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# SDCC MONTHLY REPORT

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SEPTEMBER 2019

Chief  
Executive's  
Report



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# LAND USE PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION



The completion of Adamstown Road (R120) and Nangor Road (R134) Improvement Scheme has occurred.

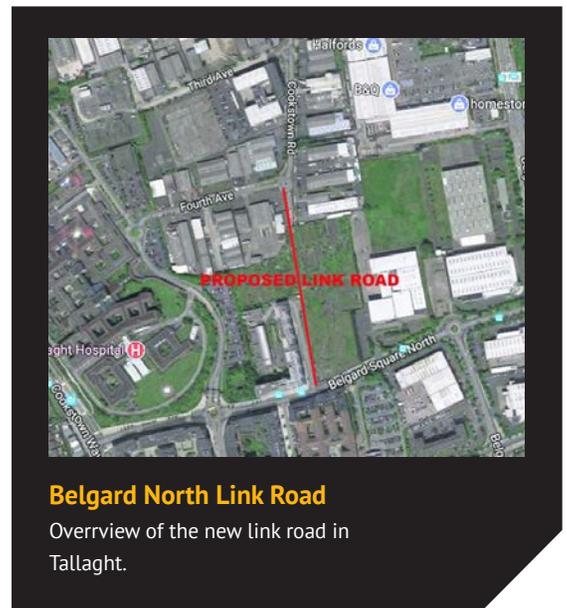
This significant road improvement project has re-aligned the old Adamstown (R120) and Nangor (R134) Regional Roads in West Dublin, immediately adjacent to Grange Castle Business Park. The project provides hugely improved transport capacity across this part of South Dublin. The Project has delivered:

- 3.5Km of new Single Carriageway Road
- 3.5Km of footpath and cycle track on both sides of the carriageway way
- 2 Signal Controlled Junctions
- The widening of an existing Bridge over the Grand Canal
- In excess of 10,000m of

Ducting for High Voltage ESB cables

- Ancillary Accommodation and Drainage Works,
- Traffic and Pedestrian Management associated with the above works in the vicinity of existing regional Roads.

The project has seen excellent collaboration across Council departments but also with the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport, Irish Water and ESB. Part 8 was approved by Council in 2012, a compulsory purchase order was then confirmed by An Bord Pleanála in 2015, works started on site in December 2017 and practical completion was achieved in August 2019.



## Belgard North Link Road

Overview of the new link road in Tallaght.



## Tallaght Local Area Plan

Public consultation on the Tallaght Local Area Plan will commence on 12 September for a period of 6 weeks.

During this time there will be a range of public engagement events to encourage people from Tallaght and from across the County to come and talk to the team about the content of the draft plan and what they believe to be the issues and opportunities.

This is an important plan for the future of the County's capital town and the team are keen to ensure we develop a robust, deliverable and exciting vision for the future.

Getting local input and support at this time is very important. All of the views provided during this consultation period will be used to inform the final version of the plan that the Council will be asked to consider most likely in early 2020.



## Saggart Village Renewal Scheme

A village renewal scheme in Saggart is currently on-site and is due for completion in October 2019. The project includes significant improvements to Mill Road, Mill Lane and Church Road that will see a much-improved pedestrian and cyclist environment.

## Belgard North Link Road

Work is due to begin on an important link road that will connect the existing Belgard North Road up into the existing Cookstown Road and Fourth Avenue. The new road will provide significantly improved connections across the Cookstown area and will open-up this land to support new mixed-use regeneration.

Part 8 approval for the project was secured in February 2018 and a contractor has now been appointed. Delivery of the project will start on site in late September 2019 and should be completed in Q2 2020.



Tallaght Local Area Plan

# HOUSING SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



South Dublin's annual Health and Wellbeing week takes place from 9 to 15 September continuing to highlight the great work across the County in this area and aiming to improve the health and wellbeing of those that live and work in South Dublin. South Dublin is accredited as a World Health Organization 'Healthy County' and we are part of the Healthy Cities and Counties of Ireland Network since its inception in 2016 and the week is a key part of delivering on the work of the Interagency Heathy County Steering Group.

The main theme of Health & Wellbeing Week this year is Mental Health & Wellbeing and we have 72 events taking place around the County in partnership with various local and national stakeholders.

The headline events of the week are:

**Launch** - Monday 9 September at Tallaght Stadium

**Tallaght Health Fair** - Tuesday 10 September in Fettercairn Community Centre 10am until 1pm.

**Mental Health and Resilience Conference** - Wednesday 11 September in Aras Chronain, Clondalkin.

**Radfest** - Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September, Whitechurch Library and Rathfarnham Castle.

**Inspired @ South Dublin** - Saturday 14 September, Corkagh Park.

Further details and brochure of events available at [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie)



## Health and Wellbeing Week

Launched today, Monday 9 September at Tallaght Stadium

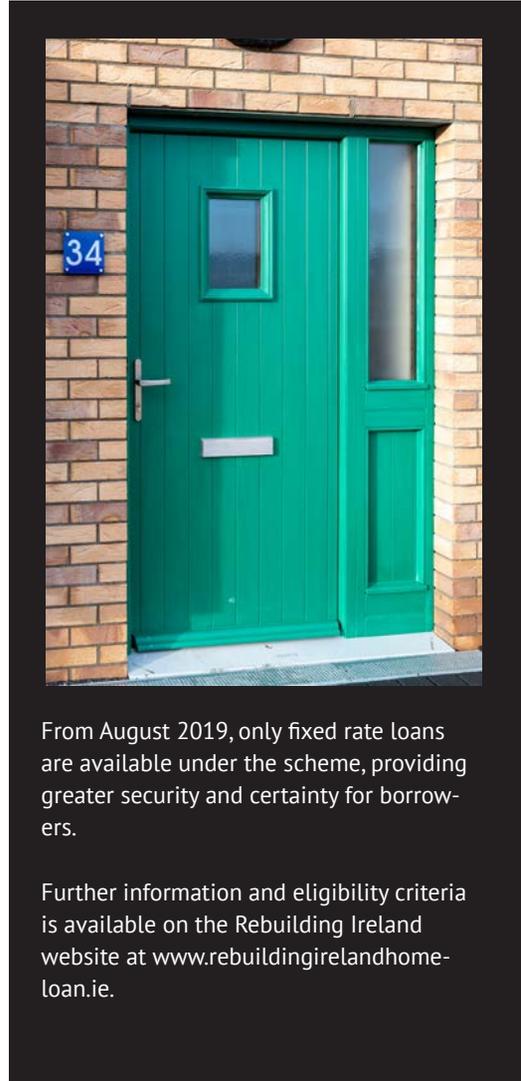


## Home Loan Scheme

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

The scheme was launched in January 2018 for a three-year period to provide loans for first-time buyers to purchase new or second-hand homes. First-time-buyers with an individual income up to €50,000 or a joint income of €75,000 can apply and borrow up to 90% of the market value of the property, with maximum market values set at €320,000 in the Dublin area.

The scheme has proven very popular with first time buyers in South Dublin with over 450 applications received. The Council has so far provisionally approved 153 applications with 55 loans totalling €12.6 drawn down.



From August 2019, only fixed rate loans are available under the scheme, providing greater security and certainty for borrowers.

Further information and eligibility criteria is available on the Rebuilding Ireland website at [www.rebuildingirelandhome-loan.ie](http://www.rebuildingirelandhome-loan.ie).

## Affordable Housing

The Council has received approval from Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government for significant funding to provide key infrastructure at sites earmarked for housing development in Killinarden, Clonburriss and Rathcoole. The approval under the Serviced Sites Fund has provisionally allocated €18.4m to support and subsidise affordable housing delivery.

Detailed designs are being finalised for the initial delivery of some 400 affordable homes with updates due at October's Council meeting.



*Sod turning at Corkagh Grange earlier this year*

# ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT



**S**outh Dublin County Council has signed a contract to develop a Self-Guided Historical Trail of Clondalkin App.

Following a tender and evaluation process, the Council chose Mobanode Ltd to deliver the mobile heritage trail app for Clondalkin Village.

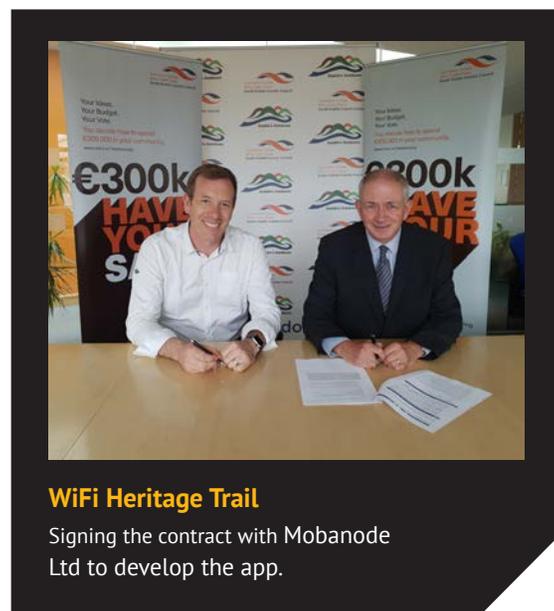
The successful contractor will deliver a fully interactive, user-friendly and user immersive heritage trail app available in multiple languages to highlight the wonderful history and heritage of Clondalkin Village whilst increasing the footfall in the area from both national and international tourists.

The app will have a map of Clondalkin, and will have heritage locations integrated within the app. The app will also integrate with Dub-

lin's Outdoors to highlight weekly events, tours and businesses in the area whilst drawing more attention to The Round Tower Visitor Centre as a focal point of the trail.

The idea and funding for the app came from the €300K – Have Your Say participatory budgeting initiative run in Clondalkin, Rathcoole and Newcastle last year where members of the public were asked to suggest funding ideas and then vote on a short list of agreed projects

It is anticipated that the heritage trail app for Clondalkin Village will be available for download to mobile devices within the coming months.



## WiFi Heritage Trail

Signing the contract with Mobanode Ltd to develop the app.



## Summer Stars 2019

It's been another very successful year for the Summer Stars Reading Programme at South Dublin Libraries. The number of children participating increased yet again this year, with almost 4,000 eager readers registered across the County. This increase in participation was a result of active promotion carried out by library staff. The programme was heavily promoted in local schools with librarians visiting the classes in June. This promotion was then continued over the summer with posters and social media posts.

Each of our libraries ran a programme of summer activities to complement the Reading Programme, keeping its profile high in the local community. Highlights of these events included coding workshops, music engineering workshop, 50th anniversary of the Moon landing celebrations, Lego workshops and many more, alongside the popular regular story-time and arts and crafts sessions.



## TEDx at Ballyroan Library

Ballyroan Library hosted a TEDx event on Friday 6 September. The event's theme was 'Chain Reaction' and ten inspiring speakers told their stories and spoke on how they are working to effect positive change in their communities. This was South Dublin Libraries' seventh TEDx event.

## Library Supports

South Dublin Libraries successfully secured funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development's Dormant Account Fund for the following projects:

- Balgaddy Women's Writing Group
- New Irish
- Toys, Training, Technology
- Local Studies
- Young Entrepreneurs
- Creative Campus
- Transport

This enables our libraries to offer further support to marginalised, socially excluded and disadvantaged communities.



Summer Stars Reading Adventure

# CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND CHANGE MANAGEMENT



**H**uman Resources has introduced an online recruitment system to manage our recruitment process.

Job opportunities will continue to be advertised in the normal way, but rather than being required to submit an application form, candidates will be provided with a link to our e-recruitment site ([www.sdccjobs.ie](http://www.sdccjobs.ie)) where they will be required to register as a candidate.

Once registered, they will receive job alerts for their chosen area of interest. Applications are made through an online form and the candidate can track their application through the process.

The system was phased in with the Senior Programmer competition June 2019 and is being utilised for

recruitment to indoor grades. On completion of training for outdoor grades, the system will be fully operational for all levels of recruitment.

The user experience to date has been very positive with the system provided increased efficiencies in the recruitment process.

There are several open vacancies currently advertised on the Council's website and social media at present.

**Join  
our team!**

We're hiring.

## Online Recruitment

The Council have rolled out a new online recruitment system.



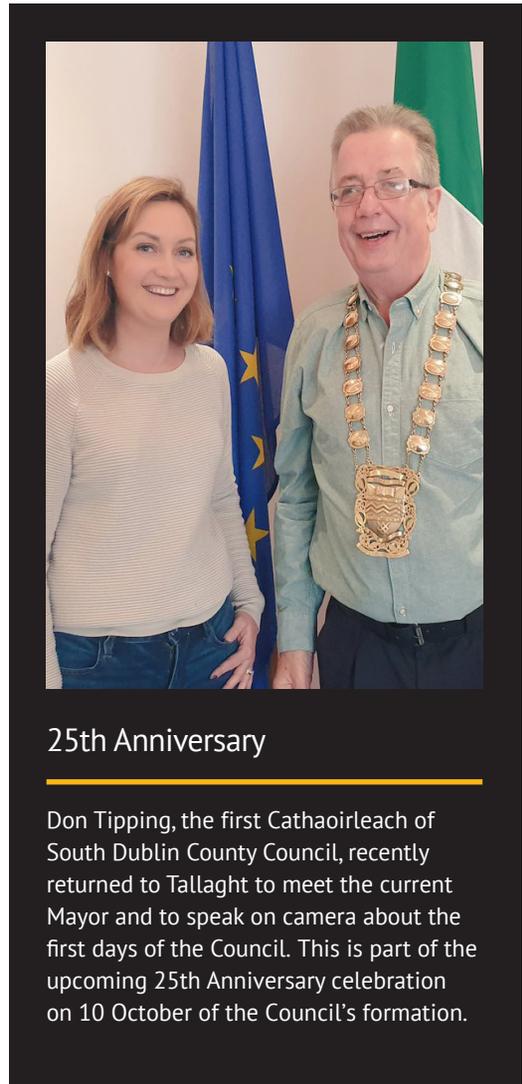
## Irish Language Scheme

Following a five-week consultation period, the Council's Fourth Irish Language Scheme has been delivered to Council at the September meeting.

Since the introduction of the first scheme in 2009, the Council has made significant progress in the provision of services in Irish. The current scheme (2015 - 2019) expires on 16 October 2019.

The Council is guided by a number of principles in relation to the provision of the Irish language services. Those are:

- the underlying level of demand for specific services in the Irish language,
- the importance of a proactive approach to the provision of such services, and
- the resources, including human and financial resources, and the capacity of South Dublin County Council to develop or access the necessary language capability.



## 25th Anniversary

Don Tipping, the first Cathaoirleach of South Dublin County Council, recently returned to Tallaght to meet the current Mayor and to speak on camera about the first days of the Council. This is part of the upcoming 25th Anniversary celebration on 10 October of the Council's formation.

## Voter.ie

Voter.ie, the new web portal enabling over one million Dublin residents to check their electoral details in real-time, has been nominated for an Ireland eGovernment Local Government Award.

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

The awards take place on 11 September in City Hall, Dublin City.



*The launch of the 2018 Seachtain na Gaeilge*

# ENVIRONMENT WATER AND CLIMATE CHANGE



The SDCC Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) 2019-2024 has been published and is being launched at today's (September) meeting of the County Council. The plan presents 130 key actions to be addressed over the term of the plan in order to achieve the key targets of

- 33% improvement in SDCC's energy efficiency by the year 2020;
- 40% reduction in SDCC's greenhouse gas emissions by 2030;
- Make Dublin a climate resilient region by reducing the impacts of future climate related events;
- Actively engage and inform our citizens on Climate Change.

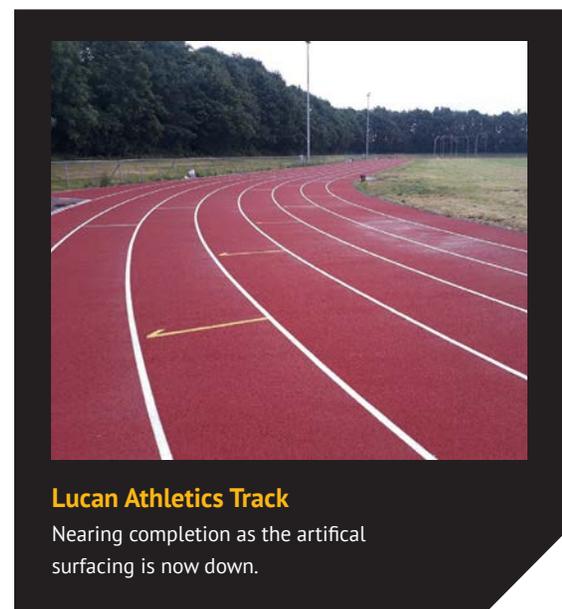
The Climate Change team are

updating the Draft CCAP Implementation Plan, outlining how the CCAP is to be integrated into each directorate's programme of works.

The implementation Plan identifies the Steering Group and Action Teams and defines their role in delivering the 130 actions presented in the CCAP.

The Implementation Plan will also identify the key target actions under each of the 6 action areas for the current and successive year, with emphasis on budgetary projections.

1. Energy and Buildings;
2. Transport;
3. Food Resilience;
4. Nature Based Solutions;
5. Resource Management;
6. Citizen Engagement.



## Lucan Athletics Track

Nearing completion as the artificial surfacing is now down.

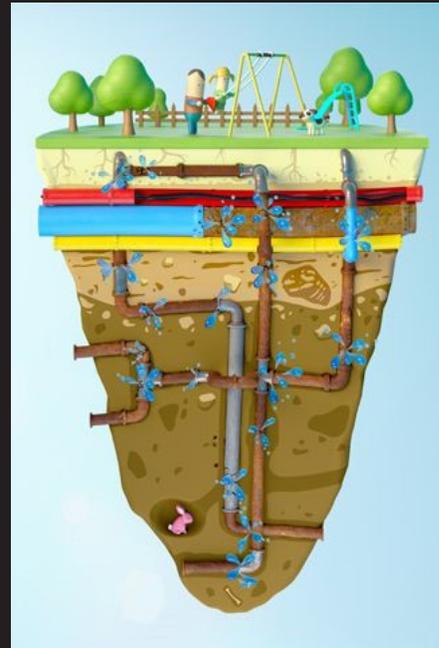


## Landscape Improvement

The first phase of landscape improvements on the N81 between the M50 and Glenview is now complete. The landscape improvements are part of the capital programme for South Dublin County Council and comply with the Council's Corporate Objective to improve the appearance of the county.

The first phase of the scheme includes a new footpath and planting on the roundabout at Glenview. A new hedge and Oak trees have been planted along the central median and woodland planting forms the backdrop to sculpted grass mounds on the southern side of the road. The works also incorporate an upgrade of the public lighting system, (this work has been funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland).

A sculpture is also proposed for the centre of the roundabout close to Glenview and a tender brief is currently being prepared for the procurement of the artwork.



## Water Conservation Campaign

SDCC is supporting the Water Conservation Campaign which aims to increase public awareness around the need to conserve water for the long term and explain what Irish Water is doing to conserve water through a €500 million capital investment Leakage Reduction programme.

## Lucan Athletics Track

Works are in the final stages at the athletic track at Lucan Esker which consisted of a complete upgrade of the pre-existing dust surface to a synthetic surface with funding from the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport under the 2015 Sports Capital Grant Programme; in association with Lucan Harriers Athletics Club. The works were designed by Tobin Consulting Engineers and are being carried out by McSweeney Sports Surfaces. The artificial surfacing is complete, and the contractor is currently completing painting and line marking.



N81 Mounds and Footpath

# €1 BILLION INVESTMENT HOUSING PLAN



SDCC have considered proposals that could deliver up to 4,500 new homes to the area. The total investment envisaged under the ambitious housing plan is in excess of €1 billion.

Up to 4,500 homes are planned for south Dublin, more than 70 per cent of which will be social and affordable housing, under a €1 billion investment plan.

The plans were presented at the July Council meeting and included:

- 2,600 new homes at the recently approved Clonburris SDZ scheme,
- 1,000 new homes at Kilcarbery in

Clondalkin,

- 500 new homes in Killinarden, Tallaght,
- 250 new homes in Rathcoole, and a further;
- 150 new homes at Belgard Square North, Tallaght.

The schemes will be delivered in the coming years through a combination of traditional design and build and joint venture solutions.

## MORE GOOD SOCIAL HOMES NEWS

SDCC also approved the construction of 41 new social homes at St Mark's Avenue, Clondalkin.

The development will include nine bungalows that will be designated for older person's housing.

The proposed social housing development will be built at undeveloped lands situated in St. Mark's Estate, Clondalkin, Dublin 22.

The development is also expected to provide the opportunity to deliver further enhancement to the areas around issues such as security and turning the nearby open space into a more usable area for children and residents of the area.

It is expected that over 70% of the 4,500 homes will be delivered as either social or affordable housing. The final breakdown of the five mixed tenure developments will be decided based on the final master plans approved for each site and on the government's affordable housing scheme.

More than half of the homes will be situated in Clonburris where a new fast-track planning scheme was approved by An Bord Pleanála just a few months ago.

The €1 billion investment is part of the Council's plans for building new homes in South Dublin over the coming years as part of its commitment to the government's overall Rebuilding Ireland programme.

Council chief executive Daniel McLoughlin said ensuring the development of these homes was a priority for the new council.

"This programme is critically important in that it represents the challenge that faces us during the life of this council and beyond. Notwithstanding this challenge it provides opportunities to deal with the complex issues of affordability and tenure mix while exploring different delivery models."



*Potential apartment buildings at Belgard Square North, Tallaght.*

# €300K HAVE YOUR SAY NEXT STAGE



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**A**t July's Council meeting, Mayor Vicki Casserly selected at random the Firhouse Bohernabreena local electoral area to be the next setting for the Council's landmark participatory budgeting initiative, €300k Have Your Say.

public budget in their area. It gives people the direct power to determine how to spend up to €300,000 to improve their community by asking them to suggest projects and then vote on which ones they would like to see funded through a public ballot.

€300K Have Your Say is a local democratic process, which facilitates citizens in a local community to directly decide how to spend a portion of the

In 2017, South Dublin County Council became the first local authority in the state to adopt participatory budgeting through its pilot programme in the

## WHAT IS PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING?

Participatory budgeting itself has its origins in Brazil in 1989, where a series of institutional reforms saw some budgeting power given over to residents of the city of Porto Alegre. Since that time, more than 1,500 cities across the world have adopted participatory budgeting, from Rio de Janeiro to Chicago, Glasgow and now South Dublin County. The United Nations and World Bank have named the process a best practice in democracy.

In 2017, South Dublin County Council became the first local authority in the state to adopt participatory budgeting through its pilot programme in the Lucan Electoral Area.

Lucan Electoral Area. This was followed up with the 2018 version in the Clondalkin Electoral Area. €300k Have Your Say was also shortlisted at the Europe wide 'Innovation in Politics' award ceremony in Vienna, Austria in 2018.

To date, 390 project submissions have been entered through the process with 23 winning through public ballot to be funded through €300k Have Your Say. These include a wide range of ideas, from the planting of native apple trees to a WiFi activated heritage trail and a safety and inclusivity study of public space in Clondalkin.

The initiative is managed through a Steering Committee and is chaired by the Mayor of South Dublin County. This Steering Committee is comprised

of both elected representatives from all political parties and electoral areas of the county along with senior Council staff. Elected members can submit queries from the public on the process and the development of winning projects at local area committees, through queries to the Council and at monthly Council meetings.

€300k Have Your Say has allowed South Dublin communities to identify needs in their communities and propose solutions to address these. By taking part in the process, members of the public are able to put themselves at the heart of council decision-making and the challenges and triumphs that go with bringing a public project to fruition.



# CHAMBERS IRELAND AWARDS SHORTLIST



South Dublin County Council has been shortlisted in the sixteenth annual Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Award.

South Dublin County Council has been shortlisted in the sixteenth annual Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards for the following projects:

- Five Year PlaySpace Programme in Supporting Active Communities
- The Round Tower, Visitor Centre, Clondalkin - Brú Chrónáin in Supporting Tourism
- The South Dublin County Sustainable Business Programme in Promoting Economic Development
- Clonburris Strategic Development Zone Planning Scheme in Enhancing the Urban Environment
- Sensory Pig Sty in Tymon Park in Disability Services Provision.

## THE SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PROGRAMME

In 2011, South Dublin Chamber and SDCC came together as partners to form the Business Sustainability Programme. This partnership sought to empower business to consider the sustainability and long-term future of their companies while supporting job creation at a local level.

The programme developed as a response to the challenges business faced during the recession and has evolved into a program aimed at assisting local businesses to become more sustainable and increase local employment. The programme was awarded the 'Local Authority Collaboration' Award at the National Chamber of Ireland Awards in March 2019.



The Awards, sponsored by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, are held to recognise and celebrate the outstanding work being carried out by Local Authorities all over Ireland. Awards will be presented for Local Government Excellence in sixteen different categories and one local authority will be awarded the overall award and named Local Authority of the Year 2019.

The awards will be presented on Thursday, 28th November in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Northwood Park, Santry Demesne, Dublin 9.

Speaking on the announcement of the shortlist, Mr Eoghan Murphy T.D., Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government stated,

“Once again my Department is very proud to support the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards. The Awards are an important platform for bringing to the fore the outstanding and meaningful work that is so crucial to the development of our local communities.

It is local projects such as these which make Ireland a better place at national level. I would like to congratulate the Local Authorities behind the projects featured in this shortlist and Chambers Ireland for their ongoing work in managing these Awards annually.”

Representatives from the Council will attend on the night, best of luck to every project nominated!



*One of the innovative features of the Griffen Valley Park PlaySpace.*

# GREEN FLAGS FOR SDCC PARKS



Four SDCC parks were awarded a prestigious Green Flag Award from An Taisce on 17 July 2019. Tymon Park was also named as a Category Winner for Town Park.

**C**orkagh Park, Waterstown Park, Sean Walsh Park were all awarded Green Flags Awards whilst Tymon Park received a Green Flag Award and was also awarded the All Ireland Pollinator Award Overall Category for Town Park.

The Green Flag Award for Parks Scheme is an international standard for well managed public parks and

green spaces. Only awarded for exceeding tough environmental standards in green space management, and excellence of visitor attractions – the Green Flag Award for Parks is the mark of a quality park or green space and is recognised throughout the world.

The Green Flag Award is operated within the Republic of Ireland by An Taisce Environmental Education Unit.

## WORKING TO HELP OUR POLLINATORS

As well as receiving a Green Flag from An Taisce, the team at Tymon Park were also awarded the All Ireland Pollinator Award Overall Category for Town Park.

The Council's Heritage Officer and staff in the Public Realm section are undertaking a range of projects to assist our native pollinating insects like honeybees, bumblebees, hoverflies, and butterflies.

One of these projects involves selecting areas of our public parks and other appropriate roadside verges around the County where a plan for reduced mowing can be implemented for the benefit of biodiversity.

This year a record 60 Irish Parks and Gardens from across the Republic of Ireland are receiving 2019 Green Flags.

The Green Flag Awards are judged every year by a peer jury of green space experts, who volunteer their time to visit applicant sites and assess them against eight strict criteria, including horticultural standards, cleanliness, sustainability, and community involvement. In Ireland, the Green Flag Award for Parks Scheme has been enthusiastically received by park management as it delivers major wins for the delivery of quality green spaces by respective parks and park departments. These include:

- The promotion and reward for best practice management

- Creation of a plan for improvements and future works
- The building of a collaborative network of park management nationally
- The implementation of environmental sustainability within park management.

"In terms of urban renewal, and rural and community development, the Green Flag Award for Parks is a logical and sensible step towards supporting community engagement with green space improvement, and helps increase quality of life within our communities",

Robert Moss, the Green Flag Award for Parks Manager for the Republic of Ireland.



*SDCC Parks staff with Deputy Mayor Trevor Gilligan, receiving one of four Green Flag awards.*



**Music Generation South Dublin is a music education service for children and young people that provides a range of opportunities throughout the county for children and young people to learn music.**

**M**usic Generation is Ireland's National Music Education Programme that transforms the lives of children and young people through access to high-quality performance music education in their locality.

Music Generation is the national music education programme initiated by Music Network and co-funded by U2, The Ireland Funds, the Department of Education and Skills and local Music Education Partnerships.

Music Generation South Dublin is funded locally by SDCC, Dublin & Dun Laoghaire ETB, Dublin West Education Centre and South Dublin Libraries.

All of these partners support the vision of Music Generation South Dublin to create the foundation for a sustainable music education service in South Dublin County; which will inspire and engage children and young people to participate in active music-making in a musical county.

Music Generation South Dublin provides a bespoke performance music programme that fits the needs of local children and young people with a focus on building confidence, providing access points to affordable music-making opportunities and essentially acting as a stepping stone for children to realise their possible, musical self.

# SOUTH MUSIC GE





## Aideen McLaughlin

Aideen has been involved with Music Generation since 2013 when she served as a musician and administrator in the Carlow operation before moving up to Music Development Officer in South Dublin in November 2017.

“The Music Generation programme, which is almost country-wide in the Republic of Ireland, has grown from strength to strength since it was established in 2010.

While South Dublin County was already a very musical region prior to the establishment of the programme in 2014 our purpose is to work in partnership with schools, centres and local providers to add value and create further opportunities for children and young people from 0-18 years.”

# DUBLIN GENERATION

“ MUSIC GENERATION FITS THE NEEDS OF LOCAL CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AND HELPS THEM REALISE THEIR POSSIBLE MUSICAL SELF.

### Current Programmes

1. Early Starters
2. Ready Steady Sing
3. Ready Steady Play
4. Post-Primary Vocal and Instrumental Programme
5. Suburban Sounds Schools
6. Suburban Sounds Tallaght
7. Community Music Hubs
8. Instrument Bank
9. County Ensembles



# JULY STATISTICS REPORT

# HIGHLIGHTS



## Corporate Performance and Change Management

Customer Care Queries processed	7,182
Telephone calls answered	15,484
Web pages opened on Council websites	287,344
Social Media Followers across Council platforms	33,271



## Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

LEO - Number of mentoring sessions	60
Grange Castle jobs sustained	5,410
Library visitors	94,565
Visitors to the Civic Theatre and Rua Red	30,268



## Environment, Water and Climate Change

Trees pruned	376
Trees inspected	1,653
Grass cut	1,097 hectares
Playing pitches provided/maintained	163
Tonnes of waste collected – litter and illegal dumping	664.92
Tonnes of waste collected from street bins	39.48
No. of bring banks provided	74
No. of green flag schools	136



## Housing, Social and Community Development

Total Housing Stock	9,505
Total housing needs assessed	6,922
Housing maintenance requests received	1,449
Tidy Towns Groups supported	11
Community grants issued	25
Number of sports programme participants	15,290
Visitors to leisure facilities	45,189



## Land Use, Planning and Transportation

Building control inspections	44
Area of footpath repaired in metres squared (m2)	6,557
Area of road repaired in m2	13,235
Number of public lights in charge	29,536
Number of traffic lights repaired within 24 hours	97%

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

## FURTHER UPDATES

**The Urban Regeneration and Development Fund** was launched by the government in tandem with the National Development plan – Project Ireland 2040.

In response to an initial call for proposals, SDCC submitted a bundle of projects in central Tallaght aimed at consolidating and enhancing the town centre. Confirmation has now been received of a provisional funding allocation of €14.85m to progress the following projects all of which are in various stages of planning.

- Belgard Road North links to Cookstown
- Belgard Civic Plaza
- Tallaght Innovation Hub
- Redesign of library square and linking it to the new civic plaza at Belgard North
- A mobility hub at the Luas terminus
- Tallaght Stadium's Fourth Stand
- Astro Pitches at Sean Walsh Park

Detail on progress of each of these initiatives will be given at the October monthly meeting as part of the capital update report.

# FINANCE REPORT

## Billing and Collection Statement

Income Sources 2019	Arrears @ 31 Dec 2018 Provisional	Adopted Budget 2019	Billed to 23rd August 2019	Rec'ts/Credits to 23rd August 2019	GL Arrears @ 23rd August 2019	% of Budget Income Achieved
<b>Via Billing Systems</b>						
Commercial Rates	€22,962,719	€122,914,400	€122,699,212	€96,289,281	€49,372,650	100%
Entry Year Property Levy (PEL)	€401,877	€5,400,000	€5,127,646	€4,888,135	€641,387	95%
Housing Rents	€7,616,122	€22,465,700	€15,190,804	€14,921,156	€7,885,770	68%
Housing RAS Rents	€487,822	€2,242,600	€1,572,279	€1,485,274	€574,827	70%
<b>Via Cash Systems</b>						
NPPR Charge	n/a	€600,000	n/a	€705,264	€0	118%
Planning Fees	n/a	€1,180,000	n/a	€608,794	€0	52%
Fire Certificates	n/a	€550,000	n/a	€563,280	€0	102%
Parking Fees	n/a	€654,000	n/a	€318,144	€0	49%
	<b>€31,468,540</b>	<b>€156,006,700</b>	<b>€144,589,941</b>	<b>€119,779,328</b>	<b>€58,474,635</b>	
Irish Water August 2019	€1,105,501	€8,414,000	€4,781,393	€4,677,117	€1,209,778	57%

Category	Rents Aged Debt			Rates Aged Debt			PEL Aged Debt		
	Numbers	Amounts	% of Accounts	Year	Bal O/S	%	Year	Bal O/S	%
Accounts not in Arrears	6,023	-€1,686,770	50%	2019	€34,730,067	70%	2019	€537,177	84%
0-12 weeks	2,836	€564,340	24%	2018	€5,526,040	11%	2018	€35,541	6%
13-18 weeks	483	€366,336	4%	2017	€3,608,949	7%	2017	€25,161	4%
19-24 weeks	365	€399,957	3%	2016	€2,139,483	4%	2016	€26,375	4%
25-52 weeks	981	€1,934,378	8%	2015	€1,390,967	3%	2015	€15,342	2%
1 - 2 years	810	€3,123,600	7%	2014	€793,900	2%	2014	€1,792	0%
Greater than 2 years	476	€3,183,928	4%	Pre 2014	€1,183,245	2%	Pre 2014	€0	0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11,974</b>	<b>€7,885,770</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>€49,372,650</b>	<b>100%</b>		<b>€641,387</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Use of overdraft facility

Department approved overdraft facility = €25,000,000

Number of days in Overdraft from 1 January to 23 August 2019 = 0

# IMAGES OF THE MONTH



*Runners line up for the South Dublin 10k*



*The newly opened Waterstown Park PlaySpace*

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