

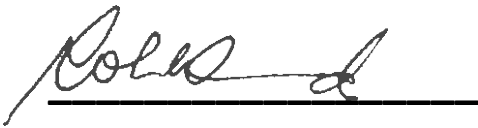
Quality Assurance Report for 2024

South Dublin County Council

Submitted to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in
Compliance with the Public Spending Code

Certification

This Annual Quality Assurance Report reflects South Dublin County Council's assessment of compliance with the Public Spending Code. It is based on the best financial, organisational and performance related information available across the various areas of responsibility.

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30th May 2025

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1. Introduction

South Dublin County Council (SDCC) has completed this Quality Assurance (QA) Report as part of its on-going compliance with the Public Spending Code (PSC).

The Quality Assurance procedure aims to assess the extent to which the Council is meeting the obligations set out in the Public Spending Code. The Public Spending Code ensures that the State achieves value for money in the use of all public funds.

The Quality Assurance Process contains five steps:

1. Drawing up Inventories of all projects/programmes at different stages of the Project Life Cycle for the year under review. The inventory includes all projects/programmes above €0.5m. The projects/programmes are classed as either expenditure being considered, expenditure being incurred or expenditure that has recently ended.

2. Publish summary information on website of all procurements in excess of €10m, new, in progress or completed, in the year under review. A procurement is considered to be a “project in progress” during the year under review if the procurement process is completed and a contract signed.

3. Checklists to be completed in respect of the different stages. These checklists allow the Council to self-assess its compliance with the code.

4. Carry out a more in-depth check on a small number of selected projects/programmes. A number of projects or programmes (at least 5% of total value for capital projects on the inventory and a minimum of 1% of total value for revenue projects on the inventory over a 3 year period) are selected to be reviewed more intensively. This includes a review of all projects from ex-post to ex-ante.

5. Complete a short report for the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform which includes the inventory of projects/programmes, the website reference for the publication of summary information on procurements above €10m, the completed checklists, the Council’s judgement on the adequacy of processes given the findings from the in-depth checks and the Council’s proposals to remedy any discovered inadequacies.

This report fulfils the first, third, fourth and fifth requirements of the QA process for South Dublin County Council for 2024.

2. Expenditure Analysis

2.1 Inventory of Projects/Programmes

This section details the inventory drawn up by South Dublin County Council in accordance with the guidance on the Quality Assurance process. The inventory lists all of the Council's projects and programmes at various stages of the project life cycle which amount to more than €0.5m. This inventory is divided between current, capital and capital grant scheme projects and between three stages:

- Expenditure being considered
- Expenditure being incurred
- Expenditure that has recently ended

The complete inventory for 2024 including details of 219 programmes/projects for South Dublin County Council is contained in Appendix 1. The inventory was compiled using the format recommended in guidance notes issued to the sector by the Finance Committee of the County and City Management Association (2021) and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform's Public Spending Code Quality Assurance Process Guidance Note Version 4. The inventory contains relevant services from the Council's 2024 Annual Financial Statement (Unaudited) in respect of current (revenue) expenditure and from the Capital Programme 2024-2026 and the Council's Financial Management System for capital expenditure.

The inventory is available at Appendix 1.

2.2 Published Summary of Procurements

As part of the Quality Assurance process South Dublin County Council is required to publish summary information on our website of all procurements in excess of €10m, related to projects in progress or completed in the year under review. A procurement is considered to be a "project in progress" during the year under review if the procurement process is completed and a contract signed.

Information for procurements meeting these criteria in 2024 is available on our website at:

<https://sdcc.ie/en/our-performance/public-spending-code/public-spending-code.html>

3. Assessment of Compliance

3.1 Checklist Completion

The third step in the Quality Assurance process involves completing a set of checklists. The high-level checks in Step 3 of the QA process are based on self-assessment by the various Sections, Directorates and Departments of the Council in respect of guidelines set out in the Public Spending Code. There are seven checklists in total:

Checklist 1: General Obligations Not Specific to Individual Projects/Programmes

Checklist 2: Capital Projects or Capital Grant Schemes Being Considered

Checklist 3: Current Expenditure Being Considered

Checklist 4: Capital Expenditure or Capital Grant Schemes Being Incurred

Checklist 5: Current Expenditure Being Incurred

Checklist 6: Capital Expenditure or Capital Grant Schemes Completed

Checklist 7: Current Expenditure Completed

For 2024 this self-assessment of compliance was carried out on an appropriate sample of areas of expenditure. Four Departments in the Council completed the checklists as part of the Quality Assurance process for 2024:

- Environment, Water and Climate Change Department,
- Housing, Social and Community Development Department,
- Land Use, Planning and Transportation Department,
- Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development Department

This information was then used to complete the checklist answers for the organisation, as included in Appendix 2 of this report. Each question in the checklist is judged on a 3 point scale:

- Scope for significant improvements = a score of 1
- Compliant but with some improvement necessary = a score of 2
- Broadly compliant = a score of 3

For some questions, the scoring mechanism is not always strictly relevant. In these cases, it is marked as N/A and, where relevant, information is provided in the commentary box.

The completed self-assessment checklists for 2024 indicate that the Council was generally compliant or compliant with some areas requiring improvement. No areas were identified as needing significant improvement.

3.2 In-Depth Checks

The following section details the in-depth checks which were carried out by South Dublin County Council's Internal Audit Unit as part of the Public Spending Code Quality Assurance process.

The purpose of the in-depth review is to provide an independent opinion on the level of assurance in relation to compliance with the Code. The objective is to review a subset of projects to assess if structures in place are operating at a high standard. The scope of the reviews was aligned with the criteria set out in the Code. The value of the projects selected for an in-depth review each year must follow these criteria:

- Capital Projects: Projects selected must represent a minimum of 5% of the total value of all Capital projects on the Project Inventory.
- Revenue Projects: Projects selected must represent a minimum of 1% of the total value of all Revenue Projects on the Project Inventory.
- This minimum is an average over a three-year period.
- The same projects should not be selected more than once in a three-year period unless it is a follow up to a serious deficiency discovered previously.
- Over a three-to-five-year period all stages of the project life cycle and every scale of project should have been included in the in-depth check.

The volume of the in-depth checks over the three years 2022 to 2024 is in keeping with this requirement. The in-depth checks carried out average 1% for revenue checks and 5% for the capital checks over a three-year period.

The projects subject to in-depth checks for 2024 are outlined in Table 1 and a summary of the in-depth checks are detailed below.

Table 1 Summary of Projects Subject to In-Depth Review

		Total Value of In-Depth Checks	Total Value of Projects	% Analysed
Expenditure Being Considered				
Revenue	In Depth Check 1: Revenue Increase Review Housing & Adaptation Grants Scheme	€905,300	€416,237,480	0.2%
Expenditure Being Incurred				
Capital	InDepth Check 3: Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme	€19.8 Million	€2,573,491,311	0.8%
Capital	In Depth Check 4: Social and Affordable Purchase Housing Development of 116 New Homes in Clonburris SDZ (Canal Extension Development Area)	€47.8 Million	€2,573,491,311	1.9%
Completed				

Capital	In Depth Check 2: Acquisition of Lucan House and Demesne (the former Italian Ambassador's residence) as a public amenity	€10.5 Million	€2,573,491,311	0.4%
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In Depth Check 1: Revenue Increase review Housing & Adaptation Grants Scheme

An in-depth check on the budget increase of €905,300 over the service area A0901- Housing & Adaptation Grant Scheme was carried out to assess compliance with the standards set out in the Public Spending Code.

This net increase comprised a number of different expenditure elements.

The basis for the increase in the revenue budget was substantiated by: -

- *The increase of €905,3000 to service area A0901 for the provision of private housing grants in line with the new 2024 regulations.*

The objectives and expected outcomes for the increased budget across the service area were clearly documented.

An overall substantial rating has been assigned to this review.

In Depth Check 2: Capital Review, Acquisition of Lucan House and Demesne

The Acquisition of Lucan House and Demesne was reviewed for compliance with the Public Spending Code, up to the stage of Public Consultation survey for the Masterplan.

Internal Audit is satisfied that the delivery of the project to date complies with the standards set out in the code; sufficient controls are in place to ensure compliance.

In Depth Check 3: Capital Review, Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme

Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme was reviewed for compliance with the Public Spending Code up to the stage of 'Stage 3 – Implementation - (PSC Category: Expenditure being incurred)'.

Internal Audit is satisfied that the delivery of the project to date complies substantially with the standards set out in the code; substantial controls are in place to ensure compliance, and these standards should be maintained throughout the remaining stages of the project.

In Depth Check 4: Capital Review, Social and Affordable Purchase Housing Development of 116 New Homes in Clonburris SDZ (Canal Extension Development Area)

Social and Affordable Purchase Housing Development of 116 New Homes in Clonburris SDZ (Canal Extension Development Area) was reviewed for compliance with the Public Spending Code up to the stage of 'Stage 3- Implementation- (PSC Category: Expenditure being incurred).

Internal Audit is satisfied that the delivery of the project to date complies with the standards set out in the code.

4. Next Steps: Addressing Quality Assurance Issues

Both the Checklists and the In-Depth checks identified strong compliance by the Council in 2024 with the standards set out in the Public Spending Code. A very good level of compliance with the Code was reported by the sample of Departments who completed the Checklists. The in-depth checks give additional assurances that the standards required by the Code are applied in projects carried out by South Dublin County Council.

The Quality Assurance Report will be circulated at Management level to maintain a strong awareness of the requirements of the Code. Training sessions were delivered to relevant staff in March 2024 on the Public Spending Code requirements, and these should prove to be a practical support to staff responsible for applying and delivering on the requirements of the Code at the level of individual projects and programmes.

5. Conclusion

The inventory outlined in this report details the current and capital expenditure that is being considered, being incurred, and that has recently ended. The Council has published a notice on www.sdcc.ie with summary information for procurements in excess of €10 million for 2024.

Both the Checklists and In-Depth Checks completed by Council show a good level of compliance with the Public Spending Code. The Quality Assurance Report will be raised at Management level to share learnings and ensure ongoing high compliance with the Public Spending Code across the Council on an ongoing basis.

Appendix 1: South Dublin County Council 2024 Inventory of Projects and Programmes over €0.5m

Expenditure being Considered - Greater than €0.5m (Capital and Current)							
Project/Scheme/Programme Name	Short Description	Current Expenditure Amount in Reference Year	Capital Expenditure Amount in Reference Year (Non Grant)	Capital Expenditure Amount in Reference Year (Grant)	Project/Programme Anticipated Timeline	Projected Lifetime Expenditure	Explanatory Notes
Housing & Building							
A01 Maintenance & Improvement of LA Housing Units		€ 1,485,000					
A03 Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration		€ 538,700					
A05 Administration of Homeless Service		€ 2,495,500					
A06 Support to Housing Capital & Affordable Prog		€ 1,136,900					
A07 RAS and Leasing Programme		€ 31,286,700					
A09 Housing Grants		€ 4,010,100					
D06 Community and Enterprise Function		€ 1,015,300					
F04 Community Sport and Recreational Development		€ 1,157,300					
Killinarden Social Housing					2026-2028	€ 50,000,000	
Cost Rental - Clonburris Phase 1					2026-2028	€ 40,000,000	
Affordable Housing Equity Share-Killinarden Foothills					2026-2028	€ 27,900,000	
Ballyroan Community Centre Extension					2026	€ 750,000	
Newcastle Community Facility					not progressed - delivery not until at least 2027	€ 1,350,000	
Community Infrastructure Fortunestown / Citywest					2027	€ 5,000,000	
Shared Sports Facility-Whitechurch					2027	€ 1,200,000	
Clonburris Phase 3 Housing Project - Affordable 57% - 2023					Multi phase delivery 2027 - 2030	€ 132,240,000	
Clonburris Phase 3 Housing Project - Affordable Rental 8% - 2023					Multi phase delivery 2027 - 2030	€ 18,560,000	
Clonburris Phase 3 Housing Project - Social 35% - 2023					Multi phase delivery 2027 - 2030	€ 81,200,000	
Clonburris Phase 4 Housing Project - Affordable 65% - 2023					Multi phase delivery 2027 - 2030	€ 113,100,000	
Clonburris Phase 4 Housing Project - Social 35% - 2023					Multi phase delivery 2027 - 2030	€ 60,900,000	
Clonburris Phase 5 Housing Project - Affordable 33% - 2023					Multi phase delivery 2027 - 2030	€ 36,300,000	
Clonburris Phase 5 Housing Project - Affordable Rental 35% - 2023					Multi phase delivery 2027 - 2030	€ 38,500,000	
Clonburris Phase 5 Housing Project - Social 32% - 2023					Multi phase delivery 2027 - 2030	€ 35,200,000	
Kilcarbery Project 2 (School Site)- Affordable 80%					Projected delivery 2026	€ 36,000,000	
Kilcarbery Project 2 (School Site) Social 20%					Projected delivery 2026	€ 9,000,000	
Killinarden Project - Affordable					Multi phase delivery 2026 - 2028	€ 24,000,000	
Killinarden Project - Private					Multi phase delivery 2026 - 2028	€ 8,000,000	
Castlefield Knocklyon Social Housing					Projected delivery 2027	€ 7,900,000	
Road Transportation and Safety							
B04 Local Road - Maintenance and Improvement		€ 734,600					
B06 Traffic Management Improvement		€ 788,600					
Cycle Links & Upgrades					2026	€ 1,000,000	
Cycle South Dublin					2026	€ 9,000,000	
Citywest to Rathfarnham Cycle Scheme					2026	€ 4,750,000	
Dodder Greenway Section 6 - Kiltipper Rd & Old Bawn Road					2026	€ 3,000,000	
Bawnogue District Enhancement Scheme 2023					2026	€ 707,648	

Expenditure being Considered - Greater than €0.5m (Capital and Current)							
Project/Scheme/Programme Name	Short Description	Current Expenditure Amount in Reference	Capital Expenditure Amount in Reference Year	Capital Expenditure	Project/Programme Anticipated Timeline	Projected Lifetime Expenditure	Explanatory Notes
Water Services							
C08 Local Authority Water and Sanitary Services		€ 654,200					
Owendohar Flood Relief Works (Minor Flood Works - Owendohar Ph. 2)					2022-2026	€ 500,000	
Camac Flood Alleviation Scheme					2019-2026	€ 6,600,000	
Clonburris SDZ Surface Water & Attenuation					2023-2026	€ 1,500,000	
Shinkeen Flood Alleviation					2022-2026	€ 1,000,000	
Development Management							
D02 Development Management		€ 958,300					
D09 Economic Development and Promotion		€ 628,100					
Adamstown Enterprise Centre					2026	€ 2,500,000	
Adamstown Plaza					2026	€ 5,313,000	
Environmental Services							
E06 Street Cleaning		€ 1,115,800					
E11 Operation of Fire Service		€ 1,999,200					
EV Regional Strategy					2024-2026	€ 675,000	
DeliveREE Project			€ 545		2024-2026	€ 4,000,000	
Provision of Allotment Facilities					2024-2027	€ 700,000	
Rathcoole Pitches & Pavilion					2024-2026	€ 1,000,000	
Camac Valley Camping and Caravan Park Refurbishment					2025-2026	€ 2,900,000	
Recreation and Amenity							
F02 Operation of Library and Archival Service		€ 1,309,700					
F03 Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations		€ 2,634,800					
Adamstown Library					2028	€ 3,964,000	
Dublin Mountains Visitor Trails					2026	€ 3,000,000	
Dublin West Library					2027	€ 9,395,000	
Upgrade Old Clondalkin Library					2026	€ 946,000	
Totals		€ 53,948,800	€ 545	€ -		€ 789,550,648	

Expenditure being Incurred - Greater than €0.5m (Capital and Current)								
Project/Scheme/Programme Name	Short	Current Expenditure Amount in Reference Year	Capital Expenditure Amount in Reference Year (Non Grant)	Capital Expenditure Amount in Reference Year (Grant)	Project/Programme Anticipated Timeline	Cumulative Expenditure to- date	Projected Lifetime Expenditure (Capital Only)	Explanatory Notes
Housing & Building								
A01 Maintenance & Improvement of LA Housing Units		€ 27,991,503			Annual			
A03 Housing Rent and Tenant Purchase Administration		€ 3,554,398			Annual			
A04 Housing Community Development Support		€ 6,422,458			Annual			
A05 Administration of Homeless Service		€ 3,892,029			Annual			
A06 Support to Housing Capital & Affordable Prog		€ 12,683,510			Annual			
A07 RAS and Leasing Programme		€ 72,206,727			Annual			
A08 Housing Loans		€ 2,960,969			Annual			
A09 Housing Grants		€ 6,834,982			Annual			
A11 Agency & Recoupable Services		€ 911,775			Annual			
A12 HAP Programme		€ 719,022			Annual			
D06 Community and Enterprise Function		€ 5,905,497			Annual			
F04 Community Sport and Recreational Development		€ 11,288,504			Annual			
Homeville (Social Housing Build Programme)			€ 3,959,095		Full programme projected delivery 2025	€ 7,081,495	€ 9,600,000	
Disabled Persons Works			€ 864,879		Ongoing Programme	€ 864,879	€ 2,250,000	
Energy Efficiency/Retrofitting Programme 2021 Phase 2			€ 3,472,498		10 Year programme to 2031	€ 11,547,900	€ 22,500,000	
Kilcarbery Mixed Tenure Project: Social Housing			-€ 8,279,940		Multi Phase Delivery 2022-2025	€ 796,424	€ 10,000,000	
Lindisfarne (Grand Canal) Social Hsg Project			€ 4,223,966		Projected delivery 2025	€ 7,316,001	€ 7,500,000	
Social Housing - St Ronan's Crescent			€ 218,037		Projected delivery 2025	€ 363,201	€ 3,300,000	
Social Housing - St Aongus Green			€ 732,159		Projected delivery 2025	€ 888,124	€ 4,000,000	
Social Housing - Pearse Brothers Park			€ 152,364		Projected delivery 2025	€ 243,738	€ 5,000,000	
Social Housing - Clonburris Phase 1			€ 113,868		Multi phase delivery 2024 - 2027	€ 1,039,133	€ 44,175,000	
Social Housing - Clonburris Phase 2			€ 9,296,770		Multi phase delivery 2025 - 2027	€ 11,215,822	€ 24,000,000	
Windows & Doors Accelerated Maintenance Programme			€ 2,656,875		Ongoing Programme	€ 6,708,846	€ 7,800,000	
Balgaddy Accelerated Maintenance Works			€ 116,795		Delivery in 2026	€ 2,567,268	€ 3,000,000	
Safety Works - Social Housing Stock			€ 456,912		Ongoing Programme	€ 502,541	€ 1,050,000	
Painting Programme			€ 293,763		Delivery in 2025	€ 694,252	€ 700,000	
Kilcarbery LIHAF Phase 2 2021			€ 9,817		Multi Phase Delivery 2022-2025	€ 1,813,494	€ 5,500,000	
Social Housing - Part V & Other Acquisitions - Grouped			€ 43,449,235		Projected delivery 2024	€ 71,524,582	€ 89,375,000	
Housing for All-AHB CALF & CAS			€ 135,243,693		Multi phase delivery 2025 - 2027	€ 135,243,693	€ 181,750,000	
Affordable Purchase - Clonburris Phase 1			€ 218,514		Multi phase delivery 2024 - 2027	€ 2,052,132	€ 42,750,000	
Affordable Purchase - Clonburris Phase 2			€ 10,070,270		Multi phase delivery 2025 - 2026	€ 12,098,194	€ 26,000,000	
Belgard/St Maelruans Affordable Rental			€ 35,919,889		Full programme delivery 2025	€ 52,846,824	€ 60,000,000	
Traveller Accommodation Programme			€ 3,333,668		Ongoing Programme	€ 3,333,668	€ 26,410,000	
Affordable Housing Equity Share-Parkleigh Clonburris			€ 2,301,991		Full programme delivery 2025	€ 2,301,991	€ 2,424,500	
Affordable Housing - Kilcarbery Grange Phase 2			€ 1,620,000		Multi phase delivery 2025 - 2027	€ 2,070,000	€ 2,449,828	
Kilcarbery Mixed Tenure Project: Private Res 70% - 2016			€ 7,082,655		Multi Phase Delivery 2022-2025	€ 23,302,007	€ 30,000,000	

Expenditure being Incurred - Greater than €0.5m (Capital and Current)								
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Water Services								
C01 Water Supply		€ 4,722,633			Annual			
C02 Waste Water Treatment		€ 2,584,522			Annual			
C08 Local Authority Water and Sanitary Services		€ 6,115,685			Annual			
Flood Alleviation Minor Capital Works			€ 69,422		2014-2026	€ 2,205,697	€ 2,700,000	Annual Surface Water projects grouped
Whitechurch Stream Flood Alleviation Scheme			€ 239,025		2019-2025	€ 1,445,899	€ 1,900,000	
River Poddle Flood Alleviation Scheme			€ 457,490		2019-2026	€ 2,387,991	€ 5,500,000	
Dublin Urban Rivers LIFE Project			€ 219,266		2019-2024	€ 2,772,206	€ 3,200,000	
Heatnet Project			€ 280,441	€ 869,842	2026	€ 5,978,269	€ 6,000,000	
Whitehall Road Flood Alleviation Scheme			-€ 8,755		2022-2026	€ 45,179	€ 600,000	project cost of 600k pending determination of Scheme feasibility
Development Management								
D04 Industrial and Commercial Facilities		€ 2,533,329			Annual			
D05 Tourism Development and Promotion		€ 3,182,991			Annual			
D09 Economic Development and Promotion		€ 24,966,354			Annual			
D10 Property Management		€ 4,592,232			Annual			
F05 Operation of Arts Programme		€ 5,211,316			Annual			
Environmental Services								
E01 Landfill Operation & Aftercare		€ 1,102,951			Annual			
E02 Recovery and Recycling Facilities Operations		€ 692,713			Annual			
E03 Waste to Energy Facilities Operations		€ 1,115,210			Annual			
E05 Litter Management		€ 1,984,459			Annual			
E06 Street Cleaning		€ 10,067,442			Annual			
E07 Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement		€ 1,056,453			Annual			
E09 Maintenance of Burial Grounds		€ 1,197,648			Annual			
E10 Safety of Structures and Places		€ 958,565			Annual			
E11 Operation of Fire Service		€ 24,251,799			Annual			
E13 Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution		€ 772,963			Annual			
E15 Climate Change and Flooding		€ 2,468,088			Annual			
Climate Innovation Fund			€ 106,375		2019-2026	€ 914,653	€ 2,500,000	
Bohernabreen Burial Ground Extension			€ 235,506		2004-2026	€ 1,987,691	€ 2,400,000	

Expenditure being Incurred - Greater than €0.5m (Capital and Current)								
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Recreation and Amenity								
F02 Operation of Library and Archival Service		€ 13,998,057			Annual			
F03 Outdoor Leisure Areas Operations		€ 27,928,216			Annual			
Tandy's Lane Park - Adamstown SDZ LIHAF			€ 30,627	€ 20,140	2019-2025	€ 4,737,679	€ 4,800,000	
Airlie Park - Adamstown SDZ LIHAF			€ 2,457,688	€ 2,199,049	2019-2026	€ 12,741,224	€ 12,800,000	
Playspaces			€ -		2017-2024	€ 2,169,807	€ 600,000	
Dodder Valley Mount Carmel Recreational Facilities			€ 68,764	€ 105,000	2019-2025	€ 825,383	€ 850,000	
N81 Improvement Works			-€ 116,496		2016-2026	€ 3,432,700	€ 5,000,000	
Pavilions Programme			€ 56,156		2015-2026	€ 1,552,289	€ 11,000,000	
Teen Space Programme			€ 237,120		2020-2026	€ 699,760	€ 1,900,000	
Corkagh Park Masterplan			€ 1,706,013		2019-2025	€ 3,547,776	€ 5,000,000	
Templeogue Intergenerational project			€ 1,910,560		2020-2026	€ 2,231,821	€ 2,850,000	
All Weather Pitch Programme			€ 106,272		2020-2026	€ 1,111,430	€ 6,000,000	
Killinarden Open Space Regeneration			€ 4,441,851	€ 1,851,940	2020-2025	€ 7,128,353	€ 8,000,000	
MICW Boundary Enhancement Works			€ 209,252		2019-2025	€ 1,071,783	€ 1,200,000	
DTAS Sports Capital Grants			€ 3,383	€ 21,750	2018-2028	€ 1,282,618	€ 6,000,000	
St Outhberts Park Enhancement Project			€ 1,192,746		2021-2026	€ 1,244,807	€ 1,200,000	
Whitestown Stream			€ 1,572,312		2022-2025	€ 2,327,844	€ 2,625,000	
Jobstown Park			€ 2,121,464		2022-2025	€ 2,301,257	€ 2,400,000	
Quarryvale Park			€ 945,608		2022-2025	€ 1,016,216	€ 1,600,000	
Libraries ICT Projects			€ 86,277		Continuous	€ 660,934	Continuous	
In Context Arts Project			€ 272,359		Continuous	€ 964,502	Continuous	
Rathfarnham Castle - Courtyard & Stables Project			€ 782,721		2027	€ 1,660,083	€ 4,000,000	
Grange Castle West Access Road			€ 7,851,152		2025	€ 7,300,000	€ 7,800,000	
Dublin Mountains Visitor Centre			€ 814,264		2028	€ 814,264	€ 28,000,000	
Tallaght Heritage Centre Feasibility & Design			-€ 295,274		2026	€ 552,676	€ 7,500,000	
Lucan Swimming Pool			€ 3,968,299		Projected delivery 2025	€ 18,157,527	€ 20,000,000	
Community Centres Upgrade			€ 331,610		Ongoing Programme	€ 331,610	€ 750,000	
Balgaddy / Tor an Ri Community Centre			€ 1,104,832		complete 2025	€ 1,659,892	€ 1,750,000	
Agriculture, Education, Health and Welfare								
G04 Veterinary Service		€ 1,471,771			Annual			
Miscellaneous Services								
G05 Adminstration of Rates		€ 9,472,140			Annual			
G06 Franchise Costs		€ 886,619			Annual			
H01 Local Representation & Civic Leadership		€ 2,001,600			Annual			
H03 Agency & Recoupable Services		€ 554,709			Annual			
Totals		€ 362,288,680	€ 328,759,273	€ 5,067,720		€ 1,032,279,206	€ 1,613,052,097	

Projects/Programmes Completed or discontinued in the reference year - Greater than €0.5m (Capital and Current)							
Project/Scheme/Programme Name	Short Description	Current Expenditure Amount in Reference Year	Capital Expenditure Amount in Reference Year (Non Grant)	Capital Expenditure Amount in Reference Year (Grant)	Project/Programme Completion Date	Final Outturn Expenditure	Explanatory Notes
Grange Road Cycle Track Phase 2			€ 285,973		2024	€ 6,845,963	Completed
D12 Bike Bus Routes (Limekiln)			€ 948,403		2024	€ 2,298,514	Completed
Castletymon District Enhancement Scheme			€ 163,591		2024	€ 2,255,723	Completed
Dodsboro District Enhancement Scheme 2023			€ 231,792		2024	€ 271,443	Completed
Tallaght Stadium North Stand (4th Stand)			€ 2,933,134		2024	€ 13,516,801	Completed
Innovation Centre			€ 1,399,741		2024	€ 17,159,163	Completed
St. Marks Avenue (Social Housing Build Programme)			€ -		2024	€ 12,500,000	Completed
Nangor Road (Social Housing Build Programme)			€ -		2024	€ 35,200,000	Completed
Balgaddy (Social Housing Build Programme)			€ -		2024	€ 27,500,000	Completed
Templeogue, Riverside Cottages (Social Housing Build Programme)			€ -		2024	€ 3,250,000	Completed
St. Catherine's Knockmore (Social Housing Build Programme)			€ -		2024	€ 3,800,000	Completed
Riversdale, Clondalkin (Social Housing Build Programme)			€ -		2024	€ 14,650,000	Completed
Old Bawn (Social Building Programme) - 2019			€ -		2024	€ 4,250,000	Completed
Caravan Loans Scheme			€ -		2024	€ 750,000	Completed
Saggart Community Centre			€ -		2024	€ 3,600,000	Completed
Rathcoole Courthouse Refurb TVRS			€ -		2024	€ 950,000	Completed
Kilcarbery Grange – Pilot Affordable Housing Scheme			€ -		2024	€ 1,139,428	Completed
Lucan House Acquisition			€ -		2024	€ 12,000,000	Completed
Dodder Greenway Section 3 - Paths and Greenspaces			€ -		2024	€ 4,812,321	Completed
Avonbeg Road Cycletrack Scheme			€ -		2024	€ 2,689,597	Completed
Templeville Road Light Segregation Scheme			€ -		2024	€ 1,449,612	Completed
Totals			€ 5,962,632			€ 170,888,566	

Appendix 2: South Dublin County Council 2024 Public Spend Code Checklists

Notes:

- ❖ The scoring mechanism for the checklists is as follows:
 - Scope for significant improvements = a score of 1
 - Compliant but with some improvement necessary = a score of 2
 - Broadly compliant = a score of 3
- ❖ For some questions, the scoring mechanism is not always strictly relevant. In these cases, it is appropriate to mark as N/A and provide the required information in the commentary box as appropriate.
- ❖ The focus should be on providing descriptive and contextual information to frame the compliance ratings and to address the issues raised for each question. It is also important to provide summary details of key analytical outputs covered in the sample for those questions which address compliance with appraisal/evaluation requirements i.e. the annual number of appraisals (e.g. Cost Benefit Analyses or Multi Criteria Analyses), evaluations (e.g. Post Project Reviews). Key analytical outputs undertaken but outside of the sample should also be noted in the report.

Checklist 1 – To be completed in respect of general obligations not specific to individual projects/programmes.

	General Obligations not specific to individual projects/programmes.	Self-Assessed Compliance Rating: 1 - 3	Comment/Action Required
Q 1.1	Does the organisation ensure, on an ongoing basis, that appropriate people within the organisation and its agencies are aware of their requirements under the Public Spending Code (incl. through training)?	3	Circular 24/2019 and the revised Public Spending Code documentation has been circulated to staff.
Q 1.2	Has internal training on the Public Spending Code been provided to relevant staff?	3	Yes
Q 1.3	Has the Public Spending Code been adapted for the type of project/programme that your organisation is responsible for, i.e., have adapted sectoral guidelines been developed?	3	Sectoral guidelines have been developed by the CCMA Finance Committee.
Q 1.4	Has the organisation in its role as Approving Authority satisfied itself that agencies that it funds comply with the Public Spending Code?	N/A	N/A
Q 1.5	Have recommendations from previous QA reports (incl. spot checks) been disseminated, where appropriate, within the organisation and to agencies?	3	Yes
Q 1.6	Have recommendations from previous QA reports been acted upon?	3	Yes
Q 1.7	Has an annual Public Spending Code QA report been submitted to and certified by the Chief Executive Officer, submitted to NOAC and published on the Local Authority's website?	3	Submitted on the 30 th May
Q 1.8	Was the required sample of projects/programmes subjected to in-depth checking as per step 4 of the QAP?	3	Yes, the sample met these requirements
Q 1.9	Is there a process in place to plan for ex post evaluations? Ex-post evaluation is conducted after a certain period has passed since the completion of a target project with emphasis on the effectiveness and sustainability of the project.	2	see Checklist 6
Q 1.10	How many formal evaluations were completed in the year under review? Have they been published in a timely manner?	2	See Checklist 6

Q 1.11	Is there a process in place to follow up on the recommendations of previous evaluations?	2	See Checklist 6
Q 1.12	How have the recommendations of reviews and ex post evaluations informed resource allocation decisions?	2	See Checklist 6

Checklist 2 – To be completed in respect of capital projects/programmes & capital grant schemes that were under consideration in the past year.

	Capital Expenditure being Considered – Appraisal and Approval	Self-Assessed Compliance Rating: 1 - 3	Comment/Action Required
Q 2.1	Was a Strategic Assessment Report (SAR) completed for all capital projects and programmes over €10m?	N/A	No longer relevant
Q 2.2	Were performance indicators specified for each project/programme which will allow for a robust evaluation at a later date? Have steps been put in place to gather performance indicator data?	3	Yes. Indicators were specified which related to project delivery, costings and timelines.
Q 2.3	Was a Preliminary and Final Business Case, including appropriate financial and economic appraisal, completed for all capital projects and programmes?	3	Yes, Business cases and appraisals were carried out.
Q 2.4	Were the proposal objectives SMART and aligned with Government policy including National Planning Framework, Climate Mitigation Plan etc?	3	Project objectives are aligned to SDCC Corporate Objectives which include alignment with NPF and Climate Change Action Plans.
Q 2.5	Was an appropriate appraisal method and parameters used in respect of capital projects or capital programmes/grant schemes?	3	Yes. Including Multi Criteria Analysis where appropriate.
Q 2.6	Was a financial appraisal carried out on all proposals and was there appropriate consideration of affordability?	3	Yes, financial appraisal was included as appropriate.
Q 2.7	Was the appraisal process commenced at an early enough stage to inform decision making?	3	Yes. The appraisal process was undertaken prior to grant application in some cases, or at an early stage as appropriate.
Q 2.8	Were sufficient options analysed in the business case for each capital proposal?	3	Yes
Q 2.9	Was the evidence base for the estimated cost set out in each business case? Was an appropriate methodology used to estimate the cost?	3	Yes, estimates usually based on rates derived from recent tenders for similar work

			where available. Contingencies included for.
Q 2.10	Was risk considered and a risk mitigation strategy commenced? Was appropriate consideration given to governance and deliverability?	3	Yes, risk assessment carried out and mitigation applied as appropriate.
Q 2.11	Has the Preliminary Business Case been sent for review by the External Assurance Process and Major Project Advisory Group for projects estimated to cost over €200m?	N/A	None of the EWCC capital projects individually equate to above the €100 million threshold.
Q 2.12	Was a detailed project brief including design brief and procurement strategy prepared for all investment projects?	3	Yes
Q 2.13	Were procurement rules (both National and EU) complied with?	3	Yes. EU, State and SDCC procurement rules complied with. Procurement section consulted to ensure compliance.
Q 2.14	Was the Capital Works Management Framework (CWMF) properly implemented?	3	Yes
Q 2.15	Were State Aid rules checked for all support?	3	Yes
Q 2.16	Was approval sought from the Approving Authority at all decision gates?	3	Yes, as per scheme requirements
Q 2.17	Was Value for Money assessed and confirmed at each decision gate by Sponsoring Agency and Approving Authority?	3	Yes, as per scheme requirements
Q 2.18	Was consent sought from Government through a Memorandum for Government to approve projects estimated to cost over €200m at the appropriate approval gates?	N/A	None of the EWCC capital projects individually equate to above the €100 million threshold

See Note 2 in the opening guidelines in relation to the interpretation of Capital Grant Schemes in the context of Local Government

Checklist 3 – To be completed in respect of new current expenditure under consideration in the past year.

	Current Expenditure being Considered – Appraisal and Approval	Self-Assessed Compliance	Comment/Action Required
Q 3.1	Were objectives clearly set out?	3	Yes
Q 3.2	Are objectives measurable in quantitative terms?	3	Yes
Q 3.3	Was a business case, incorporating financial and economic appraisal, prepared for new current expenditure proposals?	3	As required and as appropriate as part of the budget process
Q 3.4	Was an appropriate appraisal method used?	3	Yes, as required
Q 3.5	Was an economic appraisal completed for all projects/programmes exceeding €20m or an annual spend of €5m over 4 years?	N/A	N/A
Q 3.6	Did the business case include a section on piloting?	3	N/A
Q 3.7	Were pilots undertaken for new current spending proposals involving total expenditure of at least €20m over the proposed duration of the programme and a minimum annual expenditure of €5m?	3	N/A
Q 3.8	Have the methodology and data collection requirements for the pilot been agreed at the outset of the scheme?	3	N/A
Q 3.9	Was the pilot formally evaluated and submitted for approval to the relevant Vote Section in DPER?	3	N/A
Q 3.10	Has an assessment of likely demand for the new scheme/scheme extension been estimated based on empirical evidence?	3	N/A
Q 3.11	Was the required approval granted?	3	Yes, all expenditure approved by Council
Q 3.12	Has a sunset clause been set?	3	N/A
Q 3.13	If outsourcing was involved were both EU and National procurement rules complied with?	3	Yes, Both EU and National procurement rules were complied with.
Q 3.14	Were performance indicators specified for each new current expenditure proposal or expansion of existing current expenditure programme which will allow for a robust evaluation at a later date?	3	Set through PMDS, Budgetary & Financial Management processes

			and Annual NOAC PI's returned.
Q 3.15	Have steps been put in place to gather performance indicator data?	3	Yes, Financial reports and reports to the Council. NOAC returns and Local KPI's.

Checklist 4 – To be completed in respect of capital projects/programmes & capital grants schemes incurring expenditure in the year under review.

	Incurring Capital Expenditure	Self-Assessed Compliance Rating: 1 - 3	Comment/Action Required
Q 4.1	Was a contract signed and was it in line with the Approval given at each Decision Gate?	3	Yes
Q 4.2	Did management boards/steering committees meet regularly as agreed?	3	Yes
Q 4.3	Were programme co-ordinators appointed to co-ordinate implementation?	3	Yes
Q 4.4	Were project managers, responsible for delivery, appointed and were the project managers at a suitably senior level for the scale of the project?	3	Yes
Q 4.5	Were monitoring reports prepared regularly, showing implementation against plan, budget, timescales and quality?	3	Yes
Q 4.6	Did projects/programmes/grant schemes keep within their financial budget and time schedule?	3	Yes, broadly within budget
Q 4.7	Did budgets have to be adjusted?	3	Yes, minor adjustments. CE orders approved extensions to contracts for agreed changes. Adjustments made with funding authority approval.
Q 4.8	Were decisions on changes to budgets / time schedules made promptly?	3	Yes
Q 4.9	Did circumstances ever warrant questioning the viability of the project/programme/grant scheme and the business case (exceeding budget, lack of progress, changes in the environment, new evidence, etc.)?	3	Yes
Q 4.10	If circumstances did warrant questioning the viability of a project/programme/grant scheme was the project subjected to adequate examination?	3	NTA, URDF and LIHAF funded projects are subject to assessment by the Sponsoring Agency at each project Gateway

			which includes the relevant Business Case assessments to justify any changes in scope and cost. These gateways are aligned to the PSC gateway approvals
Q 4.11	If costs increased or there were other significant changes to the project was approval received from the Approving Authority?	3	Yes
Q 4.12	Were any projects/programmes/grant schemes terminated because of deviations from the plan, the budget or because circumstances in the environment changed the need for the investment?	3	Yes

See Note 2 in the opening guidelines in relation to the interpretation of Capital Grant Schemes in the context of Local Government

Checklist 5 – To be completed in respect of current expenditure programmes incurring expenditure in the year under review.

	Incurring Current Expenditure	Self-Assessed Compliance Rating: 1 -3	Comment/Action Required
Q 5.1	Are there clear objectives for all areas of current expenditure?	3	Yes
Q 5.2	Are outputs well defined?	3	Yes
Q 5.3	Are outputs quantified on a regular basis?	3	Yes
Q 5.4	Is there a method for monitoring efficiency on an ongoing basis?	3	Yes
Q 5.5	Are outcomes well defined?	3	Yes
Q 5.6	Are outcomes quantified on a regular basis?	3	Yes
Q 5.7	Are unit costings compiled for performance monitoring?	3	Yes, where applicable
Q 5.8	Are other data compiled to monitor performance?	3	Yes, where applicable
Q 5.9	Is there a method for monitoring effectiveness on an ongoing basis?	3	Yes
Q 5.10	Has the organisation engaged in any other 'evaluation proofing' of programmes/projects?	3	Yes, where applicable, through compliance with Corporate Procurement Policy and Processes, as well as monitoring of Budgets and through the Annual Budgetary process. Reports to external bodies, for example Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, National Oversight and Audit Commission and reports back to funding sources.

Checklist 6 – To be completed in respect of capital projects/programmes & capital grant schemes discontinued in the year under review.

	Capital Expenditure Recently Completed	Self-Assessed Compliance Rating: 1 - 3	Comment/Action Required
Q 6.1	How many Project Completion Reports were completed in the year under review?	3	Seven identified in the Departments who completed the Checklists
Q 6.2	Were lessons learned from Project Completion Reports incorporated into sectoral guidance and disseminated within the Sponsoring Agency and the Approving Authority?	3	Yes, where applicable
Q 6.3	How many Project Completion Reports were published in the year under review?	3	None
Q 6.4	How many Ex-Post Evaluations were completed in the year under review?	3	None
Q 6.5	How many Ex-Post Evaluations were published in the year under review?	3	None
Q 6.6	Were lessons learned from Ex-Post Evaluation reports incorporated into sectoral guidance and disseminated within the Sponsoring Agency and the Approving Authority?	N/A	N/A
Q 6.7	Were Project Completion Reports and Ex-Post Evaluations carried out by staffing resources independent of project implementation?	3	Yes, in some projects
Q 6.8	Were Project Completion Reports and Ex-Post Evaluation Reports for projects over €50m sent to DPER for dissemination?	N/A	N/A

See Note 2 in the opening guidelines in relation to the interpretation of Capital Grant Schemes in the context of Local Government

Checklist 7 – To be completed in respect of current expenditure programmes that reached the end of their planned timeframe during the year or were discontinued.

	Current Expenditure that (i) reached the end of its planned timeframe or (ii) was discontinued	Self-Assessed Compliance Rating: 1 - 3	Comment/Action Required
Q 7.1	Were reviews carried out of current expenditure programmes that matured during the year or were discontinued?		N/A
Q 7.2	Did those reviews reach conclusions on whether the programmes were efficient?		N/A
Q 7.3	Did those reviews reach conclusions on whether the programmes were effective?		N/A
Q 7.4	Have the conclusions reached been taken into account in related areas of expenditure?		N/A
Q 7.5	Were any programmes discontinued following a review of a current expenditure programme?		N/A
Q 7.6	Were reviews carried out by staffing resources independent of project implementation?		N/A
Q 7.7	Were changes made to the organisation's practices in light of lessons learned from reviews?		N/A

Appendix 3: Report Arising from In-Depth Checks

Quality Assurance – In Depth Check 1: Housing & Adaptation Grants Scheme

Quality Assurance – In Depth Check

Section A: Introduction

This introductory section details the headline information on the programme or project in question.

Programme or Project Information	
Name	Proposed increase in Revenue Expenditure
Detail	To provide an increase in Revenue Expenditure in 2025 in Service Area A0901 - Increased expenditure is due to an expected year on year increase of between 30-40% in Exchequer funding.
Responsible Department	HSCD – Housing, Social and Community Development
Current Status	Expenditure Under Consideration (in 2024) and approved for 2025 budget
Start Date	Budgetary Process in 2024 for 2025
End Date	Ongoing
Overall Increase	€905,300

Project Description:

a) A0901 Housing & Adaptation Grants Scheme

Following the publication of the review of the report on the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability in September 2024, new regulations (SI No. 612 of 2024) were introduced. Among other changes, these regulations included increases to grant limits and income thresholds.

Funding is provided to local authorities in respect of the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and Disabled People to assist eligible people in private houses to make their accommodation more suitable to their needs.

The grants available to private homeowners are 85% funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, with a 15% contribution from the resources of each local authority:

- The Housing Adaptation Grant for Disabled People assists disabled people to have necessary adaptations, or improvement works carried out in order to make their accommodation more suitable for their needs.

Separately there is a grant available to Council tenants which is 100% funded by the Local Authority:

- Tenant Disabled Persons Grant (DPG) The scheme is available for Council tenants who require alterations to be carried out to their Council home to assist with their disability needs.

An increased budget provision of **€905,300** was approved in the 2024 SDCC budget process for 2025.

See below extract from SDCC Adopted Budget 2025:

Table F - Expenditure				
Division A - Housing and Building				
Expenditure by Service and Sub-Service	2025		2024	
	Adopted by Council €	Estimated by Chief Executive /Mayor €	Adopted by Council €	Estimated Outturn €
A0901 Housing & Adapataion Grant Scheme	4,293,600	4,293,600	3,388,300	3,792,900
A0902 Loan Charges DPG/ERG	-	-	-	-
A0903 Essential Repair Grants	798,000	798,000	585,800	725,000
A0904 Other Housing Grant Payments	2,841,800	2,841,800	31,800	2,236,900
A0905 Mobility Aids Housing Grants	299,000	299,000	134,500	271,800
A0999 Service Support Costs	185,800	185,800	267,700	271,400
A09 Housing Grants	8,418,200	8,418,200	4,408,100	7,298,000
A1101 Agency & Recoupable Service	867,100	867,100	760,400	817,800
A1199 Service Support Costs	116,100	116,100	109,800	111,000
A11 Agency & Recoupable Services	983,200	983,200	870,200	928,800
A1201 HAP	377,500	377,500	353,000	373,900
A1202 HAP Agency Services	-	-	-	-
A1299 HAP Service Support Costs	302,400	302,400	335,500	338,500
A12 HAP Programme	679,900	679,900	688,500	712,400
Division A Total	174,288,000	174,288,000	133,274,700	141,682,900

Section B - Step 1: Logic Model Mapping

As part of this In-Depth Check, Internal Audit have completed a Programme Logic Model (PLM) for the proposed increase in Revenue Expenditure over the service area **A0901- Housing & Adaptation Grant Scheme**

Objectives	Inputs	Proposed Activities	Proposed Outputs	Proposed Outcomes
Provision of private housing grants under the Housing (Adaptation Grants for Older People and Disabled People) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 612 of 2024) which came into effect on 1 st December 2024. The objective is to fully assess applications for Housing Adaptation Grants in accordance with the Regulations and provide grant funding to applicants to those who need it so that they can carry out adaptations in order to remain living in their own home. Under the Disabled Persons Grant applications are assessed to adapt Council dwellings for medical reasons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revenue Budget provision increased by €905,300 (Due to revised regulations on maximum grant limits and higher income thresholds.) Staff Resources 	Continued management of the revenue budget for service area A0901 – Housing & Adaptation Grant Scheme	To fully expend the Exchequer funding allocated by the Department in 2025 to grant applicants in accordance with the revised Regulations.	The provision of the grants for Older People and Disabled people in private dwellings and council tenants with a disability allows people to remain living in their community and makes our County a better place to live.

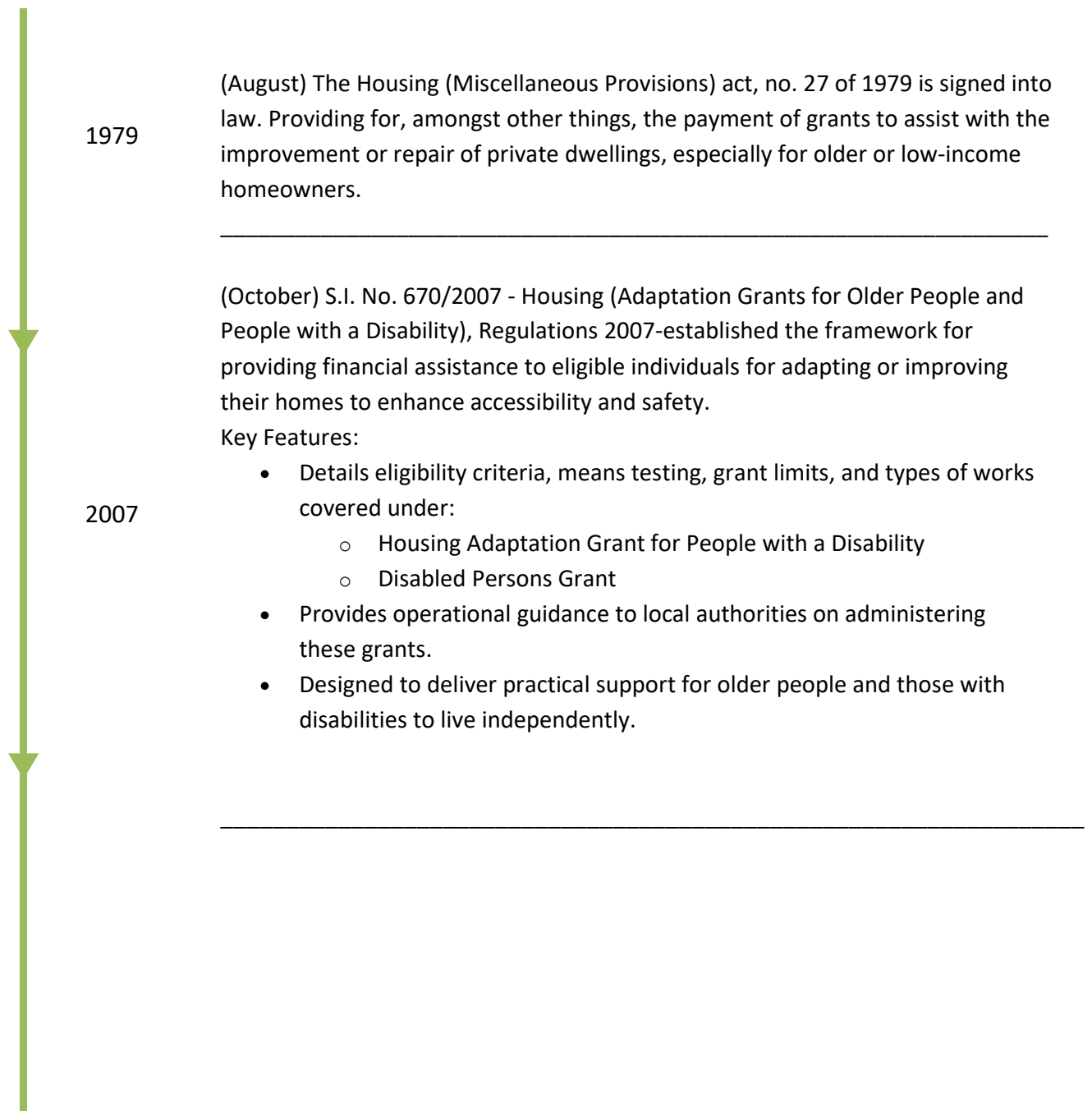
Section B - Step 2: Summary Timeline of Project/Programme

The following section tracks the proposed increase in Revenue Expenditure over the service area under review: -

The timeline summary from inception to budget approval under the area of expenditure being considered in 2024.

The below strategies / plans set out the background and objectives to the increased activities and subsequent increase in budget in the following area:

A0901- Housing & Adaptation Grant Scheme





2024

(September): Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage: Report on the Review of the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability

(December): Statutory Instrument SI no.612 of 2024- Housing (Adaptation Grants for Older People and Disabled People) –

Key Provisions

1. Increased Grant Limits

- Housing Adaptation Grant for Disabled People: Maximum grant increased to €40,000 (from €30,000).

2. Enhanced Income Thresholds

- Household income thresholds for eligibility have been raised by 25%, broadening access to more applicants.

3. Adjusted Local Authority Contributions

- Local authority funding contribution reduced from 20% to 15%, with the Exchequer covering the remaining 85%.

Section B - Step 3: Analysis of Key Documents

The following section reviews the key SDCC documentation relating to appraisal, analysis, and evaluation for the proposed increase in Revenue Expenditure over service area: **A0901- Housing & Adaptation Grant Scheme**

Project/Programme Key Documents	
Title	Details
Report on the Review of the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability	Published in September 2024, introduced significant reforms to enhance the accessibility and effectiveness of housing adaptation grants.
SI no. 612 of 2024	Published in December 2024, sets out the updated legal and operational framework for the administration of housing adaptation grants.
SDCC Annual Service Delivery Plan 2025	<p>HSCD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue adaptation, management and grant support of accommodation to meet identified needs of older/disabled persons
Corporate Plan 2025-2029	<p>In line with the Council's Corporate plan 2025-2029, we "strive to be a citizen-first, proactive organisation that serves all of our communities today and for the future."</p> <p>Part of the core values of the Plan is that we are inclusive and Supportive, are caring and value diversity in our communities. The provision of the grants for Older People and Disabled people allows people to remain living in their community and makes our County a better place to live.</p>
SDCC Adopted budget 2025	The 2025 budget was adopted on 14th November 2024. The budget strategy sets out the requirement for the increased expenditure.

Section B - Step 4: Data Audit

The following section details the data audit that was carried out for the proposed increase in Revenue Expenditure over the service area **A0901- Housing & Adaptation Grant Scheme**

Data Required	Use	Availability
2024/2025 revenue Budget variances in A0901	Analysis of variances	A high-level outline of business case requirements was provided showing budget variances

Data Availability and Proposed Next Steps

Budget analysis and explanatory/methodology documents were available to support addition in revenue at this level.

Section B - Step 5: Key Evaluation Questions

The following section looks at the key evaluation questions for proposed increase in Revenue Expenditure over the service area A0901- Housing & Adaptation Grant Scheme

Does the delivery of the project/programme comply with the standards set out in the Public Spending Code? (Appraisal Stage, Implementation Stage and Post-Implementation Stage)

Yes. The increase reviewed could be substantiated. The increase enables the meeting of objectives and delivery of expected outcomes.

Is the necessary data and information available such that the project/programme can be subjected to a full evaluation at a later date?

The objective for the increase in the service area reviewed are clearly set out in local and national strategic documents. High level and detailed costings were available to support the addition in revenue at this level.

What improvements are recommended such that future processes and management are enhanced?

No issues were identified during the review.

Section: In-Depth Check Summary

The following section presents a summary of the findings of this In-Depth Check on the Expenditure over the service area: **A0901- Housing & Adaptation Grant Scheme**

Summary of In-Depth Check

An in-depth check on the budget increase of €905,300 over the service area **A0901- Housing & Adaptation Grant Scheme** was carried out to assess compliance with the standards set out in the Public Spending Code.

This net increase comprised of a number of different expenditure elements.

The basis for the increase in the revenue budget was substantiated by; -

- ***The increase of €905,300 to service area A0901 for the provision of private housing grants in line with the new 2024 regulations.***

The objectives and expected outcomes for the increased budget across the service area were clearly documented.

An overall substantial rating has been assigned to this review.

Quality Assurance – In Depth Check

Section A: Introduction

This introductory section details the headline information on the programme or project in question.

Programme or Project Information	
Name	Acquisition of Lucan House and Demesne
Detail	The acquisition of Lucan House and Demesne (the former Italian Ambassador's residence) as a public amenity.
Responsible Directorate	Economic, Enterprise & Tourism Development
Current Status	Complete
Start Date	April 2023
End Date	June 2024
Overall Cost Estimate	€10.5 Million

Project Description:

The project consists of:

The acquisition of Lucan House and Demesne

Lucan House and Demesne was formerly the residence of the Italian Ambassador to Ireland. The property and surrounding parkland are located in a strategic position along the edge of Lucan Village to the east and south and bound by the River Liffey to the north.

The grounds consist of a mixture of manicured lawns and dense woodlands. The River Griffeen, a tributary of the River Liffey, runs through the demesne, with several trails running both along the river and parallel to the estate wall along the Lucan/Leixlip Road.

Lucan House is a substantially intact country house and demesne, with a decorated interior. The house comprises of approximately 1,425 sqm GIA (Gross Internal Area). There are a number of other ancillary structures such as Gate Houses, Stable House, Boat House etc. within the landholding.

In line with South Dublin County Council's Tourism Strategy, which identifies the Liffey Valley as a tourism cluster, the acquisition of Lucan House and Demesne presents a significant opportunity to create a new visitor destination in the County as part of an overall tourism proposition for South Dublin. It presents an opportunity to transform Lucan House and Demesne into a best-in-class community and tourism model, connecting communities and playing an instrumental role in the development of the County's tourism proposition.

It is envisaged that Lucan House could act as a destination public amenity and would both complement and be an asset for the immediate locality, the wider County and region.

[partially extracted from: *Lucan House Acquisition Appraisal Report*]

Relevant Imagery:



Figure 1: Lucan House- Front and Rear View. Extracted from Lucan House & Demesne Market Valuation.



Figure 2: Lucan House & Demesne Lands.
 Extracted from *Lucan House Acquisition Appraisal Report and Lucan House – Market Valuation*

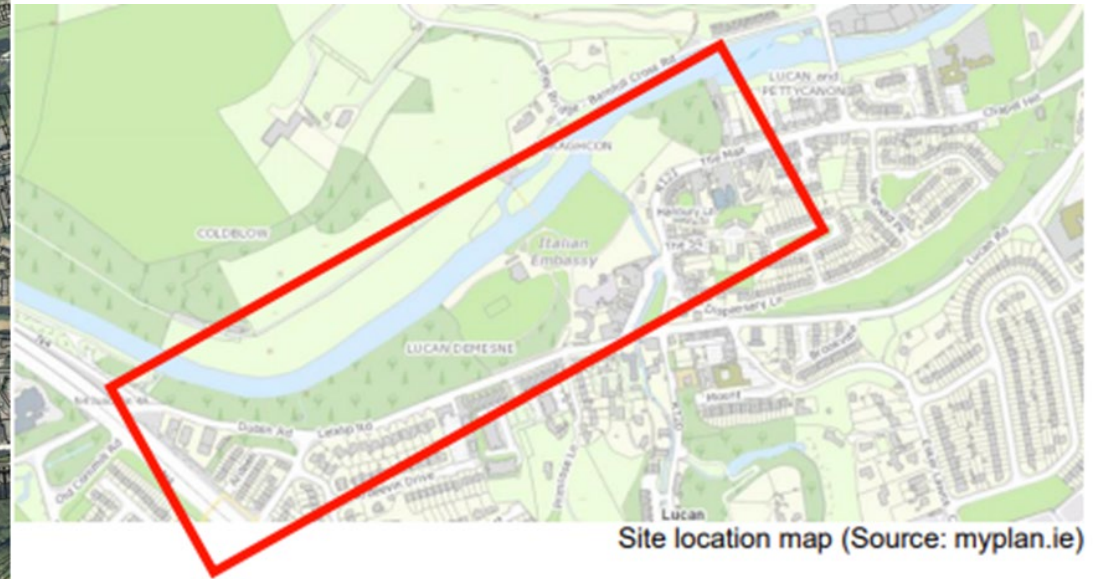


Figure 3: Site Location Map.
 Extracted from *Lucan House Acquisition Appraisal Report and Lucan House – Market Valuation*.

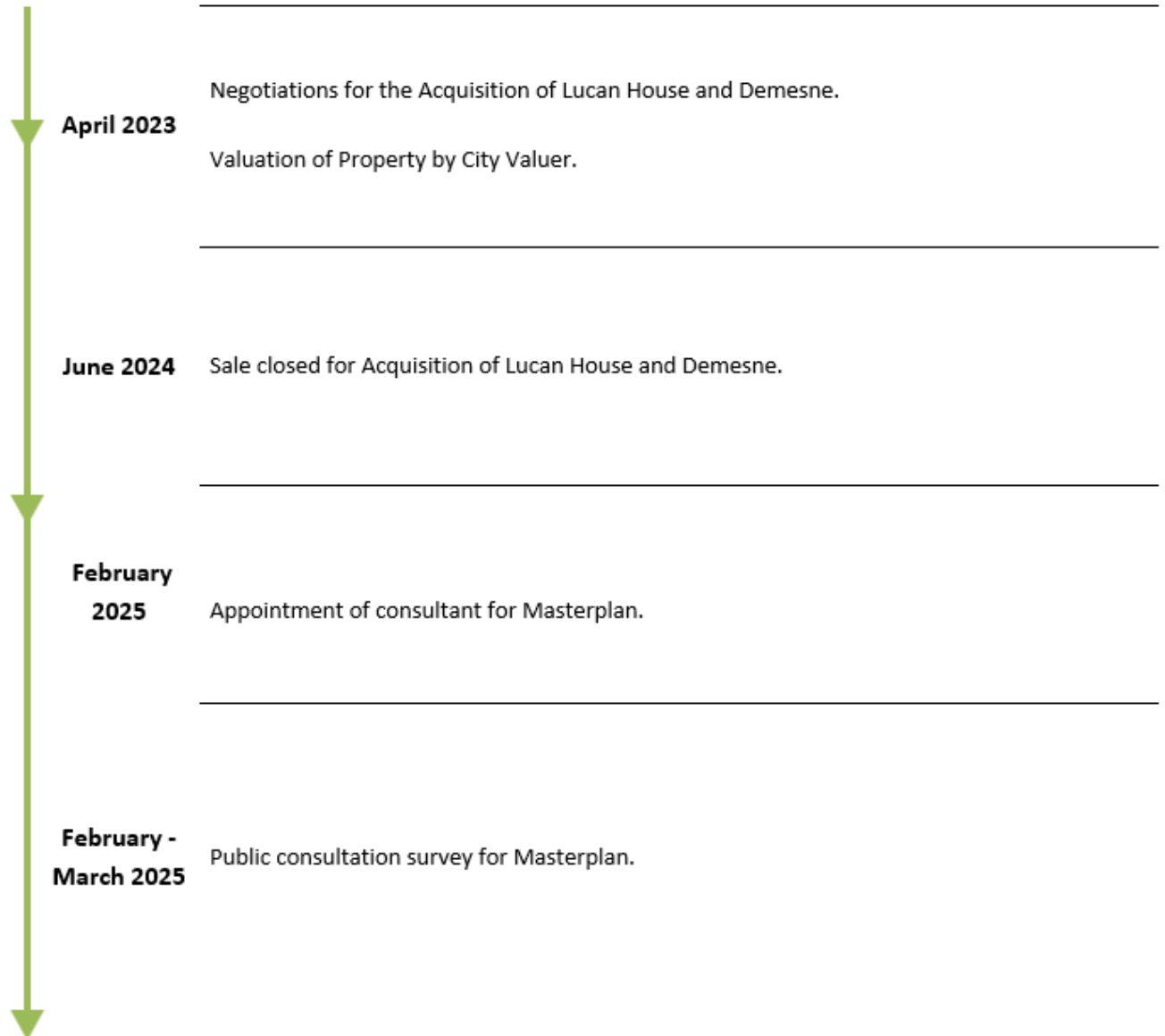
Section B - Step 1: Logic Model Mapping

As part of this In-Depth Check, Internal Audit have completed a Programme Logic Model (PLM) for the Acquisition of Lucan House and Demesne

Objectives	Inputs to date	Activities to date	Proposed Outputs	Proposed Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Acquire Lucan House & Demesne. ➤ Add value to the local area and the County at large through improved tourist engagement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Professional/Technical/Administrative Staff resources. ➤ Negotiations with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, on behalf of the Italian Republic, regarding the acquisition ➤ Consultation with Chief Valuers Officer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Valuation of Lucan House & Demesne ➤ Purchase of Lucan House & Demesne ➤ Public consultation on proposed Masterplan for the development of the asset ➤ Appointment of consultant for Masterplan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The successful acquisition of a high value asset, located in a strategically advantageous area for tourism in the County. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Delivery of a new visitor destination in South Dublin ➤ Creation of a Masterplan to help guide future development of the asset ➤ Increased tourist activity in the Lucan area

Section B - Step 2: Summary Timeline of Project/Programme

The following section tracks the Acquisition of Lucan House and Demesne from inception to conclusion in terms of major project/programme milestones.



Section B - Step 3: Analysis of Key Documents

The following section reviews the key documentation relating to appraisal, analysis, and evaluation for the Acquisition of Lucan House and Demesne.

Project/Programme Key Documents	
Title	Details
Lucan Tourism Product & Proposition Plan	Identifies the need to address the issue of public access and increasing visibility of Lucan House.
Lucan House Acquisition Appraisal Report	Provides overview of Lucan House & Demesne and the surrounding area. Details options, risks, environmental and economic benefits. Document also gives a recommendation on how to proceed based on all analysis.
Lucan House - Market Valuation	Document to provide South Dublin County Council with a Market Value for the proposed acquisition of the subject property.
SDCC Tourism Strategy 2024-2029	Contains plan for a Lucan House Opportunity Study, to evaluate opportunities for the acquired asset.

Section B - Step 4: Data Audit

The following section details the data audit that was carried out for the Acquisition of Lucan House and Demesne. It evaluates whether appropriate data is available for the future evaluation of the project.

Data Required	Use	Availability
Chief Executive orders	Assess compliance with procurement regulations	Yes. To date, all suppliers thus far have been engaged through an appropriate procurement process
Feasibility and options documentation	Analysis and comparison of available options	Yes. Critical Success Factor Evaluation available for all 3 options.
Risk Assessment	Identify and assess risks associated with the project, provide mitigation solutions	Yes. Risk assessment contained within Acquisition Appraisal Report

Data Availability and Proposed Next Steps

Internal Audit is satisfied that there is sufficient data available for the future evaluation of the project.

Section B - Step 5: Key Evaluation Questions

The following section looks at the key evaluation questions for proposed Development of this project based on the findings from the previous sections of this report.

Does the delivery of the project/programme comply with the standards set out in the Public Spending Code? (Appraisal Stage, Implementation Stage and Post-Implementation Stage)

Yes. Internal Audit is satisfied that the delivery of the project to date complies with the standards set out in the Public Spending Code.

Is the necessary data and information available such that the project/programme can be subjected to a full evaluation at a later date?

Yes, Internal Audit is satisfied that sufficient data is available up to this stage of the project for the future evaluation of the proposal.

What improvements are recommended such that future processes and management are enhanced?

At this stage of the project there are no improvements identified for recommendation.

Section C: In-Depth Check Summary

The following section presents a summary of the findings of this In-Depth Check on the Acquisition of Lucan House and Demesne.

Summary of In-Depth Check

The Acquisition of Lucan House and Demesne was reviewed for compliance with the Public Spending Code, up to the stage of Public Consultation survey for the Masterplan.

Internal Audit is satisfied that the delivery of the project to date complies with the standards set out in the code; sufficient controls are in place to ensure compliance.

Quality Assurance – In Depth Check

Section A: Introduction

This introductory section details the headline information on the programme or project in question.

Programme or Project Information	
Name	Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme
Detail	Development of a new cycle route connecting Tallaght and Clondalkin
Responsible Department	Land Use, Planning and Transportation
Current Status	In progress
Start Date	July 2022
End Date	Ongoing. Tendering process to commence in Q2 of 2025.
Overall Cost Estimate	€19.8 Million

Project Description:

Project Summary:

‘Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle and Walking Scheme is a proposed scheme that will connect Tallaght Village, The Square, the residential and industrial areas in Tallaght to the Village of Clondalkin and its surroundings (*see map overleaf for further details*).

In the context of cycle planning, the Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle and Walking Scheme is in the Cycle South Dublin Network, Route 4, and the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network as primary orbital route SO5, connecting Lucan and Rathfarnham through Tallaght. Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle and Walking Scheme forms the middle section of the wider primary cycle route SO5 in the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network.

The proposed scheme provides local active travel connections to Schools (located in the vicinity of the scheme), Tallaght Stadium, the Luas Stations of Belgard, Kingswood and Redcow and the nearby existing and proposed cycle schemes of Killinarden Greenway, Corkagh Park Cycle Scheme and Tallaght to Templeogue Cycle Scheme’.

[Project Summary content extracted from NTA Project Grant Application Template].

Project Structure:

The project consists of the following Phases:

➤ **Phase 1:**

Provide a rapid deployment cycle segregation on Belgard Road from Tallaght, Old Blessington Road Junction to Cookstown Road Junction, where possible, as part of a quick delivery phase of the scheme. This will include permanent upgrade of the TU Dublin Roundabout and the Mayberry Road junction. This marks the initial stage of the Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme.

➤ **Phase 1(a):**

Provide a concept design for a cycling and walking scheme along Cookstown Road, from the junction with Fourth Avenue/Airton Road Extension to the junction with the old Belgard road and onwards to the junction with the Belgard Road. The concept design will need to address a broad range of requirements including the provision of active travel, vehicle movements within an operational industrial estate, SUDs and drainage requirements.

➤ **Phase 1(b):**

Provide a rapid deployment cycle segregation on Airton Road from Belgard Road Junction to Greenhills Road Junction. This will include permanent upgrade works for the junction of Airton Road and Belgard Road.

➤ **Phase 2:**

Improve the interconnectivity of the cycle network within South Dublin through the provision of cycle infrastructure from Tallaght, Cookstown Rd Junction to Clondalkin Village via Belgard Rd and New Road / Fonthill Rd / Boot Rd. (Phase 2 works will need to interface with the Clondalkin LAP).

Project Aims & Objectives:

The Scheme will improve the interconnectivity of the cycle network within South Dublin through the provision of cycle infrastructure from the N81 to Clondalkin Village via Belgard Road, New Road / Fonthill Rd / Boot Rd.

The proposed route is within lands in the ownership of South Dublin County Council (SDCC)'.

[Project Aims & Objectives extracted from NTA Project Grant Application Template].

Summary of Planned Project Benefits:

1. Safe cycle infrastructure that connects Tallaght to Clondalkin Village.
2. A high-quality cycle/pedestrian facility that connects to schools and public facilities in the vicinity.
3. Safe crossing facilities across the Newlands Cross.
4. Provide a concept design for Cookstown Road and the existing Airton Road to inform future planning.
5. Offer independence to young people by offering safe, accessible walking and cycling routes without the need for private car transport.

[Project Benefits extracted from NTA Project Grant Application Template].

Public Consultation Phase of Project:

This project underwent Section 38 Public Consultation. This is best practice for non-mandatory public consultation when a Part 8 is not required, as referenced below:

'Road authorities should carry out non-statutory public consultation in relation to proposals to be delivered under Section 38 except in the case of:

- (i) works which are required to be carried out to deal with an emergency,*
- (ii) works of a very minor nature,*
- (iii) works subject to a trial scheme as outlined in Section 9 of this document'.*

[Extracted from The Road and Traffic Act, 1994, p.11].

From the Section 38 Public Consultation, a total of 44 Submissions (33 via online questionnaire & 11 by submission on the SDCC Consultation Portal) were received, reviewed and addressed in subsequent consultant reports.

Project Imagery:



Figure 1: Extracted from: *Project Initiation Document*.



Figure 2: Extracted from: *Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme - Phase 1 (Belgard Road and Airtown Road) Public Consultation report*.

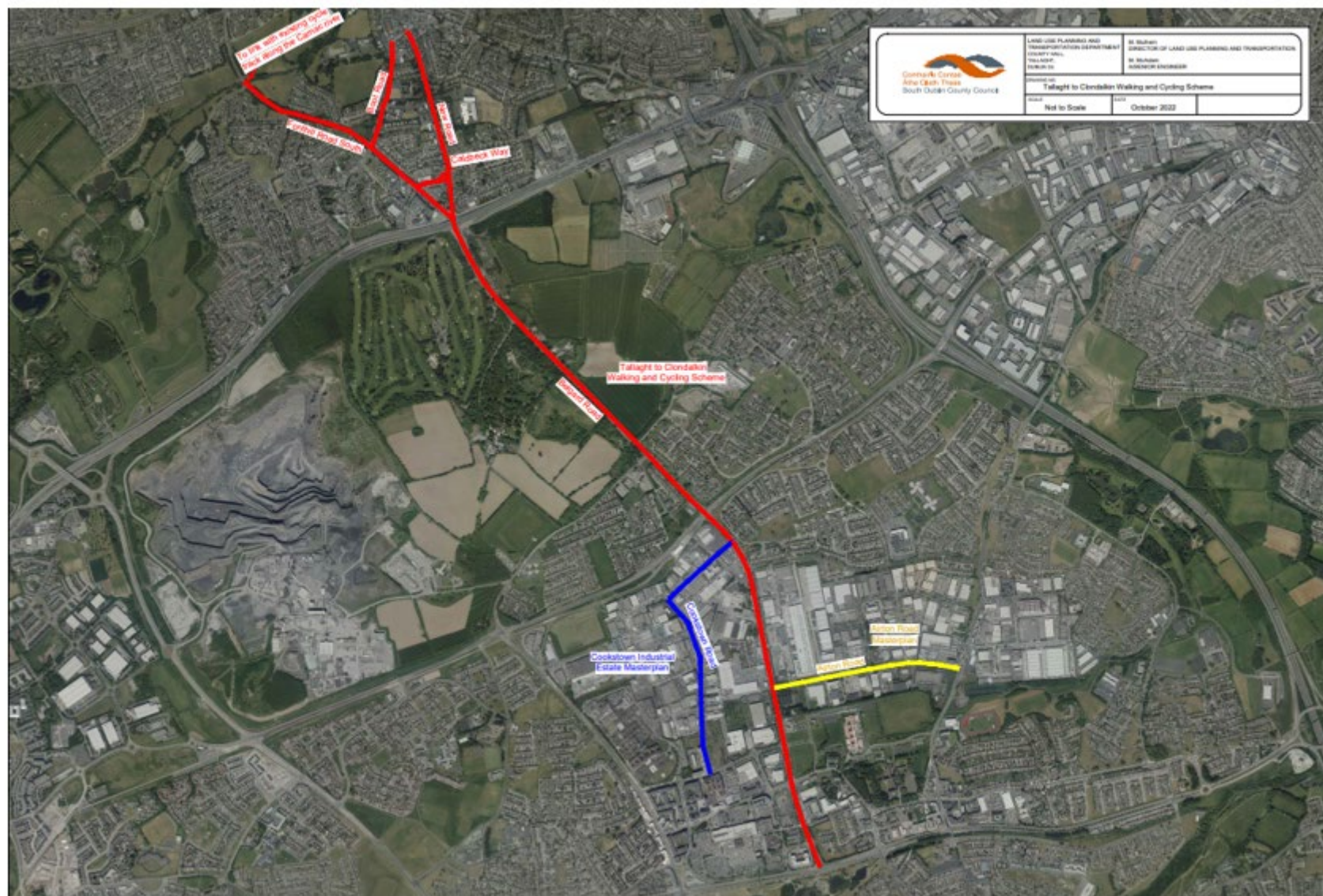


Figure 3: Extracted from: Tallaght to Clondalkin/Cycling Scheme Location Map.

Section B - Step 1: Logic Model Mapping

As part of this In-Depth Check, Internal Audit have completed a Programme Logic Model (PLM) for the Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme:

Objectives	Inputs to date	Activities to date	Proposed Outputs	Proposed Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Improve the interconnectivity of the cycle network within South Dublin through the provision of cycle infrastructure from the N81 to Clondalkin Village via Belgard Road, New Road / Fonthill Rd / Boot Rd. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Staff Resources. ➤ Existing Land Assets (proposed route is within lands in the ownership of SDCC). ➤ Professional/Technical/Administrative Staff Resources ➤ Funding from NTA (National Transport Authority). ➤ Appointment of Consultant as PSDP. ➤ Non-Mandatory Consultation under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Procurement & Engagement of Consultancy Services for the Cycle Scheme. ➤ NTA Funding secured ➤ Feasibility/ Options Reports ➤ Presentations to Tallaght Area Committee in January & September 2024. ➤ Appointment of Vendor to carry out Topographical and Utility Survey Services for Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme as Part of Setting up a Framework for Topographical Surveying Services for Transport Projects Funded by the NTA- February 2024. ➤ Appointment of Vendor for Technical Consultancy Services for Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme ➤ Appointment of Vendor to carry out Traffic & Drone Surveys for Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme 	<p>The successful delivery of a high quality, safe and attractive cycle route connecting Tallaght and Clondalkin resulting in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Safe cycle infrastructure that connects Tallaght to Clondalkin Village ➤ A high-quality cycle/pedestrian facility that connects to schools and public facilities in the vicinity ➤ Safe crossing facilities across the Newlands Cross ➤ Provide a concept design for Cookstown Road and the existing Airtown Road to inform future planning. ➤ Offer independence to young people by offering safe, accessible walking and cycling routes without the need for private car transport. ➤ Provide a safe, coherent, and attractive route with a high Quality of Service that will form part of the wider strategic cycle network in the South Dublin Area 	<p>The successful delivery of the Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme in line with local and national policies which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Project Ireland 2040 - National Development Plan (2021 – 2030). ➤ Department of Transport- National Strategic Investment Framework for Transport in Ireland- SEA Environmental Report (Jacobs Engineering Ireland Ltd.)- March 2021 and subsequent policy ➤ Project Ireland 2040- National Investment Framework for Transport in Ireland (NIFTI). ➤ National Planning Framework – Project Ireland 2040: Policy Objective 27 ➤ Climate Action Plan (CAP) 2024 ➤ Government of Ireland-National Sustainable Mobility Policy Action Plan (2022-2025). ➤ Road Safety Authority: Our Journey Towards Vision Zero: Ireland's Government Road Safety Strategy (2021 – 2030). ➤ NTA Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2016-2035 ➤ South Dublin County Council Development Plan 2022-2028. ➤ Cycle South Dublin.

Section B - Step 2: Summary Timeline of Project/Programme

The following section tracks the Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme from inception to conclusion in terms of major project/programme milestones.



2022	Creation of Project Initiation Document.
	NTA Funding Application Completed.
	Mini Competition under NTA Framework Agreement for Technical Consultancy Services for Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme published on ETenders.
	Appointment of Vendor for Technical Consultancy Services for Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme.
2023	Consultant report- Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme- Draft Options Assessment Report- Rapid Build report completed.
	NTA Preliminary Cost Estimate Template prepared
	Appointment of Vendor to carry out a Traffic and Drone Surveys for Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme.
	Consultant report- Belgard Road to Airton Road Rapid Build Cycle Scheme Report: Preliminary Business Case prepared.
2024	Scheme presented to Tallaght Area Committee in January & September.
	Appointment of Vendor to carry out Topographical and Utility Survey Services for Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme as Part of Setting up a Framework for Topographical Surveying Services for Transport Projects Funded by the NTA- February 2024.
	Consultant report- Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme- Draft Option Selection Report – Cookstown report prepared.
	Section 38 Public Consultation (Non- Statutory) conducted for Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme Phase 1 (Belgard Road and Airton Road).
	Consultant report- Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme - Phase 1 (Belgard Road and Airton Road) Public Consultation report prepared.
	NTA Pre- Tender Cost Estimate Template Prepared
NOTE: Scheme anticipated to go to Tendering Process in Quarter 2 of 2025	

Section B - Step 3: Analysis of Key Documents

The following section reviews the key documentation relating to appraisal, analysis, and evaluation for the Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme.

Project/Programme Key Documents	
Title	Details
Project Monitor	Detailed documents and process at each stage.
(Consultant Report, 2024)- Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme Phase 1 (Belgard Road & Airtown Road) Public Consultation Report, September 2024.	Details the public consultation that was held for the Cycle Scheme Phase 1, including scheme objectives and feedback from the public, recommendations for consideration as the project progresses and next steps.
Options Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme Draft Option Selection Report- Cookstown- 2024 Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme: Draft Options Assessment Report – Rapid Build, 2023 	Options appraisal report is a document that evaluates various options or approaches for a construction project before selecting the most suitable one to pursue
NTA-Project Control Document	Outlines Phase 3: Request to Approve Preliminary Design (Gateway 3)
3- Year Capital Programme 2025-2027	Outlines projected expenditure and funding source(s) for capital projects.
County Development Plan 2022-2028	Outlines objectives across Directorates, addressing Strategic Issues including Sustainable Movement and Climate Action & Energy.

Corporate Plan 2025-2029	Outlines objectives across Directorates and indicates core values including Sustainability and Environmental Initiatives, Opportunities and Challenges, as well as Climate Action and Biodiversity.
Section 38 (under Road Traffic Act 1994) Public Consultation	Non- Statutory consultation period seeking views from the public to help inform the design of the scheme and address any concerns prior to proceeding to tender stage.
National Planning Framework 'Project 2040'. National Investment Framework for Transport in Ireland (NIFTI) NTA Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2016-2035. NTA Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy 2022-2042 Climate Action Plan (CAP) 2024 Cycle South Dublin Smarter Travel- A Sustainable Transport Future 2009-2020	Local Authorities have an obligation to take account of current prevailing policies and plans made at Central Government level. These policies all pertain to sustainable transport and specifically cycling network infrastructure, improvements, as well as increasing active travel opportunities and benefits for the community.

Section B - Step 4: Data Audit

The following section details the data audit that was carried out for the Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme. It evaluates whether appropriate data is available for the future evaluation of the project.

Data Required	Use	Availability
NTA – Project Control Document	Initial funding application	Yes – PCD from the NTA available for this project.
Chief Executive Orders and Procurement Documentation	Assess compliance with procurement regulations	Yes. To date, all suppliers thus far have been engaged through an appropriate procurement process
Preliminary Business Case with Route Development Options	Sets out the transport planning and policy framework within which the Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme is being developed	Yes, detailed comprehensive reports prepared by the appointed Consultant detailing the relevant planned developments within the core study areas as part of the feasibility and options identification stage.
Feasibility and options documentation	Assessment criteria	Yes. Individual risk assessment documents for each Stage commenced available.
Procurement Documents for Mini Competition under NTA Framework Agreement for Technical Consultancy Services for Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme	Tender and Submission documents for this competition	Yes. Tender documents and submissions available for this competition.
Public Consultation under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994.	Section 38 non-mandatory public consultation is best practice when a Part 8 process does not apply	Yes. SDCC Consultation Portal provides overview of scheme, maps and supporting documents.
Presentation to Tallaght Area Committee	Sets out proposed plan for Phase 1	Yes. Indicative drawings and reports presented.
Risk Assessment for NTA Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme- Phase 1	Contingency Calculator for Project- Detailed design and Procurement	Yes. Contingency Calculator available for this competition.

Data Availability and Proposed Next Steps

Internal Audit is satisfied that there is sufficient data available for the future evaluation of the project.

Section B - Step 5: Key Evaluation Questions

The following section looks at the key evaluation questions for the Proposed Development of this project based on the findings from the previous sections of this report.

Does the delivery of the project/programme comply with the standards set out in the Public Spending Code? (Appraisal Stage, Implementation Stage and Post-Implementation Stage)

Yes. Internal Audit is satisfied that the delivery of the project to date complies with the standards set out in the Public Spending Code.

Is the necessary data and information available such that the project/programme can be subjected to a full evaluation at a later date?

Yes, Internal Audit is satisfied that sufficient data is available up to this stage of the project for the future evaluation of the proposal.

What improvements are recommended such that future processes and management are enhanced?

No issues were identified during the in-depth review. IA is satisfied that this project is substantially in compliance with the code up to this stage of delivery. At this stage of the project there are no improvements identified for recommendation.

Section: In-Depth Check Summary

The following section presents a summary of the findings of this In-Depth Check on the Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme.

Summary of In-Depth Check

Tallaght to Clondalkin Cycle Scheme was reviewed for compliance with the Public Spending Code up to the stage of 'Stage 3 – Implementation - (PSC Category: Expenditure being incurred)'.

Internal Audit is satisfied that the delivery of the project to date complies substantially with the standards set out in the code; substantial controls are in place to ensure compliance, and these standards should be maintained throughout the remaining stages of the project.

Quality Assurance – In Depth Check 4: Social and Affordable Purchase Housing Development of 116 New Homes in Clonburris SDZ (Canal Extension Development Area)

Quality Assurance – In Depth Check

Section A: Introduction

This introductory section details the headline information on the programme or project in question.

Programme or Project Information	
Name	Social and Affordable Purchase Housing Development of 116 New Homes in Clonburris SDZ (Canal Extension Development Area)
Detail	<p>The proposed development is for 116 social and affordable homes units together with associated gardens, open space, access roads and ancillary services</p> <p>The subject site is greenfield, undeveloped, and approximately 2.77 hectares in size, bounded to the south by the existing Ashwood residential area, to the east by the Fonthill Road (R113) regional road, to the north by the Grand Canal and to the west by green open space.</p>
Responsible Department	Housing Social and Community Development (HSCD)
Current Status	Construction work in progress
Start Date	2021 (Phase 2)
End Date	Construction scheduled for completion in 2025
Overall Cost Estimate	€47,778, 006.19

Project Description:

The proposed development is for 116 social and affordable homes together with associated gardens, open space, access roads and ancillary services on the proposed site of approximately 2.77 hectares in area. The scheme comprises houses, duplexes, stacked simplexes, and apartments buildings which vary from two to four-storeys in height with a mix of home types and sizes to meet local demographic and social housing needs. Proposed development will consist of:

- 63 (sixty-three) one- and two-bedroom apartments,
- 25 (twenty-five) three-bedroom duplexes.
- 28 (twenty-eight) 3- and 4-bedroom terraced or semi-detached houses

All homes to have a minimum Building Energy Rating (BER) of A2.



Figure 1: Extracted from -CLONBURRIS CANAL EXTENSION - ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN STATEMENT - PART 8 APPLICATION

Location of Development:

The proposed development is a 10 minutes' drive from the M50 and the communities of Lucan, Clondalkin, and Liffey Valley.



Figure 2: Extracted from -CLONBURRIS CANAL EXTENSION - ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN STATEMENT

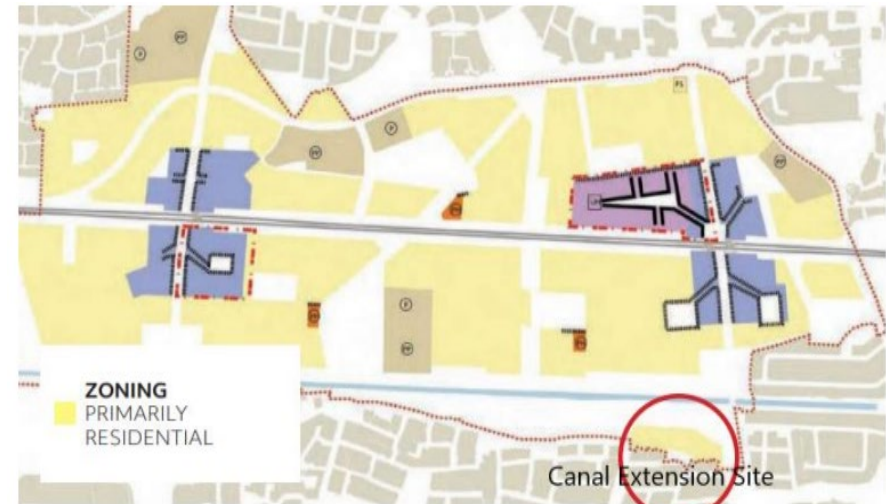


Figure 3: Extracted from -CLONBURRIS CANAL EXTENSION - ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN


Section B - Step 1: Logic Model Mapping

As part of this In-Depth Check, Internal Audit have completed a Programme Logic Model (PLM) for the “Social and Affordable Purchase Housing Development of 116 New Homes” in Clonburris SDZ (Canal Extension Development Area)

Objectives	Inputs to date	Activities to date	Proposed Outputs	Proposed Outcomes
<p>The proposed development is for 116 social and affordable homes together with associated gardens, open space, access roads and ancillary services on the proposed site of approximately 2.77hectares in area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 63 (sixty-three) one- and two-bedroom apartments, ➤ 25 (twenty-five) three-bedroom duplexes. ➤ 28 (twenty-eight) 3- and 4-bedroom terraced or semi-detached houses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Existing land assets ➤ Professional/Technical/Administrative Staff resources. ➤ Part 8 proposal presented to full Council June 2022 ➤ Procurement of Contractors/Consultants/site surveys etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In December 2015, the Government approved the designation of the lands at Balgaddy/Clonburris, as a site for the establishment of a Strategic Development Zone (SDZ). ➤ Part 8 approval June 2022 ➤ Appointment of Contractors/Consultants/Site surveys etc. ➤ Construction works. ➤ Utility Connections Water, electricity. 	<p>The successful delivery of 116 social and affordable homes together with associated gardens, open space, access roads, parking spaces and ancillary works.</p>	<p>Delivery of proposed development of 116 social and affordable homes in line with local and national policies which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028 ➤ National and Regional Planning Policy (Project Ireland 2024) ➤ SDCC Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022-2026 ➤ Project Ireland, 2040 (National Planning Framework) ➤ Clonburris SDZ Planning Scheme

Section B - Step 2: Summary Timeline of Project/Programme

The following section tracks this Social and Affordable Purchase Housing Development of 116 New Homes from inception to conclusion in terms of major project/programme milestones.



2021	Appointment of Architect led design team.
2022	<p>A pre-Part 8 consultation was held on 9th March 2022(Clondalkin ACM)</p> <p>Documentation and drawings for Part 8 Planning Application prepared.</p> <p>Part 8 was on public display from 31st of March to 3rd of May 2022. Approved at Council Meeting on 11th of June 2022.</p> <p>Tender for the design and build of the 116 social and affordable units at Clonburris Phase 2 (Canal Extension), Clondalkin, Dublin 22 published on 19th of August 2022.</p>
2023	<p>Contractor appointed on 4th of July 2023.</p> <p>Construction commenced</p>
2024	Construction in progress
2025	<p>Construction in progress</p> <p>Registration of interest for the Affordable Purchase homes opened on the 29th of April 2025.</p> <p>Anticipated completion date: November 2025</p>

Section B - Step 3: Analysis of Key Documents

The following section reviews the key documentation relating to appraisal, analysis, and evaluation for this Social and Affordable Purchase Housing Development.

Project/Programme Key Documents	
Title	Details
Project Monitor	Contains key documents and milestones
3-year Capital Programme 2024-2026	Outlines expenditure and funding source
South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028	The Council seeks to support and facilitate the regeneration of underutilised industrial lands that are proximate to town centres and transport nodes to provide for a more intensive mix of enterprise and/or residential led development
Project Ireland, 2040 (National Planning Framework)	A national document that will guide at a high-level strategic planning and development for the country over the next 20+ years, so that as the population grows, that growth is sustainable (in economic, social, and environmental terms)
Housing for All – A New Housing Plan for Ireland	National housing policy to 2030 committing to deliver more homes of all types for people with different housing needs, including the objective that every citizen in the State should have access to good quality homes to purchase or rent at an affordable price
SDCC Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022-2026	Under the national housing plan, Housing for All, each local authority to produce a Housing Delivery Action Plan, setting out details of social and affordable housing delivery in the County for the period 2022-2026
Part 8 Planning Application	The Planning Report provides a summary of the relevant planning context and the key features of the proposed development
Strategic Assessment Report SDCC Housing Delivery in the Clonburris SDZ	Outlines key points to support the case for this housing investment in the Clonburris SDZ, options and risk analysis

Section B - Step 4: Data Audit

The following section details the data audit that was carried out for this Social and Affordable Purchase Housing Development. It evaluates whether appropriate data is available for the future evaluation of the project.

Data Required	Use	Availability
Chief Executive Orders and Procurement Documentation	Assess compliance with procurement regulations	Yes. To date, all suppliers thus far have been engaged through an appropriate procurement process
Architects Design statement	This report together with other Consultants documentation and drawings sets out proposed plan for Part 8 Planning Application	Yes. Detailed comprehensive report
Part 8 presentation to full Council	Sets out SDCC's proposed plan for this development	Yes. Plans and reports presented. Council minutes record agreement of elected members
Cost Review	Assess costs of preferred option. Provides a basis for final cost	Yes. Fully detailed cost plan submitted to SDCC
Risk Assessment	Assess and identify risks/proposed mitigation/control options.	Yes. Details outlined in the Strategic Assessment Report SDCC Housing Delivery in the Clonburris SDZ

Data Availability and Proposed Next Steps

Internal Audit noted that there is sufficient data available for the future evaluation of the project.

Section B - Step 5: Key Evaluation Questions

The following section looks at the key evaluation questions for the Proposed Development based on the findings from the previous sections of this report.

Does the delivery of the project/programme comply with the standards set out in the Public Spending Code? (Appraisal Stage, Implementation Stage and Post-Implementation Stage)

Yes. Internal Audit is satisfied that the delivery of the project to date complies with the standards set out in the Public Spending Code.

Is the necessary data and information available such that the project/programme can be subjected to a full evaluation at a later date?

Yes, Internal Audit is satisfied that sufficient data is available up to this stage of the project for the future evaluation of the proposal.

What improvements are recommended such that future processes and management are enhanced?

Internal Audit is satisfied that the project is substantially in compliance with the applicable code at this stage of implementation. No recommendations for improvement have been identified at this time.

Section: In-Depth Check Summary

The following section presents a summary of the findings of this In-Depth Check on the proposed Social and Affordable Purchase Housing Development of 116 New Homes in Clonburris SDZ (Canal Extension Development Area).

Summary of In-Depth Check

Social and Affordable Purchase Housing Development of 116 New Homes in Clonburris SDZ (Canal Extension Development Area) was reviewed for compliance with the Public Spending Code up to the stage of 'Stage 3- Implementation- (PSC Category: Expenditure being incurred).

Internal Audit is satisfied that the delivery of the project to date complies with the standards set out in the code.