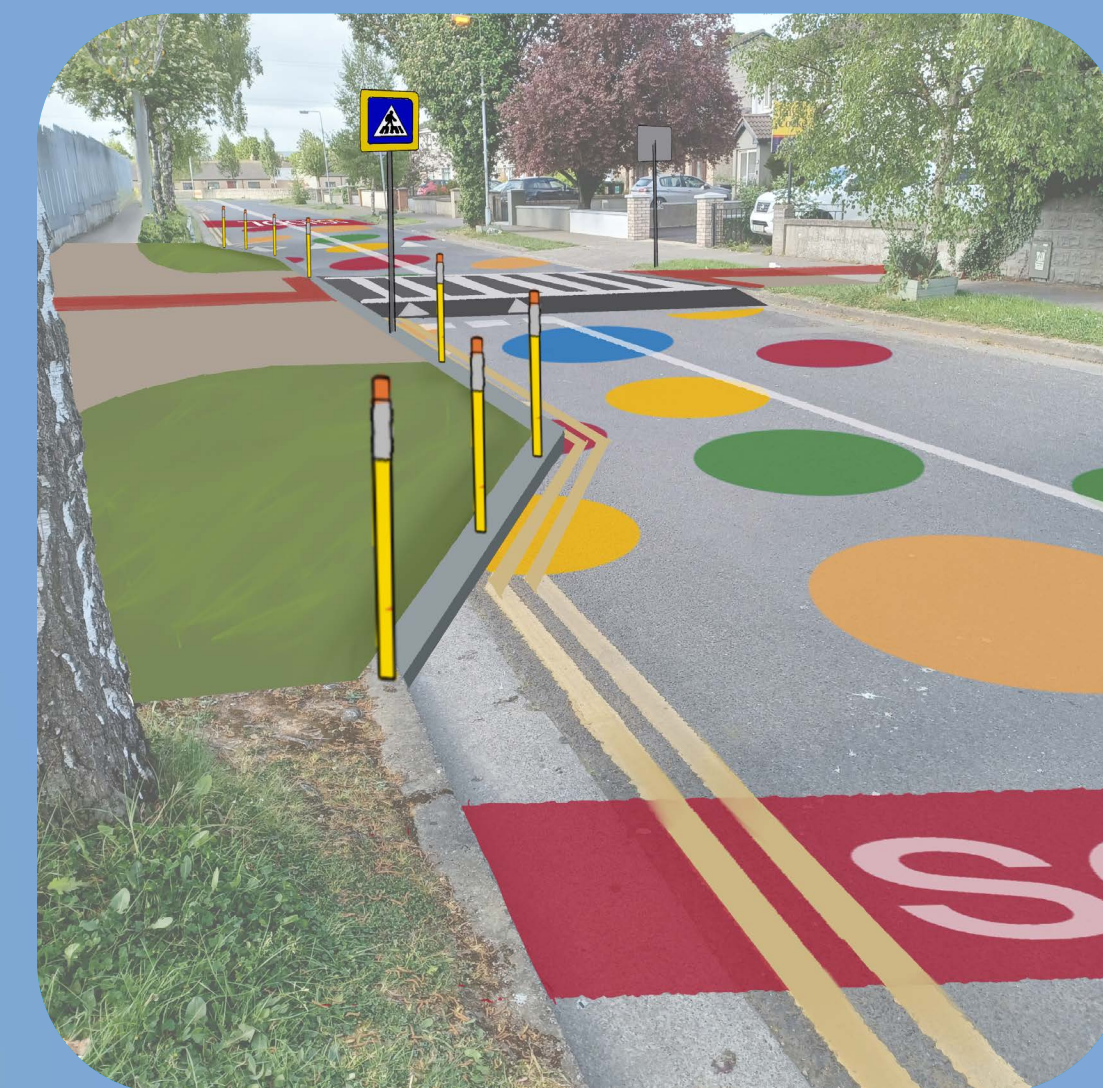
Throughout summer, we have been upgrading school entrances and nearby streets across the county. The programme focuses on practical changes including new pedestrian and cyclist crossings, wider pedestrian areas at school gates and improved road markings and signage on approaches to schools. These changes will help make busy arrival and collection times safer and easier to navigate.

The five schools included in the summer programme are Esker Educate Together National School, Lucan; Glen na Smole National School, Bohernabreena; Our Lady Queen of the Apostles National School (Clonburris NS), Clondalkin; Talbot Senior National School, Bawnogue, Clondalkin; and Solas Chríost National School, Tallaght.

The current works are scheduled for completion before pupils return to school. Several additional schemes are already at design stage and are planned for delivery before the end of the year. We are delivering the programme, with funding from the National Transport

Authority (NTA) and additional support from councillors through the Local Priorities Fund (LPF).

The LPF gives councillors the opportunity to fund specific projects within their local electoral areas. Funding support through the LPF has been provided for Safe School Zones treatments at the following schools: Holy Family Rathcoole, Our Lady Queen of Apostles Clonburris, Scoil Cnoc Mhuire Junior and Senior School, Killinarden. All works are due to be completed by the end of September.



Heavy Goods Vehicle route management programme progresses

Work is continuing on the implementation of the revised Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) route network, with installation of the associated signage now underway.

The project includes a detailed programme of surveying existing signage, removing outdated signs and installing new regulatory signage throughout the network. Additional advance warning signs are also being provided at key locations to help drivers identify designated HGV routes before reaching restricted roads. These measures are intended to improve compliance with the route network and reduce unnecessary vehicle movements through unsuitable areas.

Once the signage programme is complete, the revised HGV route network will become fully operational. Given the scale of survey work, sign removal and installation required, completion of the overall scheme is now anticipated in November.

The programme will support more effective traffic management by directing HGV movements onto appropriate routes, helping to improve road safety and reduce the impact of heavy vehicles on locations that are not suited to such traffic. The scheme will also contribute to a more consistent and efficient transport network while supporting safer conditions for all road users.

Connected Communities



Multiagency partnership promoting safer public transport communities

Safer, more accessible and reliable public transport continues to be supported through the Multiagency Transport Forums operating in Tallaght and Clondalkin. The forums bring together representatives from An Garda Síochána, SDCC, Dublin Bus, Go-Ahead Ireland, Luas, public representatives and community stakeholders to identify emerging issues, share information and agree practical responses to concerns affecting transport staff, passengers and local communities.

Meeting on a monthly basis, the forums provide a structured approach to

addressing challenges and improving community safety.

Recent discussions have focused on anti-social behaviour affecting public transport, including incidents of stone throwing at buses. These incidents can place drivers and passengers at risk, disrupt services and cause damage to public transport infrastructure.

Following recent incidents, forum members worked together to develop positive interventions aimed at educating young people, raising awareness and preventing further incidents. A key

strength of the forums is the coordinated response between agencies. An Garda Síochána works closely with transport operators, elected representatives and community stakeholders to address concerns and improve public safety, while we respond to reports of debris and environmental issues that could affect transport routes and accessibility.

The South Dublin Local Community Safety Partnership has also collaborated with Movies@The Square, Vue Cinemas Liffey Valley and The Square Tallaght to deliver a public awareness campaign. As

part of the initiative, the Junior Safety Forum's Creating Safer Communities video is being shown before every film in participating cinemas and on digital screens throughout The Square Tallaght.

The video highlights the dangers and consequences of stone throwing at buses, anti-social behaviour and the misuse of e-scooters. By reaching young people and families in popular community settings, the campaign promotes positive choices and greater respect for people, public services and shared spaces.



Connected Communities



Electoral register awareness and outreach campaign

A programme of voter registration and electoral awareness activities is continuing to support public understanding of the democratic process and encourage participation in elections and referendums.

To date, the franchise team has delivered 10 voter registration drives during 2026, helping residents to register or update their details on the Register of Electors. The most recent events took place at Jobstown Community Centre and Bawnogue Community Centre in August.

Engagement with young people has also formed an important part of the programme. Students from St Paul's Secondary School recently visited the Council Chamber, where they

received a presentation on Ireland's electoral system. The session focused on explaining how voting works and highlighting the importance of participating in the democratic process.

As part of the wider outreach programme, all secondary schools have been contacted to encourage engagement with the franchise team and support learning about democracy, citizenship and voting.

The campaign has generated positive public engagement and increased awareness of the Register of Electors, with 260 people registering or updating their details to date. The outreach programme will continue throughout the remainder of the year.

SÍOL funding supports community investment in Tallaght and Clondalkin

Targeted investment is set to support community development projects in parts of Tallaght and Clondalkin through the new SÍOL programme, with €335,000 provisionally allocated to each area.

SÍOL, the Irish word for “seed”, is a new capital investment programme established by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht. Its full title, Scéim Infheistíochta ag Obair Le Chéile (Working Together Investment Scheme), reflects its focus on supporting projects that deliver lasting benefits for local communities.

The programme is designed to support urban areas experiencing high levels of disadvantage, funding initiatives that strengthen communities and improve quality of life. Eligible projects include community safety initiatives, public realm

improvements, health and wellbeing projects, and measures that improve access to education and training within community settings.

The areas selected for inclusion in this year's programme are the electoral divisions of Clondalkin Moorfield, Clondalkin Cappaghmore and Clondalkin Rowlagh, together with the electoral divisions of Tallaght Jobstown, Tallaght Kiltipper and Tallaght Killinarden.

Project proposals have been submitted to the Department for consideration, with successful projects expected to be announced later this year. The programme has the potential to support practical, locally focused initiatives that respond to community priorities and deliver long-term benefits for residents.



Cultural Richness



Red Line Book Festival

The Red Line Book Festival celebrates its 15th year and will take place from 12 to 18 October. Presented by SDCC Libraries and Arts and curated by library staff, the festival will be held in libraries and cultural venues including the Civic Theatre, Rua Red and Rathfarnham Castle. This year's festival will also include new venues: Aon Scéal Café, Áras Chrónáin and Priory Market.

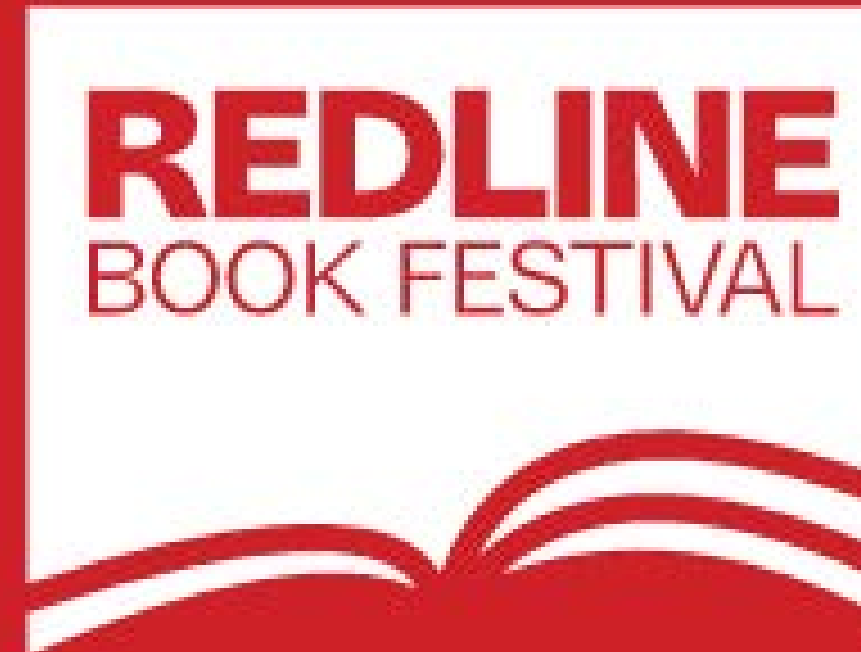
The Red Line Poetry Competition and Red Line Residency Programme will return this year, alongside theatre performances, creative writing workshops and events for teenagers. The programme will explore themes including local history, politics, poetry and culture. This year's festival will feature Irish and international authors including Cecelia Ahern, Sarah Waters, Louise O'Neill and Emmet Kirwan.

The Red Line Residency Programme will introduce a Songwriter in Residence. Selected through a national open call, the songwriter will lead a five-week workshop series ending with a showcase event at

Áras Chrónáin on Red Line Family Day, which takes place on Saturday, 17 October in Parthalán Place.

This year's family day theme is comics, and the programme will include Viking re-enactments, Dungeons & Dragons sessions, comic-making workshops, a Monster Manga draw-along, a K-pop Demon Hunters show and lightsabre duelling demonstrations. Families can also enjoy face painting, balloon modelling and opportunities for children to meet comic book characters. Accessibility remains central to the festival, with Irish Sign Language interpretation and sensory spaces available at selected events.

The Red Line Book Festival celebrates the power of stories to connect people and communities. With events for all ages and interests, readers, writers and audiences are invited to take part this October. For details on events and booking, follow the Red Line Book Festival or SDCC Libraries on our social media platforms.



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Cultural Richness



Samhain in South Dublin

Preparations are underway for Samhain in South Dublin, our annual Halloween programme. Inspired by Ireland's ancient festival marking the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter, the programme will feature a range of free, family friendly events and activities.

The programme will once again include two main core events: 'Tallaween' taking place on Friday the 30 October in Parthalán Place, Tallaght and 'Spookdalkin' on Sunday the 1 November in the Brú Chrónáin, Round Tower Visitor Centre in Clondalkin. Both events will offer a programme of live entertainment, roaming performers, music, themed installations, workshops, food vendors and immersive Halloween experiences.

As in previous years, Spookdalkin will include elements inspired by Día de Muertos (Day of the Dead), featuring colourful displays, themed performances, creative workshops and family activities. These elements complement the traditions of Samhain and contribute to an inclusive cultural experience.

The Samhain Fringe Programme will bring Halloween themed activities to a range of local venues across the County hosted across our libraries, community centres and other community venues.

The events will feature a range of family friendly activities such as spooky heritage walks, storytelling sessions, arts and crafts workshops, fancy dress discos and much more.

Culture Night - Parthalán

As part of Culture Night, we are delivering "Parthalán, a new multidisciplinary performance" inspired by one of Ireland's oldest myths and created especially for Tallaght. The performance will take place from 7pm on Friday, 18 September in county hall, Tallaght.

Led by singer and composer Iarla Ó Lionáird and featuring performances by Gareth Quinn Redmond, Ian Nyquist and special guests the project is inspired by the Lebor Gabála Érenn (The Book of Invasions). The text tells the story of Parthalán, one of Ireland's earliest mythical settlers. According to legend, Parthalán's people came to rest in

Tallaght, giving the area a unique place in Ireland's mythological landscape.

Parthalán does not retell the myth directly. Instead, it uses the story as a starting point to explore place, memory, belonging and transformation. Through music, sound, design and performance, the project will transform county hall into an immersive experience.

Additional Culture Night events in Tallaght Library and Parthalán Place will also be announced at that time.

Full listings of events are available on culturenight.ie.



People First



Remembering Joe Williams

Mayor Timmons, joined members of the Williams family and representatives of the Clondalkin Historical Society on 16 July to mark the official naming of the Droichead Joe Williams/Joe Williams Bridge, the blue bridge linking the N7 Red Cow interchange with Monastery Road and Clondalkin Village.

The bridge was officially named in 2021 following widespread support from our councillors and a proposal championed by Cllr Timmons at the time. Formal signage was erected on the bridge in 2025, permanently recognising the contribution of the late Joe Williams, one of Clondalkin's most respected historians, authors and community activists.

Joe Williams, who passed away in 2016, devoted decades to researching and preserving Clondalkin's heritage. As a member of the Clondalkin Historical Society, he helped protect many of the area's important historical sites, including the Round Tower and Mount St Joseph.

He became deeply involved in community life, working with residents' groups to secure recreational spaces for local families, supporting the development of community facilities including the community centre and swimming pool, and becoming active in local politics. Although he later stepped away from political life, his passion for community development found a new focus in local history and heritage.

He became widely recognised as one of Clondalkin's notable historians. Through detailed research and first-hand investigation, he built an extensive archive documenting the people, places and events that shaped the area. He wrote important work including Saint Mocha and the Round Tower, and gathered a remarkable collection of books, documents, photographs and records relating to Clondalkin's past.

His work went beyond research. He was a driving force behind the campaign to preserve Clondalkin's Round Tower and played an important role in establishing what is now the Round Tower Visitor Centre and Monastic Garden. He also

helped bring local history into primary schools, establish the Clondalkin Historic Tourist Trail, mapped the route believed to have been travelled by St Mochua, and support a wide range of heritage and community initiatives.

Representatives of the Williams family welcomed the recognition, describing the bridge naming as a proud and emotional tribute to Joe's commitment to Clondalkin.

The Joe Williams Archive remains an enduring legacy of his work, preserving valuable historical, political and environmental records for researchers, students and residents.



People First



Recognition for inclusive recruitment

Our Recruitment Team has been recognised with a Special WAM Leader Award from AHEAD in acknowledgment of its partnership with the Willing Able Mentoring (WAM) Programme over the past three years and its ongoing commitment to inclusive recruitment practices.

The award recognises efforts to create meaningful employment opportunities for graduates with disabilities and to support greater accessibility within the workplace. By the end of the reporting period, four graduates had secured employment through the programme.

The WAM Programme supports

graduates with disabilities in gaining access to paid employment opportunities and developing their careers through practical workplace experience. Participation in the programme reflects a continued commitment to ensuring that employment opportunities are accessible and inclusive.

AHEAD is an independent non-profit organisation working with and for disabled people to shape inclusive and empowering environments in tertiary education and employment. The main focus of our work is further education and training, higher education and graduate employment.

KeepWell Mark accreditation achieved

Our commitment to workplace wellbeing, health and safety has been recognised with KeepWell Mark accreditation; an independent, evidence-based standard awarded by Ibec to employers demonstrating excellence in these areas.

The accreditation reflects a continued commitment to creating a positive, people-focused culture where employees are supported to grow, develop and thrive. Our KeepWell journey began earlier this year with a comprehensive review of policies, practices and wellbeing initiatives, followed by the preparation of supporting evidence and an on-site assessment in July.

The accreditation process assessed performance across eight key areas: leadership, attendance management, occupational safety and health, mental health, inclusion and belonging, nutrition and physical activity, intoxicants, and talent support and development. Together, these areas provide a comprehensive framework for promoting healthy, safe and supportive workplaces.

Commenting on the achievement, chief executive Colm Ward said: “Our people are at the heart of everything we do, so receiving the KeepWell Mark is a fantastic achievement. It recognises the positive culture we are working hard to build and our commitment to supporting

the wellbeing of colleagues every day.

We are delighted with this recognition and excited about the next stage of our journey as we continue to listen, learn and invest in workplace wellbeing. Thank you to everyone across the organisation who contributed to this achievement. Together, we will continue to build a supportive workplace where people can do their best work, thrive and grow.”

Further information on the Keepwell mark is available [here](#).



County Matters



Extra budget funding making a difference locally

This year's revenue budget saw additional funding provided from Local Property Tax (LPT) and commercial rates to support increased investment in services and initiatives as we work to ensure South Dublin is place that meets the needs and ambition of everyone here.

While LPT income has always been used to support support specific housing and roads projects and general services, further discretionary funds are dependent on whether local councillors voted to vary the LPT rate. The elected members' decision to apply a 7.5% reduction in Local Property Tax for 2026 showed great local leadership bringing great flexibility to our budget by providing €3,024,846 in discretionary additional income for priority local services and projects.

In response, a €1m annual Local Priorities Fund was created to allow councillors to

directly respond to local needs and over €300k is already committed under this new initiative in its first year. As promised during the budget process last year, subject to councillors' approval it is intended to continue this fund for the remainder of the council term given the agreement to retain the -7.5% LPT rate for that period.

Beyond that, we have focused on improving the appearance and maintenance of public areas with more investment in maintenance, cleansing and graffiti removal. We have consulted with councillors on priority accessibility works which are now being scheduled, we have installed solar bins widely and many legacy tree issues have also been addressed, showing the benefit of additional frontline resources in key areas such as public realm, maintenance and enforcement. Indeed, following approval from central government for new posts and a review of recruitment processes, by

mid-year we had increased our workforce by 4.5% with recruitment of new general operatives, "green machine" operators, depot supervisors, clerical officers, drivers, library staff, planners and dog wardens amongst other roles. We will continue to further resource key workstreams with further recruitment progressing for several trade positions as well as park rangers, engineers and various enforcement roles under our workforce development plan to ensure our services meet the needs of a growing county.

Since our rebranding, we have also looked to enhance and expand events to connect with local communities. This is being seen throughout the year, from more events in the Tradfest series, a bigger and better St. Patrick's Day festival in Tallaght, new events in parks (including the wonderful recent opera sessions in Rathfarnham and Tymon) and the upcoming and ever-growing Red Line Book Festival as well as upcoming Halloween and Christmas initiatives. We had also hoped to deliver a concert in Tallaght stadium this month, but various logistical factors unfortunately prevented that happening although the allocated funding will be retained to deliver an event that will be worth waiting for next May.

Positive community impacts of additional funding also continue as we implement our play policy to deliver new playspaces, age friendly benches are being installed at locations requested by councillors, and the disability advisory board is established

while the detached street worker programme will shortly be introduced in Clondalkin. Sports and arts initiatives have also expanded - our sports disability inclusion work has increased with more programmes including learn to cycle, equestrian, learn to climb, dance and extra summer camps for children with a disability. In addition, the emerging talent bursary supported even more young local sports stars this year and a new individual artist bursary was also introduced. Urban murals are planned for Quarryvale, Brookfield and Killinarden, the inaugural RePlay creative and active festival was successfully delivered in Parthalán Place last month and consultants are being appointed to examine expansion of the Civic Theatre.

Commercial rates were increased to continue to support service expansion, but this is also delivering specific economic development initiatives. An evening time economy grant support scheme for businesses, venues and community groups was launched during the summer. We have conducted market consultation for our "Beyond County Hall" innovation fund to support new service solutions and a competitive funding call for business area improvements will also shortly launch.

These examples represent just some of the positive impacts and benefits of additional funding to date and we will continue to utilise resources to create greater opportunity for all to benefit from our services and initiatives throughout the remainder of this year and beyond.

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Local Authority Environmental Enforcement Performance Report 2025



Top Marks earned in EPA Environmental Enforcement Review

Strong environmental enforcement plays an important role in protecting public health, supporting cleaner communities and safeguarding our natural environment and the recognition of our performance in the latest Environmental Protection Agency review of local authority environmental enforcement.

We were identified as one of the best-performing local authorities nationally, and one of only three councils to achieve the required standard across

all 15 National Enforcement Priorities, this recognition is a testament to the commitment of staff towards effective regulation, inspection, enforcement and environmental protection across the county.

We are very aware that this work has a direct impact on the quality of life of residents, from tackling illegal waste and pollution to supporting cleaner neighbourhoods, better water quality and stronger environmental standards.

We plan to build on this performance, working with communities, businesses and national agencies to protect South Dublin's environment and support a cleaner, greener and more sustainable county.

Teresa Walsh, Director of Climate Action said: "We are very pleased to be recognised as one of the top-performing

local authorities in the country for environmental enforcement. This achievement reflects our dedication and the professionalism of our staff, the support and commitment of our elected members, and the positive contribution that residents, community groups and businesses make every day to protecting and enhancing our environment."



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SDCC and Shamrock Rovers Honour World Cup Hero “Pico” Lopes

Mayor Timmons along with Shamrock Rovers Football Club hosted a reception in Tallaght Stadium to honour Roberto “Pico” Lopes following his outstanding performances at the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

The defender, who lives in Tallaght, was joined by his family at the event to welcome him home after a remarkable tournament with Cape Verde, where he played a central role in one of the World Cup’s most inspiring stories. Competing in their first-ever FIFA World Cup, Pico and Cape Verde captured the imagination

of football supporters worldwide by progressing from a challenging group and reaching the knockout stages of the competition.

A key figure throughout the campaign, Pico played every minute of Cape Verde’s World Cup journey and earned widespread praise for his display in Cape Verde’s historic draw against European champions Spain which was described as one of the standout individual performances of the tournament and helped establish the nation as one of the surprise packages of the competition.

The reception, held on 17 July ahead of the FAI Cup tie between Shamrock Rovers and Cork City, provided an opportunity for elected members, community representatives, supporters and guests to recognise Lopes’ achievements, not only as an elite athlete but also as an ambassador for South Dublin and the League of Ireland on the world stage.

Roberto “Pico” Lopes became the first active League of Ireland player to feature at the FIFA World Cup

and was at the heart of Cape Verde’s memorable run to the knockout stages. His performances earned acclaim from football supporters and media across Ireland and internationally; helping to shine a spotlight on both Cape Verde and the quality of players developed through Irish football.

The Mayor’s Reception was organised in partnership with Shamrock Rovers Football Club as part of a special homecoming celebration for one of South Dublin’s most accomplished sporting ambassadors.



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Clonburris Planning Scheme - Consultation on Material Amendments

We have commenced a public consultation on proposed Material Amendments to the Clonburris Planning Scheme. The proposed amendments relate to changes previously submitted to An Coimisiún Pleanála as part of the Planning Scheme review process. An Coimisiún Pleanála has determined that the proposed changes should be treated as material amendments and proceed through the statutory process set out under Section 170A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). As a result, we are now undertaking a statutory public consultation process on the same proposed amendments to ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to review and comment on the proposals.

The proposed amendments are intended to update and refine elements of the Planning Scheme to support the continued delivery of housing, employment, community facilities, transport infrastructure and open spaces within Clonburris. The Clonburris SDZ (Strategic Development Zone) continues to play a critical role in delivering housing and supporting infrastructure.

The proposed amendments arise from the practical implementation of the Planning Scheme since its approval in 2019 and seek to ensure the Scheme remains aligned with current national policy, infrastructure delivery requirements and evolving development circumstances within the SDZ. The

amendments address a range of matters including the implementation of national compact growth policies, modifications to bridge and street layouts, updates to park hub locations, clarification of phasing and urban design provisions, amendments to electric vehicle charging requirements, retail frontage provisions and other technical clarifications to assist the continued delivery of housing, infrastructure and community facilities. The proposed amendments are intended to support the efficient and sustainable build-out of the Scheme while maintaining consistency with the overarching objectives of the SDZ and national planning policy.

The consultation period runs to 29 September, during which members of the public, prescribed bodies and stakeholders may make submissions or observations on the proposed amendments and supporting documentation.

Following the consultation period, submissions received will be summarised and shared to An Coimisiún Pleanála to inform their final decision.

To view the public consultation visit consult.sdublincoco.ie.



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Renewed Collaboration on Liffey Valley Park Strategy

Kevin ‘Boxer’ Moran TD, Minister of State with responsibility for the Office of Public Works, recently met with representatives of SDCC and counterparts from Kildare County Council, Dublin City Council, and Fingal County Council to review progress on the Liffey Valley Park Strategy.

The strategy was originally published in 2006 and subsequently adopted by the four local authorities. It set out a vision to realise the Liffey Valley’s potential through its recreational and amenity value, protecting the river corridor’s biodiversity, and by supporting

appropriate heritage, economic and tourism opportunities.

At the meeting with the Minister, the four local authorities outlined the status of the various flagship projects included in the strategy as well as discussing how to achieve further progress in future.

Various projects in South Dublin have contributed towards meeting the strategy’s original aims, including the development of Waterstown Park, and linked access across the Liffey between St Catherine’s Park and Lucan Demesne and environmental enhancements at

Lucan Bridge. This was complemented more recently by significant public realm upgrade works at Lucan village green and promenade along with the acquisition of Lucan House.

Our next steps will be to progress the Lucan House masterplan to deliver a regional heritage, cultural and recreational amenity as well improving active travel connectivity in the area. In addition, a study is being commissioned

Waterstown Park

to examine the best approach to facilitate public access to the Silver Bridge.

Minister Moran recognised the various aspects of the strategy that have been advanced in South Dublin and other areas, and each local authority has committed to continued collaboration to renew the shared vision for a greener, better-connected and more accessible Liffey Valley.



Finance Report

Billing & Collection Report @ 31 August 2026						
Billing	Arrears 31 Dec 2025	Budget 2026	Billed	Receipts /Credits	Arrears	% of Billed income
Commercial Rates	11,192,587.00	€157,614,100	€163,186,661	€138,545,868	€35,833,381	85%
Housing Rents	€7,802,151	€42,547,400	€28,871,772	€28,895,117	€7,778,806	100%
Housing RAS Rents	€1,201,981	€2,315,500	€1,503,790	€1,452,349	€1,253,423	97%
Cash Receipts	Arrears 31 Dec 2025	Budget 2026	Billed	Receipts /Credits	Arrears	% of Budget income
Planning Fees	n/a	€1,110,000	n/a	€481,832	€0	43%
Fire Certificates	n/a	€450,000	n/a	€553,302	€0	123%
Parking Fees	n/a	€803,000	n/a	€543,090	€0	68%
Uisce Éireann	€91,652	€1,759,400	€2,160,857	€1,538,250	€714,259	87%
	€20,288,371	€206,599,400	€195,723,080	€172,009,808	€45,579,869	

Finance Report

Debt Analysis - Social Housing Rent Accounts			
Category	Number	Amount	%
No arrears	6575	-€3,016,078	60%
0-6 weeks	1941	€442,724	17%
7-12 weeks	412	€345,271	4%
13-18 weeks	294	€399,285	3%
19-24 weeks	189	€362,002	2%
25-52 weeks	575	€1,819,969	5%
1 - 2 years	463	€2,600,411	4%
> 2 years	473	€4,825,222	4%
Total	10,922	€7,778,806	100%

Debt Analysis - Commercial Rates Accounts		
Category	Amount	%
Current	€27,232,319	76%
>1 year	€2,422,622	7%
>2 years	€1,635,323	5%
>3 years	€1,105,511	3%
>4 years	€982,137	3%
>5 years	€496,252	1%
>6 years	€57,534	0%
>7 years	€1,901,683	5%
Total	€35,833,381	100%

HER Outdoors - kayaking



Performance space at Corkagh Park



Omnigym launch at Tymon park



Repair café at Fettercairn Community Centre



Performance space at Corkagh Park



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