



June 2022

# Chief Executive's Report

Dublin Mountains

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South Dublin County Council's Chief Executive's Report is presented to elected members at Council every month and details important achievements across our various departments whilst highlighting key statistics and images from events that took place that month.

The report also highlights major news pieces and puts a focus on an area of the Council that doesn't always get the attention it deserves.

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# Land Use, Planning and Transportation

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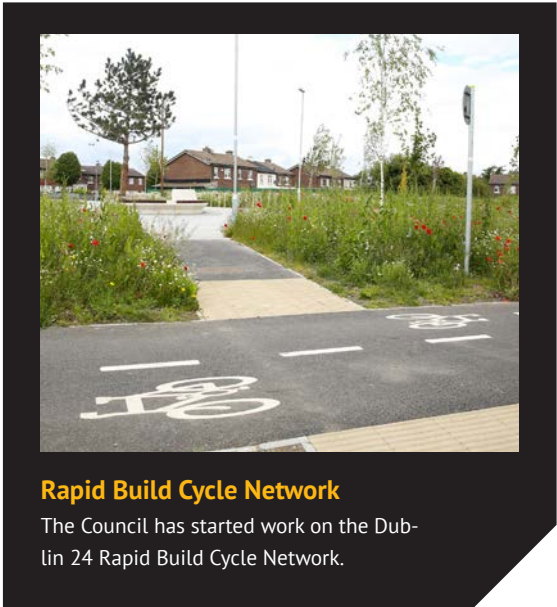
The Council has started work on a new Active Travel project, called the Dublin 24 Rapid Build Cycle Network. This project would see the quick delivery of a segregated cycle network along several key routes in the Dublin 24 area. The project would deliver a safe and functional network providing a safer cycling environment. This network would include approximately 11km of cycle lanes and would have direct links with nine schools. The key routes identified will consist of:

- Killinarden Heights
- Killinarden Way
- Whitestown Way
- Kiltipper Way

- Firhouse Road West
- Killinniny Road
- Ballycullen Road/Drive/Avenue

The type of work includes a combination of temporary/quick build measures, such as bolt-down kerbs, planters and line markings as well as new hard infrastructural measures.

Design work is now underway, and the Council intends to start public consultation in September/October this year to start works on site in early 2023 and complete the full 11 kilometres of works in 2023. The project is funded by the National Transport Authority and due to the innovation and speed of delivery, this project has the potential to be identified as a National Pathfinder Project.



### Rapid Build Cycle Network

The Council has started work on the Dublin 24 Rapid Build Cycle Network.



## Pedestrian Crossings

The Council has secured funding from the National Transport Authority to deliver improvements that will facilitate accessible and safe crossing points for pedestrians and cyclists at key locations throughout the County. Signal-controlled crossing points will be installed at the following locations;

- Kiltipper Way near its junction with Firhouse Road
- Junction of Belgard Road and Cookstown Road
- Lower Lucan Road, near Stewarts Care Facility
- Killinarden Heights – outside Hearts FC
- Hayden's Lane – near its junction with Esker Road
- Esker Road – near its junction with Hayden's Lane
- Woodford Walk - outside Castlevue Road

These works have been designed, and procurement of the works is now underway. Installation is expected to commence in July 2022 with all sites operational by October 2022.



## City Edge Project

The non-statutory City Edge Strategic Framework, a joint initiative between South Dublin County Council and Dublin City Council, has been prepared and sets out a high-level strategy for the regeneration of the City Edge area to 2070. The framework was noted by both Councils at recent meetings and, along with all supporting studies, will be available to the public on the [www.cityedge.ie](http://www.cityedge.ie) website.

## Adamstown Regeneration

Through the Urban Regeneration and Development Funding (URDF), the Council has committed to the delivery of three large-scale infrastructure projects within the Adamstown Strategic Development Zone; Adamstown Plaza, Central Boulevard Park, and a civic building. The Council secured funding approval in June 2022 of €9.97 million from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and it is intended to commence delivery of the Adamstown Plaza in August/September. The planning and design of the Central Boulevard Park and civic building projects will commence later this



Adamstown urban regeneration plans



# Housing, Social and Community Development

## 116 New Social and Affordable Homes Approved for Clonburris

At the June Council meeting, the elected members of the Council approved the Part 8 proposal for the first phase of housing on Council-owned land within the Clonburris Strategic Development Zone (SDZ). This project, located within the Canal Extension development area of the SDZ, will see the delivery of 116 new social and affordable homes in a mix of terraced/semi-detached, houses, duplexes and apartments over two to four storeys, along with associated car parking, cycle parking, landscaping, drainage works and a new roundabout on Bawnogue Road that will serve as the entrance to the new development.

The approval of the proposed development follows a public consultation process from March to May which saw 92 submissions received from residents, statutory bodies and others about the development. In response to submissions some of the homes have been removed or re-designed, with some additional car parking provided and there is also a commitment to consultation with residents' representatives to inform the design of a proposed new play space at the intersection of the new development with the adjacent Ashwood estate.

It is expected that Council-led developments within Clonburris SDZ will deliver over 1,600 social, affordable purchase and cost rental homes throughout the Council's Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022-2026.



**Social and Affordable Homes**  
116 new social and affordable homes will be delivered in the Clonburris Strategic Development Zone.



### Traveller Accommodation

A new Traveller Accommodation development of seven group houses at Fonthill Road was approved by the elected members at the June Council meeting.

This will see two-storey, three- and four-bedroom homes, including one medically adapted home, being developed on a small site located off the N4/Fonthill Road North slip-road in Palmerstown West to provide permanent accommodation provided for local Traveller households currently living on an adjacent, informal Traveller development.

The new development forms part of proposed new accommodation delivery under the Council's Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024.



### MacUilliam Family Day

Residents of MacUilliam Estate, supported by the Council together with South Dublin County Partnership, Tallaght Gardaí and Barnardos, hosted a family fun day on Saturday, 18 June. Over 300 people attended the event with entertainment and activities organised for residents, and representatives of several local community and support organisations were also present to provide information on their services.

### Saggart Community

On Thursday 23 June, Mayor Peter Kavanagh, along with the Council's Chief Executive, Daniel McLoughlin, and representatives from ML Quinn Construction Ltd., officially turned the sod to commence the development of a new community centre in Saggart Village. The overall project will be funded with €2 million from the Council's Three-Year Capital Programme along with €500k grant funding from the Dublin Rural LEADER programme. The new community facility, incorporating conservation and upgrade works to the former St. Mary's schoolhouse building along with a new extension, to be managed by a local Board of Management.



Turning the sod on the Saggart community centre.

# Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development



## Bí Gnóthach Final

**T**he Bí Gnóthach Student Enterprise Programme gives fifth and sixth class pupils a taste of the world of business and entrepreneurship through free resources, educational enterprise workshops, and the chance to create and set up their very own businesses in school.

The County Final was held in the Maldron Hotel, Tallaght earlier in the summer and there were over 175 pupils in attendance. The pupils displayed their business projects and explained their business idea to the judges. Their products were promoted and sold to their fellow students and within their communities with all profits made going to local and national charities.

The event included an award ceremony where the winners received medals presented by the Mayor's representative, Councillor Alan Edge. The overall winning project on the day was "Blixim Diaries" a business devised by students from Loreto Primary School.



## Bí Gnóthach Final

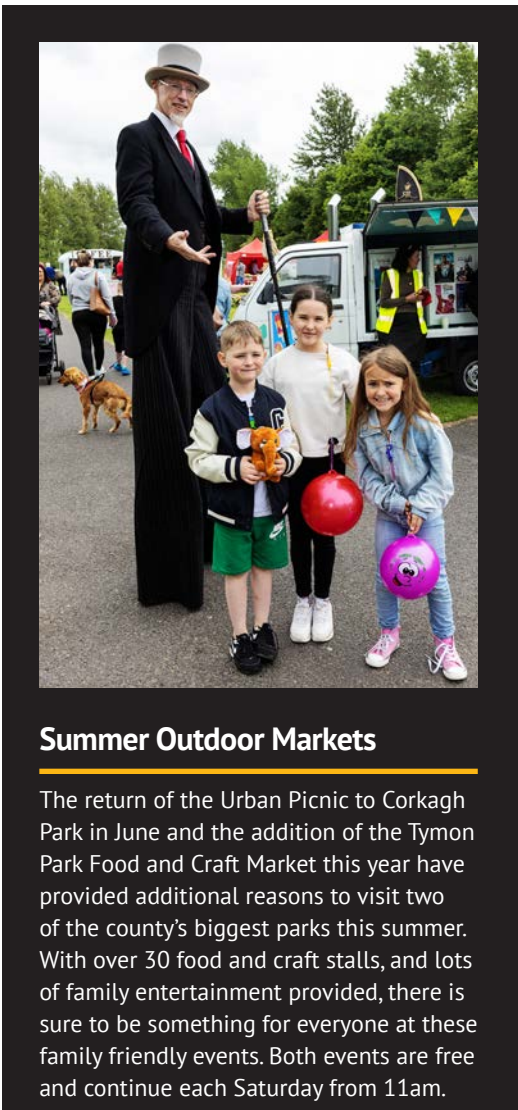
The County Final was held in the Maldron Hotel, Tallaght earlier in the summer.



## Ruaille Buaille

Lucan Library hit the high notes this month with the return of the Ruaille Buaille Children's Music Festival. This annual festival is organised by Artscope on behalf of South Dublin Libraries and Arts. Lucan Library is always happy to take part in this celebration and this year was no exception. An art and crafts workshop was held in the library to invite local children to make bunting for the Festival Tent at the highlight event, Ruaille Buaille in the Park. Tutor Kim Jenkinson facilitated the workshop where the children created some bright, colourful bunting featuring musical notes and instruments. There was great excitement about their work being on display at the showcase event on Saturday 11 June in Griffeen Valley Park.

Lucan Library also hosted two live music sessions with musicians Malachy and Anita for the very young library members, aged 0-4. Featuring the violin, double bass and guitar, Malachy and Anita performed songs that had their young audience joining in with actions, as well as singing along.



## Summer Outdoor Markets

The return of the Urban Picnic to Corkagh Park in June and the addition of the Tymon Park Food and Craft Market this year have provided additional reasons to visit two of the county's biggest parks this summer. With over 30 food and craft stalls, and lots of family entertainment provided, there is sure to be something for everyone at these family friendly events. Both events are free and continue each Saturday from 11am.

## Cruinniú na nÓg

Ireland is the first, and only, country in the world to have a national day of free creativity for children and young people under 18. Cruinniú na nÓg is a flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme's to enable the creative potential of children and young people.

Cruinniú na nÓg South Dublin 2022 programme had something for everyone. On Saturday 11 June, children and young people came together to celebrate Ireland's National Day of Youth Creativity. There were both live and virtual events for children, young people, and families.



Cruinniú na nÓg



# Corporate Performance and Change Management

## New Mayor and Deputy Mayor Elected

At the Annual Meeting of South Dublin County Council held on Friday 24 June 2022 in County Hall, Tallaght, Councillor Emma Murphy (Fianna Fáil) representing the Firhouse - Bohernabreena Electoral Area was elected Mayor of South Dublin County.

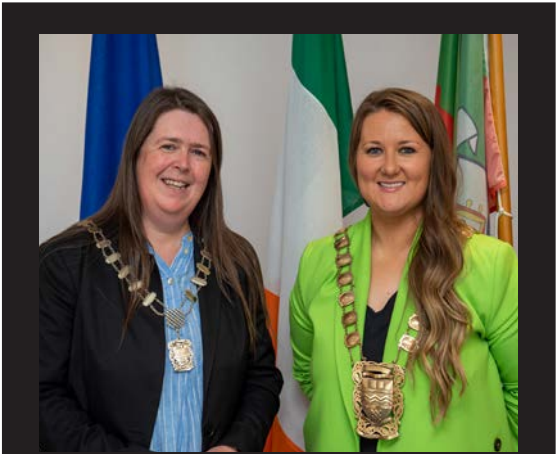
The election of Councillor Murphy is a landmark moment for the State as she becomes the first LGBTQ+ woman elected to the office of Mayor in the Republic.

Councillor Murphy was proposed for Mayor by Councillor Shane Moynihan (Fianna Fáil) and was seconded by Councillor Alan Edge (Independent). Following a roll

call vote, Councillor Murphy was deemed elected to the Office of Mayor.

Councillor Joanna Tuffy (Labour) representing the Lucan Electoral Area was elected Deputy Mayor. Councillor Tuffy was proposed as Deputy Mayor by Councillor Pamela Kearns (Labour) and seconded by Councillor Laura Donaghy (Green Party).

Tributes were also paid to the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Peter Kavanaugh (Independent) and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Laura Donaghy (Green Party), who thanked their fellow Councillors, Chief Executive, Daniel McLoughlin and the management and staff of the Council for their help and support during their term in office



### New Mayor and Deputy Mayor

A new Mayor and Deputy Mayor has been elected to serve for the coming twelve months.



## Freedom of the County

The Honorary Freedom of South Dublin County was conferred on South Dublin Community Volunteers at a ceremony in County Hall, Tallaght on Friday 17 June.

The Honorary Freedom of the County is the highest civic honour that can be bestowed upon an individual/group by South Dublin County Council. The honour is reserved for those who have made exceptional contributions to the common good or to persons who have made outstanding contributions to South Dublin County.

The then Mayor of South Dublin County, Councillor Peter Kavanagh, said at the event, "to volunteer is to give of oneself freely to the community. Volunteerism underpins all of our villages, towns, cities and indeed our country. Without Tidy Towns, Community Councils, Lions Clubs, Active Retirement Associations, sports clubs, walking groups and more, life as we know it would be bereft.



## Area Committee Chairs

Four new area committee chairs were elected at the Annual Meeting held on 24 June. Councillor (Cllr) William Carey was elected chair of the Clondalkin Area Committee. Cllr Ed O'Brien was elected chair for Lucan / Palmerstown / North Clondalkin, Cllr Lyn Hagin Meade was elected for Rathfarnham / Templeogue / Firhouse / Bohernabreena and Cllr Mick Duff was elected for the Tallaght Area Committee.

## Honouring Dr Browne

The then Mayor of South Dublin County, Councillor (Cllr) Peter Kavanagh, unveiled a commemorative stone dedicated to the memory of former Health Minister Dr Noel Browne and the women and men who fought to eradicate tuberculosis in Ireland outside Peamount Hospital.

"It is fitting," said Cllr Kavanagh, "that we mark this occasion as we emerge from a national health emergency that forced the country to come together for the greater good. It calls to mind the tremendous effort Dr Browne and his colleagues made in eradicating tuberculosis."



Unveiling Dr Browne's commemorative stone

# Environment, Water Climate Change



## Teenspace Survey

In 2018 South Dublin County Council started consulting with teenagers to find out their recreational and amenity needs. The number one request right around the County was for outdoor spaces to meet up and hang out with friends. This was followed by access to play facilities such as swings, climbing and zip lines. Other requests in these spaces were for free Wi-Fi, shelter, a place to play music, toilets, and water fountains. South Dublin County Council followed up with surveys in specific communities to see what the teenagers wanted in their neighbourhoods.

Currently, the Council has provided three completed Teenspaces at Collinstown Park, Ballycragh Park and Tandy's Lane. Upgrade works

are due to commence in July for Griffeen Valley Park, followed by a new facility at Bancroft Park this Autumn. We will also be tendering this Summer for Teenspaces for Kingswood and Tymon Limekiln.

We want to ensure that the spaces are meeting the needs of the teenagers who will use them and that users feel welcome and safe. We are encouraging all teenagers in the county to help guide our Teenspace programme by participating in our online feedback survey, which can be found at the following link: <https://www.surveylegend.com/s/3xdy>.



## Teenspace Survey

A Teenspace survey is currently underway.



### Climate Action Website

The outgoing Mayor of South Dublin, Cllr Peter Kavanagh, launched the new South Dublin County Council Climate Action website recently [www.southdublinclimate.ie](http://www.southdublinclimate.ie).

The website aims to inform the citizens of South Dublin County about climate change. Citizens can use the website to find practical solutions to reducing carbon emissions at individual and local levels, with tailored information for individuals/families, businesses and anyone active in the community.

The website also aims to inform and educate the citizens of South Dublin on the Climate Change Action Plan 2019 – 2024, providing transparency on the execution of the plan and progress towards achieving our targets.

Citizens can also use [www.southdublinclimate.ie](http://www.southdublinclimate.ie) to keep up to date on the latest climate news and announcements in our news section.



### Dog Fouling Campaign

To encourage responsible dog ownership and ensure a cleaner environment for everybody, the Council has developed a new campaign to remind dog owners to pick up after their pups wherever they are. The campaign features the adorable “Sally” the dog in a series of videos which highlight the consequences of not picking up the poop. Your dog’s poop could end up anywhere! Always pick it up!”

### St Cuthbert’s Park

South Dublin County Council has appointed a consultancy team led by Nicholas de Jong Associates - Landscape Architects, to develop a masterplan for the upgrade of St Cuthbert’s Park, Clondalkin. Initial discussions are taking place with the task force for St Cuthbert’s Park, and we are seeking to organise several consultation events to ensure widespread community engagement. Plans for the upgrade will be on display by the end of the summer. Members of the public and all interested parties are encouraged to contribute comments, ideas, or opinions by contacting [StCuthberts@sdbulincoco.ie](mailto:StCuthberts@sdbulincoco.ie).



St Cuthbert’s Park

# 300k Have Your Say Results



**Twelve community led projects funded for the Rathfarnham Templeogue electoral area through €300k Have Your Say.**

**T**welve community-led projects have been selected by the public to be funded in the Rathfarnham Templeogue 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 30 June and project updates will be given on each on [www.sdcc.ie/haveyoursay](http://www.sdcc.ie/haveyoursay).

Work will begin on the projects in the second half of the year.

Forty projects to date have been selected for funding in the Lucan, Clondalkin, Firhouse-Bohernabreina and Tallaght Central Electoral Areas. The Council will run the initiative in every local electoral area in the County with the next area being Tallaght South in 2023.

## Participatory Budgeting

South Dublin County Council were the first local authority in the country to introduce participatory budgeting when the Council launched €300k Have Your Say in 2017. To date, over 13,000 people have cast their vote in €300k Have Your Say to fund a project, or projects, of their choice. 949 project ideas have been submitted to the Council for consideration with 104 being put forward to the public vote and 52 being funded.

Previous iterations of €300k Have Your Say has seen the launch of a heritage trail app, the restoration of King John's Bridge in Griffen Park, native apple trees planted throughout Clondalkin and the development of a sensory garden in Tymon Park.

'€300k Have Your Say' is a participatory budgeting initiative that 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.

The twelve projects selected for funding are:

- Nature trail in Rathfarnham Castle Park
- Fruit trees for the Rathfarnham Templeogue electoral area
- Green laneways for Rathfarnham
- Christmas lights for Templeogue Village and Rathfarnham Village
- Outdoor nature classrooms on local greens

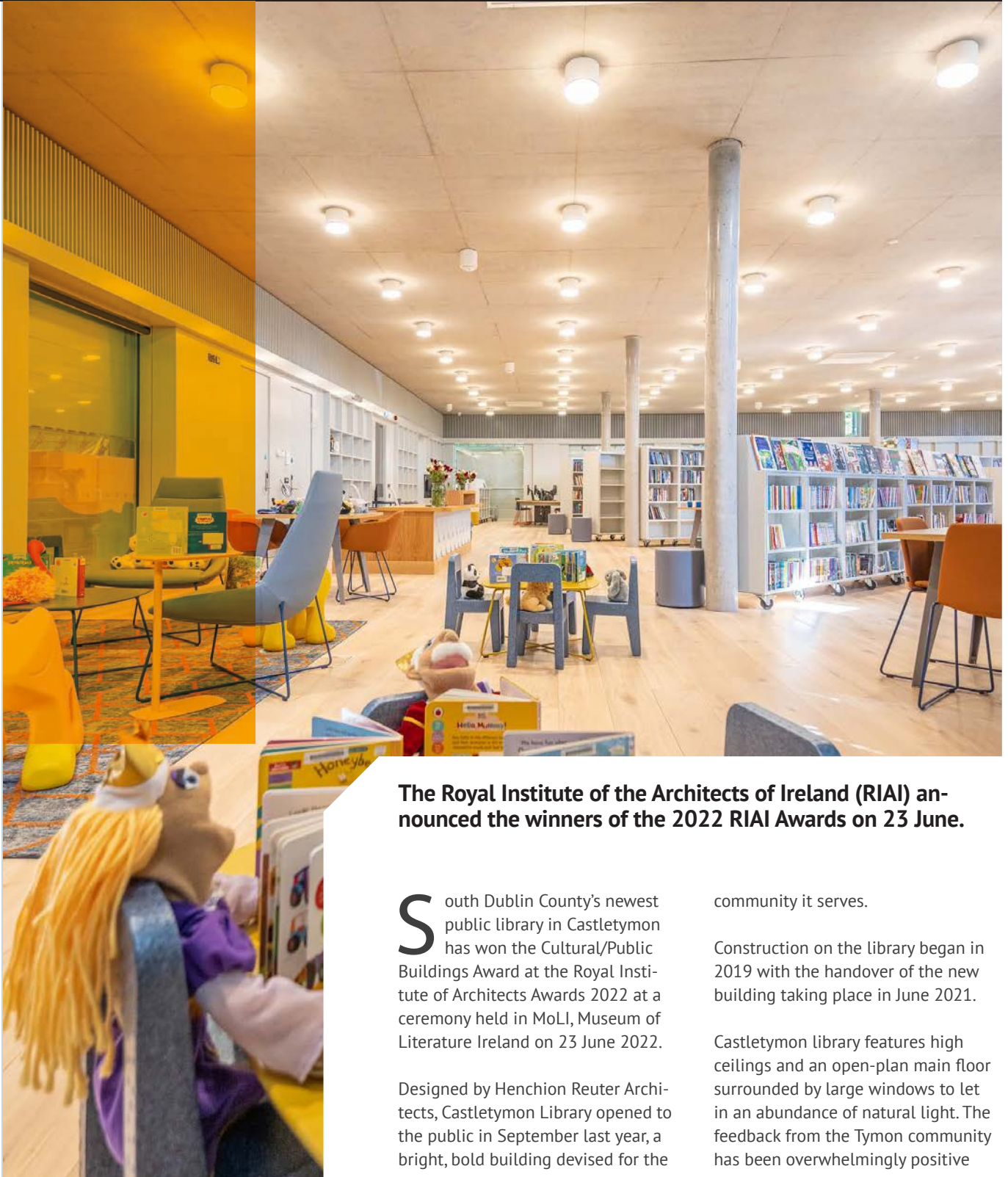
- Bicycle pump in Templeogue Village
- Run a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) Project for children from the Traveller Community
- Drinking water stations for Rathfarnham
- Place QR code stands near Templeogue Cemetery and the nearby Old Church
- Run a poetry competition in Rathfarnham
- New seating for the Crannagh Road area
- Playground and seating for the College Drive/Fortfield Road

A full breakdown on the votes is given on [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie).



€300k Have Your Say results night

# Castletymon Library wins RIAI Award



**The Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (RIAI) announced the winners of the 2022 RIAI Awards on 23 June.**

**S**outh Dublin County's newest public library in Castletymon has won the Cultural/Public Buildings Award at the Royal Institute of Architects Awards 2022 at a ceremony held in MoLI, Museum of Literature Ireland on 23 June 2022.

Designed by Henschon Reuter Architects, Castletymon Library opened to the public in September last year, a bright, bold building devised for the

community it serves.

Construction on the library began in 2019 with the handover of the new building taking place in June 2021.

Castletymon library features high ceilings and an open-plan main floor surrounded by large windows to let in an abundance of natural light. The feedback from the Tymon community has been overwhelmingly positive

## RIAI Awards

Founded in 1989, the RIAI Awards are Ireland's premier architecture awards. They recognise the quality of current work by RIAI Members at home and abroad and create awareness of the contribution that architecture makes to society for everyone's benefit.

The Awards are organised across categories to recognise the wide-ranging contribution that Architects make across all building types, infrastructure and across all scales. Each completed project is unique, responding to a given set of challenges and opportunities.

with both staff and library patrons praising the vital, welcoming space which has fast become a busy community hub for the area. A beautiful garden at the rear of the library has come into its own over the summer months, with outdoor events taking place on days the weather allows.

The library is well served by public transport and has ample parking at the front of the building. With state-of-the-art technology, accessible facilities and a welcoming, vibrant atmosphere, the award-winning library is well placed to serve the Castletymon community in the years ahead.

The Royal Institute of Architects Awards are given annually and acknowledge achievements in architecture and celebrate the quality of

work carried out by RIAI members and the contribution registered architects make to the built environment.



Castletymon Library

# Celebrating Pride



**Councillor Peter Kavanagh, then-Mayor of South Dublin County, raised the Pride flag at County Hall to mark Dublin Pride 2022.**

**D**uring Dublin Pride 2022, South Dublin County Council civic buildings flew the inclusive Pride flag which is the original six stripe design with the addition of colours to represent Trans, Bi, Poly, Ace, Progress, Pan, and Intersex communities.

The Council flew this inclusive Pride flag as a symbol of the Council's commitment to the equality and inclusion

of all the people of our wonderfully diverse and vibrant County. We do this to show our support, and respect, to LGBTQ+ members of our staff, County, and wider society

**S**outh Dublin County Council has demonstrated a strong and on-going commitment to LGBTQ+ equality and the LGBTQ+ community through a variety of actions. In addition to flying the Pride flag:

## Dublin Pride

The Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride Festival is an annual series of events which celebrates lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer life in Dublin, Ireland. It is the largest LGBTQ+ pride festival on the island of Ireland. The festival culminates in a pride parade which is held annually on the last Saturday in June.

“Courage” was the theme of this year’s festival with a commitment given to call out and prevent acts of discrimination and violence towards the LGBTQ+ community, and to stand with those affected by the events in Sligo in April this year., and members of the LGBTQ+ community in Ukraine.

- The Transgender Pride flag is flown on 31 March for International Transgender Day of Visibility.
- Council policies, plans and staff forms are equality proofed on an ongoing basis.
- The South Dublin County Council LGBTQ+ Staff Network was founded in October 2017 and anyone who identifies on the LGBTQ+ spectrum who is directly employed by the Council, or who is a retired or former employee is welcome to join. Membership is free of charge.

The new Mayor of South Dublin County, Councillor Emma Murphy, was also a guest of honour at the Pride Parade in Dublin City Centre on Saturday 25 June as she marched with

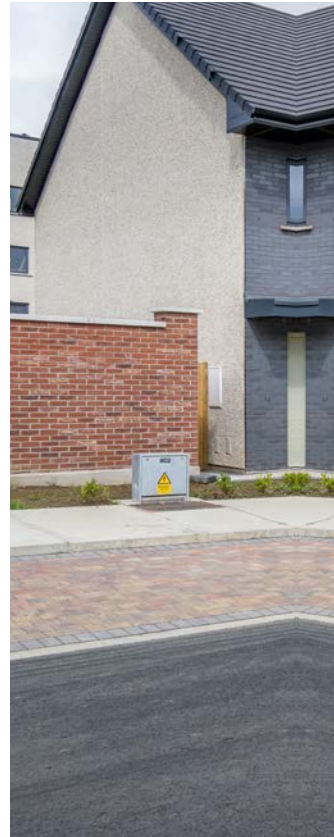
An Taoiseach, Micheál Martin TD, and the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Councillor Alison Gilliland. The Pride Parade was the first to take place physically since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. The parade included over 13,000 people from 215 organisations and approximately 50,000 joined the march.



Raising the Pride flag



New housing at Kilcarbery Grange



This month will see the occupancy of the first homes at Kilcarbery Grange, Dublin 22.

This month sees the first households getting keys to their new homes in the South Dublin County Council-led development at Kilcarbery Grange in Dublin 22. This follows the commencement of construction in April 2021 by Adwood Ltd., a consortium of local builders, who partnered with the Council on the joint venture. The overall development will consist of 1,034 homes overlooking Corkagh Park, close to Clondalkin village and will include a new civic square, community building and crèche facilities. So far, 301 of the homes are either under construction or complete and Adwood is also providing ongoing local social employment opportunities.

#### Social Homes

An initial 16 social homes have been allocated by the Council with at least 57 more social homes to be completed this year. A total of 310 social homes, funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, are to be delivered over four phases of the development up to 2025 comprising 41 one-bedroom apartments, 45 two-bedroom apartments, 93 three-bedroom houses, 11 three-bedroom duplexes and 20 four-bedroom houses.

#### Affordable Purchase

In addition, under the development agreement, 50 discounted homes will be made available for affordable purchasers with 16 three-bedroom duplex homes initially offered for sale earlier this year under a pilot affordable

## A Focus on Kilcarbery

purchase scheme agreed with the developer, supported by the DHLGH Affordable Housing Fund. Selected applicants are progressing towards completing purchases of the first affordable homes in South Dublin County in over a decade, at prices between €245k and €285k based on household incomes and mortgage capacity. Further affordable purchase opportunities in the Kilcarbery development are expected later this year.

#### Cost Rental

Kilcarbery also features 74 cost rental apartments, managed by Túath Housing, that are currently being occupied by the first cost rental tenants in South Dublin County. This tenure is supported through the DHLGH Cost Rental Equity Loan, a scheme providing significant discounts on market rents for one and two-bedroom apartments.



New homes are being delivered

# us on y Grange



Kilcarbery Grange development

## Site Masterplan

The terms for the residential development were originally approved by the Council in September 2018 under a section 183 land disposal to Adwood. This followed the Council's site masterplan and a competitive dialogue procurement process, with planning permission subsequently granted by An Bord Pleanála in December 2019.

The site is beside the recent Council-supported PPP development of 109 social homes at Corkagh Grange. Along with the 434 social, affordable purchase and cost rental homes outlined above, 600 further homes will be delivered by Adwood for private sale with initial sales currently being completed.

Site infrastructure works were funded through the national Land Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) and significant crèche and community facilities to be provided in later phases of the development. Mature trees and hedgerows are retained as ecological corridors and green spines to complement the 16% green space of the total 70 acres while discreet bin stores are provided to manage the streetscape. An adjacent site is currently marketed by the Council for potential retail development while the feasibility of additional residential development on Council-owned lands to the north is also being explored.

# Images of the Month



Trashcatcher's Parade for Cruinniú na nÓg



Pride Parade

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Performance at Rua Red



Palmerstown mini-woodland

# Images of the Month



Gum Litter Task Force



Freedom of the County

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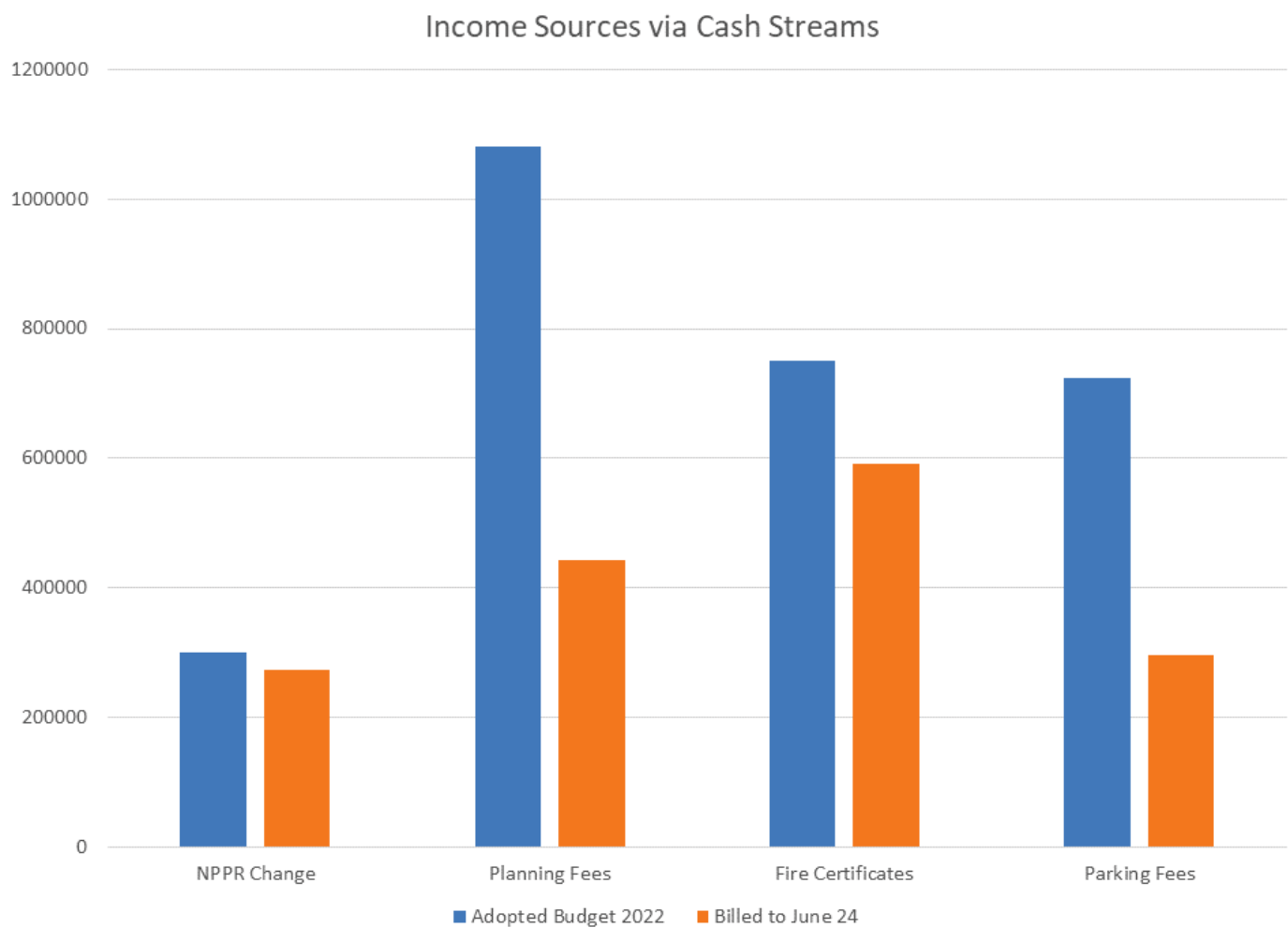


Tymon Park outdoor market



Jim Lawlor Bridge

# Finance Report



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