

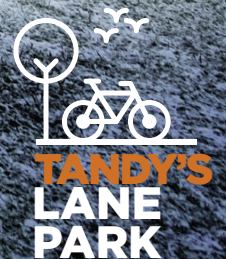
# Contae Átha Cliath Theas Inniu South Dublin County Today

Nollaig 2021

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# South Dublin County Council Elected Members

## Clondalkin Cluain Dolcáin

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

## Rathfarnham - Templeogue Ráth Fearnáin - Teach Mealóg

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

## Tallaght Central Tamhlact An Lár

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

## Lucan Leamhcán

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

## Tallaght South Tamhlact Theas

Councillor Patrick Pearse Holohan	IND
Councillor Leah Whelan	SOL
Councillor Dermot Richardson	SF
Councillor Louise Dunne	SF
Councillor Baby Pereppadan	FG

## Firhouse - Bohernabreena Teach na Giúise - Bóthar na Bruíne

Councillor Suzanne McEneaney	Green
Councillor Deirdre O'Donovan	FF
Councillor Brian Lawlor	FG
Councillor Emma Murphy	FF
Councillor Alan Edge	IND

## Palmerstown - Fonthill Baile Phámar - Cnoc an Fhuaráin

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



### Party abbreviations

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

## Message from the Mayor

A chairde,

I'd like to welcome you to this Newsletter and wish you and yours Season's Greetings and a pleasant and peaceful Christmas.

At times when we gather together with family and friends, we ought to take the time to remember those who cannot be with us, and all those who have kept us safe throughout a very difficult period. We owe a massive debt of gratitude to all frontline workers; our doctors, nurses, paramedics, carers, healthcare workers, firefighters and Gardaí.

While we endured lockdown after lockdown, the work of South Dublin County Council did not cease, and I am grateful for all the efforts of Council staff in making our county a better place to live and work.

To each and every one of you, I want to tell you that I am humbled and honoured to be your Mayor, and I hope you all enjoy Christmas and the New Year.

Wishing you peace and plenty in 2022.

Nollaig Shona,

**Peter Kavanagh**

Mayor of South Dublin County Council



## Teachtaireacht ón Méara

A chairde,

Ba mhaith liom fáilte is fiche a chur romhaibh ar fad go dtí an Nuachtlitir seo agus Beannachtaí na Féile a ghuí oraibh agus ar bhur Muintir. Tá súil agam go mbeidh Nollaig mhór mhaith agaibh ar fad.

Agus muid ag teacht le chéile lenár dteaghlaigh agus lenár gcairde, ba choir dúinn an t-am a thógáil agus cuimhne againn orthu siúd ar fad nach féidir leo bheith linn inniu, agus orthu siúd a choimeád slán muid ar fad le go mbeimid ábalta an Nollaig a chéiliúradh. Táimid go mór faoi chomaoin ag na hoibrithe ar fad sa líne thosaigh; na dochtúirí, altraí, paraimhíochaineoirí, cúramóirí, oibrithe sláinte, comhraiceoirí dóiteán agus Gardaí.

Nuair a bhí dianghlasáil i ndiaidh dianghlasála ar siúl sa tír, níor tháinig stop le hobair Chomhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas. Táimse an-bhuíoch as an tréaniarracht atá déanta ag meitheal oibre an Chomhairle ár gContae a fheabhasú mar áit cónaithe agus oibre.

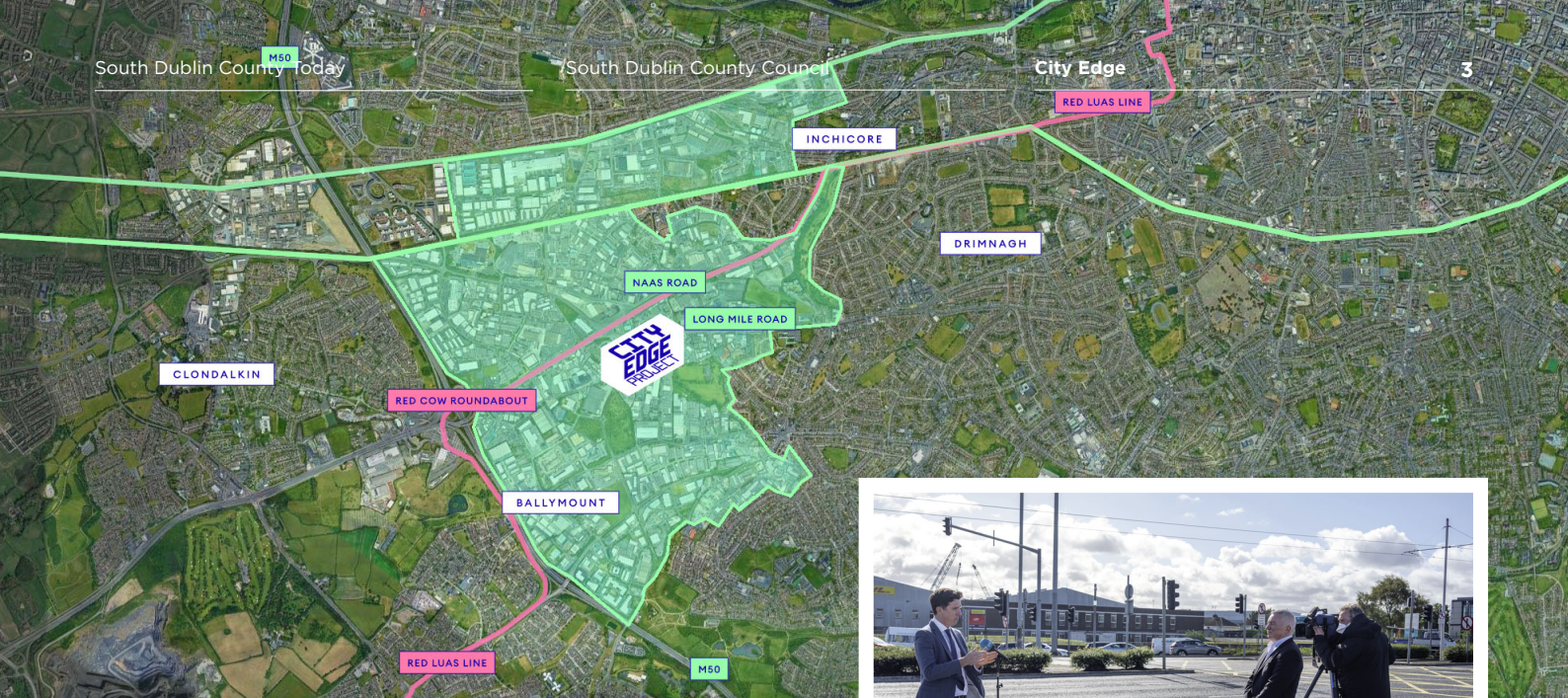
Daoibhse ar fad, ba mhian liom cur in iúl daoibh gur onóir mhór é agus go dtéann sé go croí ionam bheith mar Mhéara agaibh. Tá súil agam go mbaineann sibh sult ollmhór as an Nollaig agus as an Athbhliain.

Go mbaine sibh síocháin agus fairsinge as 2022.

Nollaig Shona,

**Peter Kavanagh**

Méara Chomhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas



# City Edge

South Dublin County Council (SDCC) and Dublin City Council (DCC) have announced the development of a major joint urban regeneration effort known as the City Edge Project. Located at the western edge of Dublin City Centre, this long-term, extensive redevelopment plan is part of a national strategy to regenerate Dublin city.

The City Edge Project is set to become one of Europe's largest urban regeneration projects and an attractive extension of the city for people to live, work and socialise. The proposed development area extends to 700 hectares of land around the Naas Road, Ballymount and Park West area. This area is already a cornerstone of the Dublin economy with some 1,500 businesses employing 25,000 people, alongside well-established residential communities of 5,000 people. There are also significant areas of underutilised land and in the future, this part of the city could be further developed to accommodate up to 75,000 jobs and 40,000 homes.

In planning for the future of the area, the integration of existing neighbourhoods with new development will be paramount, in terms of ensuring residential amenity is protected. There will be many advantages for existing and new development including an attractive new urban setting, greatly enhanced amenities such as parks and green spaces, improved access to public transport and increased opportunities for safe walking and cycling.

The City Edge study, available on [www.cityedge.ie](http://www.cityedge.ie), shows that liveability is shaped and influenced by a wide range of things such as the quality and character of our homes and neighbourhoods, the amenities available to us, local services and travel. The National Planning Framework sets out 10 National Strategic Outcomes and Public Investment Priorities, which include topics related to the Liveable City. These include:

- Compact growth
- Sustainable mobility
- Access to Quality Childcare, Education and Health Services

This area is currently a major contributor to the Dublin economy which is a crucial factor that will need to be considered so that a sustainable balance can be struck between new and existing. One golden thread running through all aspects of the project is sustainability. The scale of the project allows a holistic approach and one that can tie in the coordination of many different aspects such as sustainable transport, active travel, the circular economy, social sustainability, environmental sustainability, climate change resilience, biodiversity and the potential for energy production and storage. This coordination continues through collaboration with SDCC and DCC on these topics and more, tying in with existing strategies as well as developing new ones.

To help shape the preparation of the City Edge Planning Framework a non-statutory four-week public consultation programme was held from 9 September 2021 to 6 October 2021 with 103 submissions received during that time. We are currently assessing these and a report on these will be considered by Council in December which you will be able to find under Council Meetings on [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie).

# Green Flags

South Dublin County Council has been awarded five prestigious Green Flag Awards from An Taisce Environment Education Unit.

Waterstown Park, Sean Walsh Park, Tymon Park, Corkagh Park and Rathfarnham Castle Park were all awarded Green Flags Awards at an announcement by the Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities, Joe O'Brien TD.

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 strict criteria, including horticultural standards, cleanliness, sustainability, and community involvement. Public town parks, country parks, gardens, cemeteries, nature parks and green spaces are eligible for the award. 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.

Only awarded for exceeding tough environmental standards in green space management, and excellence of visitor attractions – the Green Flag Award Scheme is the mark of a quality park or green space and is recognised throughout the world. This year over 2,300 public sites in 16 countries around the World have achieved Green Flag or Green Flag Community Award status.



Mayor of South Dublin County, Councillor Peter Kavanagh, raised the flag on Wednesday, 17 November 2021 at Rathfarnham Park, and said,

“The raising of the Green Flag recognises and rewards the provision of high-quality parks and green spaces. It is a great achievement for South Dublin County Council to have won such a prestigious award for Rathfarnham Castle Park and our other four award-winning parks. This award demonstrates the hard work of staff in the park in implementing the Council’s parks management plan. The Park is a haven for residents in Rathfarnham especially in this time of Covid restrictions. Without our public parks and gardens, our lives would have been much further reduced and confined. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the hard work put in by park staff, and community volunteers and residents’ groups.”





Elected Members have adopted Budget 2022 which provides for approximately €282 million in expenditure on service provision, an increase of over 5% on the 2021 budget.

South Dublin County Council will continue to deliver on key frontline services and exciting new initiatives in 2022 following the adoption of the Budget. The budget continues a year-on-year trend of increased investment in the future of the County. This budget will be augmented by the three-year Capital Programme 2022 - 2024 of approximately €750 million (m) to be considered by elected members at the December Council meeting.

A priority of the Council’s elected members is the retention and expansion, where possible, of frontline day to day services with an additional €4m provided in the budget. Through this, several service areas have been allocated extra resources including an additional €429,000 for twenty seasonal public realm workers with a specific provision of €100,000 to deal with graffiti and back lanes. Approximately €10.3m is budgeted for litter management and street cleaning in 2022. An increase of €912,000 has been agreed in the fire services budget to €22.2m in total. Budgets for some key areas include:

- €101,829,000 for housing services,
- €34,800,500 for road maintenance, public lighting, the provision of cycleways and more,
- €14,241,400 for water services, and,
- €50,494,700 for recreation services, with
- €3.5m for the arts, €11m on libraries and €24m on parks, pitches and playgrounds.



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## Commitment to housing

The budget of €101,829,000 allocated for housing services in 2022 represents an increase of €6,685,100 on the 2021 budget as our comprehensive build, purchase and leasing initiatives under the Capital Programme continue to meet and exceed targets. This includes €15,889,500 on maintenance for over 10,000 homes - with €1,400,000 further funding for our planned maintenance programme, an additional €1,000,000 for re-let works and to support rightsizing transfers plus

€20,000 funding for a tenant smart heating pilot initiative with €5,729,800 allocated for housing welfare services, estate/ tenancy management, housing stock insurance and addressing anti-social behaviour. A further €9,305,500 will support the housing strategy, the housing construction programme, Part V and other housing delivery.

## Delivering for our communities

Integration, health and wellbeing and quality of life are central to our approach to developing the County for our communities and we aim to build on our good progress in recent years through funding initiatives like,

- €2,192,800 for the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme,
- €500,000 to implement plans for St. Cuthbert's Park in Clondalkin,
- €1m to progress new community centres in Newcastle and City West.

This year the Council will continue to provide for the Dublin Mountains Project, the Tallaght Innovation Centre, various Greenway projects, the expansion of Grange Castle and the Business Support Programme. The development of a Heritage Centre in Tallaght has long been an ambition of the Council and an initial budget of €1,000,000 has been provided for the exciting project.

## Supporting tourism and enterprise

This year the Council will continue to provide for the Dublin Mountains Project, the Tallaght Innovation Centre, various Greenway projects, the expansion of Grange Castle and the Business Support Programme. Several of our other commitments in Budget 2022 include,

- The continuation of the €1,000,000 Business Support Fund,
- Grange Castle remains positioned for high levels of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and indigenous investment of scale with the substantial completion of the access road and associated utility corridor by the end of 2021 to serve future clients at Grange Castle West,
- The Local Enterprise Office will be expanding to €600,000 the level of grant support available to new and growing businesses through its Feasibility, Priming and Business Expansion Grants,
- The renewal and upgrade of Lucan Village Centre will go to planning before the year-end as part of Lucan's Failte Ireland 'Destination Town' designation,
- Grant funding has been awarded for the extension of the Grand Canal Greenway and construction on this project will commence in early 2022.

## A welcome budget

Presenting the budget, Daniel McLoughlin, Chief Executive of South Dublin County Council, said, "The Budget as presented is positive and makes the best use of available resources, while mindful of ongoing challenges. It is vitally important to make a real difference in supporting communities, while advancing the development of the County."

You can find more information on and download a copy of the Annual Budget 2022 on [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie).





## Development of 620 new homes approved for council-owned lands in Killinarden

At the September Council meeting, Elected Members of South Dublin County Council approved the development of 620 new homes on council-owned lands at Killinarden, Tallaght.

The proposal follows a competitive tender process for a fully integrated mixed tenure development of social, affordable and private dwellings. The residential development is heavily weighted towards the provision of affordable purchase homes, with 60% of the development projected to sell for an average of €250,000 or less per home. A further 20% of the development will be delivered as social housing. The development commencement is subject to receiving full planning permission.

South Dublin County Council will enter into a development agreement with the Arden Team DAC to deliver the homes. The Arden design team, comprising Sisk Living and Kelland Homes and Ó Cualann Cohousing Alliance, will deliver 'The Foothills, Killinarden' development over several phases, with 278 homes estimated to be completed by 2024, 217 homes in 2025 and the final 125 homes in 2026. A community / sports facility, creche, new public open space, and wetlands infrastructure, as well as essential community amenities, will be provided to create a new sustainable neighbourhood.

The demand for affordable purchase homes in the Killinarden area was highlighted through South Dublin County Council's Affordable Homes Portal. Launched in 2019 following the allocation of €18 million to the Council by the Department of Housing, Local Government and

Heritage through the government's Serviced Sites Fund, 2,700 people expressed an interest through the portal in purchasing an affordable home in Killinarden.

The news is just the latest positive development from South Dublin County Council when it comes to meeting the demand for homes in South Dublin County. Work is continuing at South Dublin County Council's joint venture development of 1,034 homes at Kilcarbery in Clondalkin, Dublin 22. The mixed tenure development, on 72.8 acres of council lands at Kilcarbery will include 310 social housing units or 30% of the development.

Adwood Ltd, a consortium of established Dublin builders Adroit and Maplewood, will develop the site having been chosen on foot of a competitive process. South Dublin County Council will receive €38m for the site which will be built out over 4 years including the 310 social housing units which will be delivered at competitive build rates averaging €166,000 per unit.

Acknowledging state support through the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) of €2m, the developer has also committed to delivering 50 homes at prices discounted to the market.

The development also includes an 847 sq.m. community building which will be handed over to South Dublin County Council. A creche and retail unit will also be included as part of the development. The Kilcarbery development is a significant part of the Council's €1 billion investment plan for building new homes in the County in the coming years.



# Local Government Awards 2021

South Dublin County Council has won Best Practice in Community Engagement and Age-Friendly Initiative at Thursday's Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards.

The Council's innovative multi-channel approach to citizen engagement for the public consultation of the County Development Plan was awarded Best Practice in Community Engagement whilst the Policy for Rightsizing and Allocation of Age-Friendly Accommodation took home the Age-Friendly Initiative award.



The annual Awards, sponsored by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, are held to recognise and celebrate the outstanding work being carried out by Local Authorities all over Ireland. Awards were presented for Local Government Excellence across several different categories.

The awards were hosted through an online ceremony on Thursday 18 November 2021.

# Join our team!

We're hiring



South Dublin County Council tries to attract and retain talented and motivated people, from diverse backgrounds and experiences, who will take pride in their work and make a positive difference to the lives of citizens in South Dublin County.

By working as a staff member at South Dublin County Council you will be making your contribution to this county's development as the best possible place in which to live, work and do business. As a staff member, you will be given a range of opportunities to positively engage with citizens, businesses and communities to make a positive impact upon their daily lives.

Employees are provided with opportunities to learn, develop and grow through staff mobility and career development, a comprehensive training and development programme and the provision of financial assistance to staff undertaking further education.

The Council recognises the importance of work life balance and supports family friendly initiatives such as flexi-time, work-sharing, paid maternity leave (and the newly introduced paternity leave) as well as generous annual leave allowances. There are Crèche facilities on site, a subsidised canteen and free staff parking.

The well-being of employees is a priority for the Council so we provide free annual health checks, flu inoculation, eyesight testing, a confidential Staff Welfare Service, and a range of ongoing health and well-being initiatives throughout the year. Employees can join the Staff Social Club, Credit Union, Golf Society, Hill-Walking Club, LGBTQ+ Staff Network and take part in the numerous social events organised. Staff may also avail of tax saver schemes such as cycle to work and a bus or Luas travel pass.

Keep an eye on job opportunities on our dedicated careers portal [www.sdccjobs.ie](http://www.sdccjobs.ie).



# Dodder GREENWAY

The Minister for Transport and the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications, Eamon Ryan TD, joined the Mayor of South Dublin County, Councillor Peter Kavanagh, Anne Graham, Chief Executive Officer of the National Transport Authority, Dave Hennessy Assistant Director Southern Regional Assembly and South Dublin County Council Chief Executive Daniel McLoughlin, to open the Dodder Greenway Bridge in October.

The Dodder Greenway, being developed to be a Greenway of International renown it is expected to be on par with the best greenways in the world. Once complete, it is envisaged to be over 17 kilometers long, linking Sir Rogerson's Quay in the City Centre to the entrance of the Bohernabreena Reservoirs at Glenasmole, South Dublin. Although developed as a combination of off-road and on-road, it utilises existing facilities with the Dodder Valley as much as possible to connect the linear parklands along the route.

As part of the bridges phase of the Dodder Greenway initiative, South Dublin County Council has built three new pedestrian and cycle bridges, 750 metres of new pathway and 2.6 kilometres of upgraded paths.

This phase of the project cost approximately €5.8 million and is being delivered by South Dublin County Council with funding provided by the National Transport Authority (€4.3 million) and the European Regional Development Fund's S&E Regional Programme (€1.5million).

The opening of the bridges is a key milestone in the overall Dodder Greenway vision to link Dublin City Centre to the Dublin Mountains via Ballsbridge, Milltown, Rathfarnham, Firhouse and Tallaght. The South Dublin County section of the Greenway stretches from the Bohernabreena Reservoir in Tallaght to Orwell Park in Rathfarnham.

The Dodder Greenway represents a major new transport and recreational facility for Dublin, catering for both commuter and social cyclists. The route takes specific account of the rich ecology of the area and is a combination of off-road and on-road cycleways utilising existing facilities within the Dodder Valley as much as possible and connecting the linear parkland along the route.

Mick Mulhern Director of Services for Land Use, Planning and Transportation has said about the Dodder Greenway, "The Dodder Greenway is a fantastic new walking and cycling route for South Dublin. We have already seen a huge increase in the numbers of people using it for leisure, recreation and commuting and we have even small café businesses opening up along it. Once the whole route is completed it will be great for the whole of Dublin.

The Dodder Greenway is a major part of South Dublin County Council's Cycle South Dublin strategy. Approved by the Council's elected members in April 2021, the ambitious Cycle South Dublin programme of work seeks to progress works on 260 kilometers of new and improved cycle lanes across the County. Cycle South Dublin reflects the increasing importance of making cycling a realistic and integral part of how people move around the County and includes 63 projects."



## Recycle more this Christmas

### Déan níos mó a athchúrsáil an Nollaig seo

Wrapping paper, Christmas cards, Glass, Cans, Plastic, Christmas trees, Batteries and WEEE can all be recycled, so this Christmas South Dublin County Council is encouraging everyone to recycle. Please visit [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie) for Christmas Tree recycling locations.

For more information on how these items & more can be recycled go to [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie)

Le haghaidh tuilleadh eolais maidir leis an athchúrsáil, tabhair cuairt ar [www.athcliaththeas](http://www.athcliaththeas)

## €300k Have Your Say

Twelve community-led projects have been selected by the public to be funded in the Tallaght Central Electoral Area through South Dublin County Council's landmark €300k Have Your Say participatory budgeting initiative.

Details of all twelve winning projects were announced on Thursday 2 December and are available on [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie). Work will begin on the projects early in the new year.

'€300k Have Your Say' is a participatory budgeting initiative which has been run by South Dublin County Council since 2017. €300k Have Your Say allows residents to develop project ideas for their local area and then vote on shortlisted proposals to fund winning projects up to the value of €300,000. Twenty-eight projects to date have been selected for funding in the Lucan, Clondalkin and Firhouse-Bohernabreena Electoral Areas.

The Council will run the initiative in every local electoral area in the County with the next area due to be selected by the Mayor in 2022.



# Be Winter Ready



Severe weather challenges all of us. Activities that we take for granted can become difficult or even hazardous when severe weather occurs. However, by taking some simple steps you can reduce the impact of such events.

South Dublin County Council's Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT) meets in advance of all storms on foot of any Met Éireann Weather Warnings received. The SWAT is made up of senior staff from across the organisation. The purpose of the meeting is to assess the readiness of the council to deal with the upcoming storm and severe weather events and put in place preventative actions as required.

South Dublin County Council has under the Major Emergency Management Framework, the following plans:

- Major Emergency Plan
- Flood Emergency Plan,
- Severe Weather Plan, and
- Rest Centre Plan.

The protocols for Severe Weather are contained in the plans, and being actioned upon receipt of weather warnings from Met Éireann, are as follows:

**Status Yellow: Be Aware** - A general notification email is sent to relevant staff across the organisation- inspections of key infrastructure and equipment carried out by relevant departments.

**Status Orange: Be Prepared** - Triggers a meeting of the Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT) comprised of senior management across all departments, who discuss the issues particular to that weather event and agree the appropriate response / action from each department.

**Status Red: Take Action** - this should be a comparatively rare event and implies that recipients take action to protect themselves and / or their properties. The SWAT team is now a Crisis Management Team and meets as often as necessary - hourly, twice daily, etc., depending on dynamics of the weather event, possibly over the conference call facilities. National and Regional Emergency offices are likely also being updated through teleconference at this stage to facilitate inter agency cooperation between the LA, HSE and AGS.

The 2021 - 2022 Winter Maintenance Plan includes information the seven gritting routes and also on salt barns and the locations and availability of salt bins.

The seven gritting routes and the associated gritting truck can also have a snow plough attached if this is required, information on the routes are available at this link. The Council has seven gritting trucks and seven snow ploughs.

South Dublin County Council will continue to provide information to citizens through weather events on all available social media including our website [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie).

The national winter ready website also has very useful information and can be found at [www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/aa78b9-be-winter-ready/](http://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/aa78b9-be-winter-ready/) <https://twitter.com/sdublincoco> <https://www.facebook.com/SouthDublinCountyCouncil>

You can also follow the below Twitter accounts to stay updated.

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|--------------|-----------------|
| @emergencyIE | @DubFireBrigade |
| @ESBNetworks | @MetEireann     |
| @gardainfo   | @GardaTraffic   |
| @IrishWater  | @IWCare         |
| @opwireland  |                 |

This winter-ready booklet produced by the OEP gives information on being prepared, providing practical advice for coping during episodes of severe weather, as well as giving contact details of organisations and agencies that can provide guidance and assistance. The main message is simple - be prepared, stay safe and know where to find help should you need it.

Download the 2021 / 22 booklet on this page or find out more at

[www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/aa78b9-be-winter-ready/](http://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/aa78b9-be-winter-ready/) **BE WINTER READY**



# The 12 Food Waste Tips of Christmas

In Ireland, we discard over one million tonnes of food waste every year with about one third of it coming from our homes. This costs an average household an estimated €700 per year!

It's easy to stop this. Buy only what you need and make it your mission to eat all of it. You will have more money for the other things that matter this Christmas.

- 1 Plan:** Plan your meals for the week. By writing them down, you save money and have less going in the bin.
- 2 Plan:** Use recipes as guides. If you have other ingredients that are not in the recipe, try adding them in.
- 3 Make a shopping list:** Check what food you already have before you go shopping. Make a shopping list first, it will help you to focus on what you need. Think about what you have thrown out recently. Why did it get thrown out? Should you buy it again?
- 4 Shopping:** Never go shopping when hungry! You will buy more food than you need.
- 5 Shopping:** Buy loose fruit and veg - you get what you need and can cut down on packaging wastes in your bin as well. Beware, the price of convenience can be high!
- 6 Shopping:** Beware of special deals - good for toilet rolls but bad for fruit, veg and salads. These are the things we buy but often do not get eaten.
- 7 Storage:** Use your freezer! Freeze food approaching it's use-by date unless you are about to use it.
- 8 Storage:** Think of your freezer as a ready store of food - this convenience gives you the flexibility to have ingredients to hand for making meals such as frozen mushrooms and peas - you can add them to a tasty Shepherd's pie

**9 Serving:** Most food wasted is leftovers. Put less food on the plate, people can always take seconds if they want more.

**10 Serving:** Change the bowl sizes for kids. They are little people and using adult plates or bowls, even with smaller portions, usually means portions that are too big.

**11** If you do end up having to discard food, put it in the brown (food) bin. When you take out your black (general) bin, there should be zero food in it.

**12 Most wasted foods:**

- **Salads** - we throw our 50% of the salads that we buy
- **Fruit and Veg** - 25% of these are thrown out potatoes is the vegetable we waste the most of
- **Meat and Fish** - some of the most expensive products but 25% gets dumped
- **Dairy, Milk, yoghurts** - 10% of this gets put down the drain

Visit [www.stopfoodwaste.ie](http://www.stopfoodwaste.ie), for lots more on food waste.



Picture shows 200 tonnes of waste. 1.05 million tonnes of food waste is generated in Ireland every year (EPA National Waste Report 2018).

## Ballymount Civic Amenity Christmas and New Year Opening Hours 2021 / 2022

Monday 20 Dec	09.00 - 17.00	Friday 31 Jan (New Years Eve)	09.00 - 15.00 (Early Close)
Tuesday 21 Dec	09.00 - 17.00	Saturday 1 Jan	Closed
Wednesday 22 Dec	09.00 - 17.00	Sunday 2 Jan	09.30 - 17.00
Thursday 23 Dec	09.00 - 17.00	Monday 3 Jan (Bank Holiday)	09.30 - 17.00
Friday 24 Dec (Christmas Eve)	09.00 - 15.00	Tuesday 4 Jan	09.00 - 17.00
Saturday 25 Dec	Closed	Wednesday 5 Jan	09.00 - 17.00
Sunday 26 Dec	Closed	Thursday 6 Jan	09.00 - 17.00
Monday 27 Dec (Bank Holiday)	09.30 - 17.00	Friday 7 Jan	09.00 - 17.00
Tuesday 28 Dec (Bank Holiday)	09.30 - 17.00	Saturday 8 Jan	09.00 - 17.30
Wednesday 29 Dec	09.00 - 17.00	Sunday 9 Jan	09.30 - 17.00
Thursday 30 Dec	09.00 - 17.00		



# Network of Enterprising Women

Local Enterprise Office South Dublin have developed a Network of Enterprising Women in South Dublin (NEWS) to facilitate these powerful networking opportunities. The objective is to make it easy for local female business women to develop mutually beneficial relationships with like-minded entrepreneurs. Networking is not all about generating sales leads (although that is helpful!), it is just as important to form supportive relationships with people who are in the same situation as you, perhaps experiencing the same difficulties as you, and who can offer you advice and guidance when you need it, and vice versa.

Over the course of 2021 we hosted a number of events, virtual and in-person, which helped address a number of issues facing women in business today. Membership of the network swelled in 2021 to over 340 members a reflection of the support that members experience. The membership booking link for 2022 is now open.



## South Dublin Creative Economy Network

South Dublin has a vibrant creative economy, from craft and design, artists of all disciplines, musicians, designers - to name just a few areas - and the Local Enterprise Office and its partners are creating this network to support people working in these sectors.

The network pulls support from each of its partners - LEO South Dublin, South Dublin County Council, The Design and Craft Council of Ireland, Creative Ireland, and Visual Artists Ireland - to provide a comprehensive catalogue of support and a broad calendar of events for the members. Membership is free and open to new entrants.

## Christmas Tree Recycling 2022

South Dublin County Council has made arrangements for you to leave your Christmas Tree for recycling at 21 locations in the county from Tuesday 4 January to Monday 17 January. This service is free and is for domestic household trees only. One tree per household or one tree per vehicle will be accepted.

Signage will be placed at the various locations indicating that it is an official recycling point. For a list of locations near you please visit [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie)

The Christmas Tree recycling locations for 2021/2022 are:

### Lucan

Beechpark open space  
Sarsfield Park open space  
Haydens Lane Car Park in Griffeen Valley Park  
Foxborough open space

### Palmerstown

Glenaulin Park  
Woodfarm Acres

### Clondalkin

Corkagh Park (St Johns Road car park)  
Corkagh Park (Green Isle car park at Caravan Park entrance)  
Collinstown Park  
Quarryvale Park  
Foxdene open space  
Grand Canal open space (junction of Bawnogue and Lockview roads)

### Tallaght

Raheen open space (opposite Raheen Shopping Centre)

### Greenhills

Tymon Park - Limekiln car park  
Tymon Park - Tymon North Road car park

### Old Bawn

Church car park (beside shopping centre)

### Firhouse

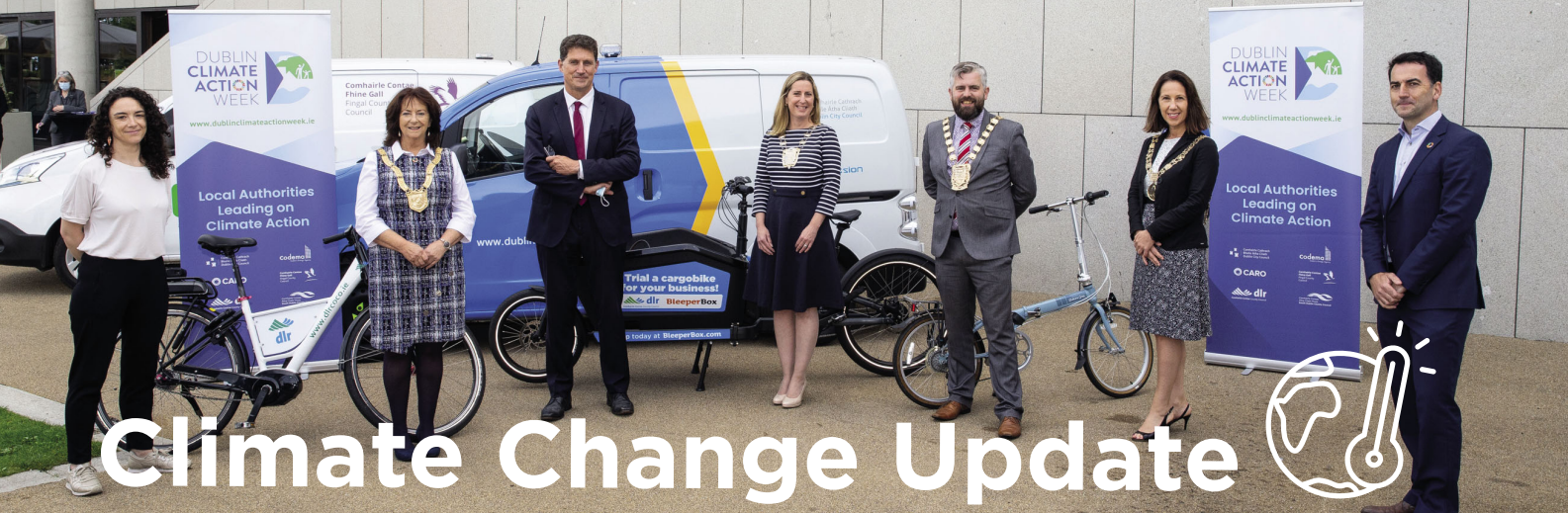
Car park at Cherryfield (off the link road between Firhouse Road and Spawell Roundabout)  
Car park at Dodder Valley Park, Firhouse Road opposite Woodlawn Estate

### Rathfarnham

Rathfarnham Castle Park - car park

### Saggart

Parks Depot on Mill Lane



# Climate Change Update

Since our Climate Change Action Plan was approved by the Council in May 2019, South Dublin County Council continues to work to achieve our four current targets:

- A 50% improvement in the Council's energy efficiency by 2030.
- A 51% reduction in the Council's greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and net zero by 2050.
- To make Dublin a climate resilient County by reducing the impacts of future climate change-related event.
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Currently 90% of the 130 actions over six thematic action areas in the Plan are either completed or advancing. Significant projects include:

- Construction of Tallaght District Heating Scheme is well underway. In the first phase waste heat from a data centre will be used to heat County Hall and the TU Dublin-Tallaght campus. Subsequent phases of the project will facilitate the connection of other public, private and residential customers in the Tallaght area including the proposed residential development at Belgard Gardens, which will be home to more than 3,000 people.
- All lighting is being upgraded to LEDs in County Hall. Phases one and two have been completed with an average reduction in consumption of 68% and a 53 tonnes of CO<sup>2</sup> emissions have been avoided.

- Several Flood Alleviation Schemes are in development. These schemes at the Poddle, the Whitechurch and the Camac will help protect homes and make communities more resilient to climate change in South Dublin.
- Our active travel team is working on a range of exciting travel projects over the coming years. The team will provide support and deliver their projects such as free cycle parking for Schools/Sports clubs and an active travel website.
- In September 2021 the first ever Dublin Climate Action Week took place. Over 70 online and in-person events were held covering the themes of Energy and Buildings, Flood Resilience, Transport, Resource Management, Nature Based Solutions and Citizen Engagement. The week was organised and delivered by the partnership of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, South Dublin County Council, Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council, Codema – Dublin's Energy Agency and the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office (CARO).

If you are interested in finding out more about what South Dublin County Council is doing to address climate change or if you are interested in the issues and would like to be kept up to date, why not sign up for our new Climate Change Newsletter. Please send your contact details to [climatechange@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:climatechange@sdblincoco.ie).

## Transgender Day of Remembrance

On Saturday 20 November, Cllr. Peter Kavanagh, Mayor of South Dublin County Council, paid tribute to the county's Transgender community and said that they were disproportionately affected by the global COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Kavanagh was speaking as he raised the Trans flag at County Hall in Tallaght to mark Transgender Day of Remembrance, when the victims of transphobic violence are commemorated.

"Trans people, especially young trans people, rely on their community for support. Lockdowns and restrictions have meant that accessing these communities hasn't been as easy, and has disproportionately affected trans people who don't get to be themselves outside of their community," Mayor Kavanagh said, "I am very grateful to South Dublin's LGBTQ+ Network for all



the virtual events and support they have provided for trans people in our county, and I hope that we can all take note of their work. Trans people want to be themselves, and it's an act of common human decency to facilitate this."

Mayor Kavanagh also cautioned against the rise of transphobia in the media, saying, "I'm old enough to remember the debates around decriminalisation of homosexuality, and it's upsetting to see the same tired talking points coming to the fore in Irish media today. Since 2015, trans people have had the legal right to be who they really are, and we don't need to ape other countries and platform discrimination and hate under the guise of concern."



# THE CIVIC



## EVENTS COMING UP EARLY 2022



For More Info See [www.civictheatre.ie](http://www.civictheatre.ie)   

## NOISE MUSIC

NOISE Music is a fresh music programme for young people aged 14-18 years in South Dublin County who are interested in DJ'ing, singing, rapping and making beats in genres such as hip-hop, techno and house music. The programme connects creative young people with artists and musicians who make the kind of music that they listen to.

NOISE Music is delivered by a team of musicians and DJs who are at the forefront of Irish hip-hop and electronic music in Ireland and

internationally. The programme is supported by experienced youth music facilitators and youth workers across South Dublin and it was developed in consultation between Gerry Horan of CONTACT Studio, Aideen McLaughlin of Music Generation South Dublin and Lorraine Maher of I Am Irish.

And we're calling on youth services and schools in South Dublin to now contact us if they're interested in engaging young people in their setting!

NOISE Music is managed by CONTACT Studio in partnership with Music Generation South Dublin. Youth Services and school settings are invited to organise a taster workshop for NOISE Music by contacting Gerry Horan from CONTACT Studio by emailing [noisemusicsouthdublin@gmail.com](mailto:noisemusicsouthdublin@gmail.com) or calling 086-7811687. NOISE Music is funded by Music Generation and is a partnership programme between CONTACT Studio and Music Generation South Dublin. CONTACT Studio is a South Dublin County Arts Office initiative.

