



September 2022

Chief Executive's Report

Rathcoole Park

About the Chief Executive's Report

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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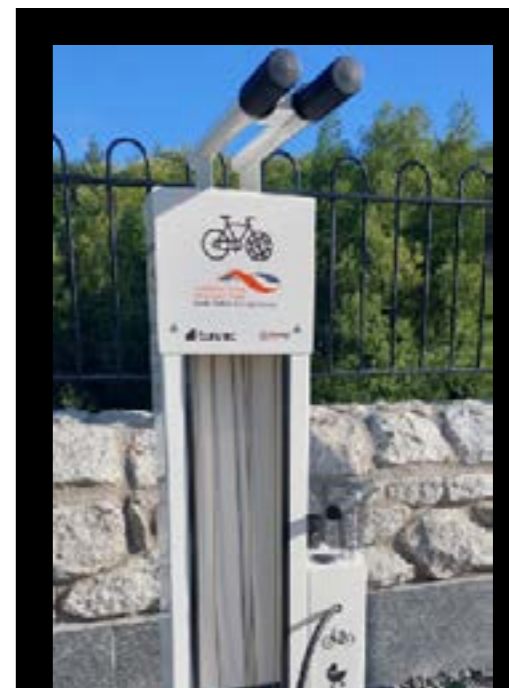
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Land Use, Planning and Transportation



County Development Plan

The Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR) assesses statutory plans to ensure consistency with legislative and policy requirements relating to planning. During the development plan process, the OPR made recommendations related to the zoning of land at Greenogue and the change of categorisation of data centres from 'open for consideration' in the draft plan to 'not permitted' at material amendment stage. As these recommendations from the OPR were not included in the adopted County Development Plan, a draft Ministerial Direction has now been issued by the Minister to the Council. Public consultation on this draft direction took place between 10th and 23rd Aug and 27 submissions were received. The Chief Executive will now prepare a report summarising the views outlined in the submissions and the best manner in which to give effect to the draft direction. The Report will be furnished to the elected members, the OPR and the Minister by the 19th Sept. The OPR will review the report and submissions and make a recommendation to the Minister.



Bicycle Maintenance Stations

Bicycle maintenance stations have been installed to complement our active travel facilities at the following locations

- Dodder Greenway at the City Weir in Firhouse
- Clondalkin at the Grand Canal Ninth Lock
- Clondalkin at the SDCC offices

These stations can also be used for wheelchairs, prams, buggies and scooters.

Trial of 70% Reclaimed Asphalt Products

The Council, working with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, are currently carrying out a range of maintenance and improvements works along the N81 including resurfacing sections of the road.

As part of this we are undertaking a trial along 400 metres to the west of Jobstown, whereby 70% of the new road surface will be Reclaimed Asphalt Products (RAP) in the road sub layers. RAP is effectively the re-use of planed out road chippings.

The use of RAP decreases the volume of new materials and subsequently results in significantly

less carbon being produced by the works. Inclusion of RAP also reduces the volume of waste material being sent to landfill.

The current industry standard uses approximately 10% RAP so increasing this to 70% will be a major step forward in green engineering.

There will be extensive surveying and testing of this material during and post construction to ensure that the product is providing sufficient structural integrity and that the pavement performance is not compromised. If successful, the Transport Infrastructure Ireland will revise their standards to allow larger quantities of RAP to be used.



Trial begins in Jobstown

Increasing Reclaimed Asphalt Products from 10% to 70%

Avonbeg Road Active Travel Scheme

The Avonbeg Road Cycle Scheme provides walking and cycling connections to St Dominic's National School, the Dodder Greenway, and proposed Old Bawn Road and Sean Walsh Memorial Park. These works are to calm traffic on Avonbeg Road through the introduction of raised junctions and priority pedestrian crossings, as well as a new shared path with placemaking and public realm improvements that will provide a safe travel environment for all users. Construction began in January 2022 and has reached substantial completion. The project will be officially opened in Autumn.



Making connections by providing walking and cycling public realm improvements.



Housing, Social and Community Development

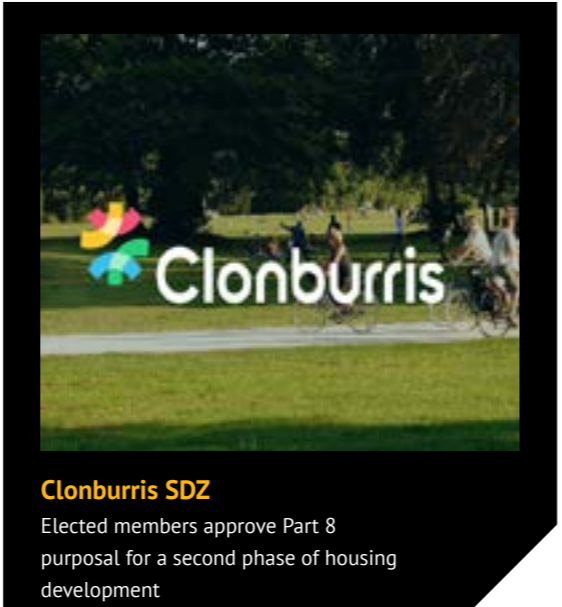
Mixed-Tenure Development of 266 New Homes Approved for Kishogue in Clonburris Strategic Development Zone.

At the most recent Council meeting in July, the Elected Members of the Council approved a Part 8 proposal for a second phase of housing development within the Clonburris SDZ. The approval for the 266 new homes on Council-owned lands within the Kishogue area of the SDZ, follows approval the previous month for 116 homes in the Canal Extension area of the SDZ.

The plans follow extensive engagement with existing residents in the area, which will continue, and propose 93 social homes, 90

affordable purchase homes and 83 cost rental homes delivered across a range of two to five-storey buildings including apartments, duplexes, terraced and semi-detached houses along with appropriate car and bike parking. It will also include high-quality amenity spaces including a linear park and community green as well as community facilities to be accessed by a new junction layout at Lynch's Lane.

It is anticipated that a contractor will be appointed for this development in the first half of 2023 with the first homes to be delivered in 2024, with social, affordable purchase and cost rental housing provision in Clonburris SDZ central to the Council's Housing Delivery Action Plan 2022-2026.



Clonburris SDZ
Elected members approve Part 8 proposal for a second phase of housing development

Balgaddy Better Block

An innovative, community-led collaboration, sponsored by Microsoft, and supported by the Council, resulted in a transformative, placemaking event in Balgaddy in July. The Council's community development and estate management teams worked with the Better Block Foundation, a Texas-based non-profit organisation, to survey and engage residents to re-imagine their open space.

The resulting landscaping, seating, pop-up food stalls, artwork and entertainment area created an enhanced and more welcoming neighbourhood space for a two-day community event.



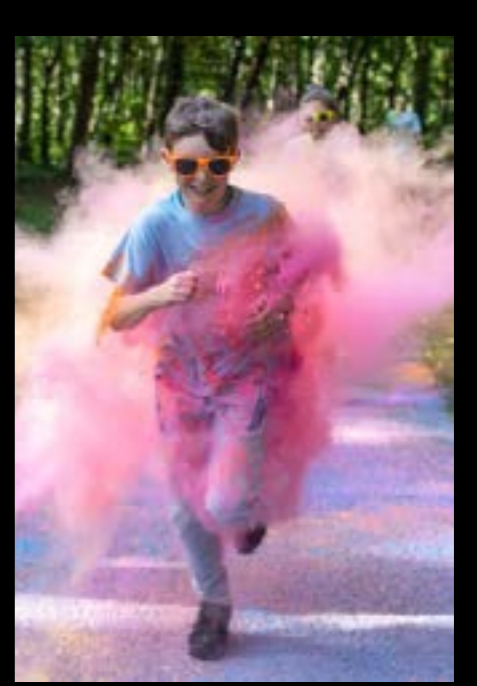
Two day community event in Balgaddy

Homelessness Action Plan

At the July Council meeting, Councillors in South Dublin, followed their colleagues in Dublin City, Fingal and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown, in approving the new Dublin Regional Homelessness Action Plan 2022-2024.

This plan, required under Section 37 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009, details the approach by the Dublin Local Authorities and our statutory and voluntary partners to address homelessness and to support households experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness.

Co-ordinated through the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE), the key objectives are the prevention of homelessness, supporting household progress to sustainable housing options within the shortest possible timeframe and responding to long-term homelessness and rough sleeping. For further details please see the DRHE website: <https://www.homelessdublin.ie/>.



Active Cities Colour Dash

Over 1,000 people are expected for the Colour Dash in Corkagh Park on 17/09/22. Hosted by Sports Partnership as part of the Active Cities Dublin initiative. This free event will celebrate community & togetherness, with particular emphasis on the inclusion of people with a disability, refugees and other disadvantaged people. Expect music, colour and excitement at this event for all ages.

Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development



A Visit from Tampa

The Mayor of South Dublin County Council, Cllr Emma Murphy and the South Dublin Chamber welcomed the US Ambassador to Ireland; Claire Cronin, the Mayor of Tampa, Florida; Jane Castor and members of the Tampa Bay Chamber to County Hall on 2nd August. The visit strengthened ties between the "Sister Cities" of Tampa and South Dublin County, including a renewal of relations between the counties, and opportunities to develop business relationships and cultural understanding. Mayor Murphy spoke of the history and the benefits of Sister City Agreements and the cultural links between the two great counties. She said "Quality relationships and collaborations play such a key role in the growth and development of our businesses and wider economic development. Every opportunity to grow and expand our businesses, our educational institutions, our knowledge share and talent has to be welcomed". The afternoon included speeches from the two Mayors, the US Ambassador, the South Dublin and Tampa Bay Chambers respectively, as well as presentations from council staff.



European Match Action

While the off-pitch construction of the new North Stand continues, the on-pitch action has recently taken on a European context with both Champions League and Europa League Qualifiers taking place at the venue. Over 26,000 spectators were at 4 European games to date, and Tallaght Stadium looks forward to more and wishes Shamrock Rovers all the best.

IFLA World Library and Information Congress

After three years without the opportunity to meet physically, the 87th IFLA World Library and Information Congress was held in person, in Dublin from July 26th to 29th. IFLA is the global voice of libraries, representing the interests of the profession and working to improve services worldwide. We were honoured to have three staff members from South Dublin Libraries present at the conference on their community wellbeing initiatives.

Laura Hughes, Library Assistant, presented on her project "Library Under the Lid". Laura created "Libraries Under the Lid" which are beautifully presented boxes of items which help bring the library

experience to a person's home. Over 150 boxes were delivered into the hands of those most affected by the isolation of Covid-19.

Seán Rafferty, Senior Library Assistant, and Paula Murphy, Library Staff Officer, both presented on their project "Shared Reading at South Dublin Libraries", which saw them roll out a shared reading initiative for adults and older teens.



Congratulations

to Laura, Seán and Paula on their success in highlighting the ways libraries can enable community well-being.

Food Production Study

Enterprise Ireland approved the funding for a Feasibility Study Grant to the value of €45K in July for LEO. This grant which is 80% funded under the Regional Enterprise Innovation Scoping Scheme 2022 (REISS) will support a research study into the Food Production Ecosystem, with a focus on Food Production Space. This study seeks to identify the need for food production space, garnering insights from the food sector, as well as assessing the expansion of food production facilities in brownfield sites for small artisan food producers in the County. It is expected that this study will commence in the coming month.



Mayor Castor of Tampa, US Ambassador Cronin and Mayor Murphy

Corporate Performance and Change Management



Child Safeguarding

The Council has an overall corporate duty and responsibility to safeguard the children accessing the Council's services and activities. A Child Safeguarding Statement is required under the Children First Act 2015 and is available on our website.

To support this, the Council has published a comprehensive staff information booklet on how to recognise and report abuse, and a handy wallet card with the necessary contact numbers to use in an emergency situation. We have also engaged the services of a Child Welfare Consultant to lead the training of all Council staff in our statutory obligations under the Children First Act 2015.

This training will go through how to recognise and report Child protection and welfare concerns in line with our Safeguarding Children and Young People policy and staff manual.

Work with SDCC

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South Dublin County Council

New Supplier Register

The Corporate Procurement Unit has created a Register for businesses interested in quoting for works, services or providing goods for the Council.

Companies interested in being invited to quote for future competitions with South Dublin County Council can enter their details in the Register available on the Procurement page on the SDCC website.

Human Rights and Equality Framework

South Dublin County Council has developed a Human Rights and Equality Framework and an associated Action Plan. This fulfils South Dublin County Council's commitment under the Corporate Plan and the legal requirement under Section 42 of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Act 2014, otherwise referred to as the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty.

The 'Duty' sets out the responsibilities for all public bodies in Ireland to promote equality, prevent discrimination and protect the human rights of their employees, customers, service users and everyone affected by their policies and plans. The Framework presents an

assessment of human rights and equality issues to be considered in carrying out the Council's functions and services, and the Action Plan states how these issues are being or will be addressed. The Equality and Human Rights Working Group will continue to guide, support and monitor the implementation the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty.

A dedicated page on the Council website has been created to give the full explanation on the Duty and the work involved and to provide future updates on progress.

Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty Framework

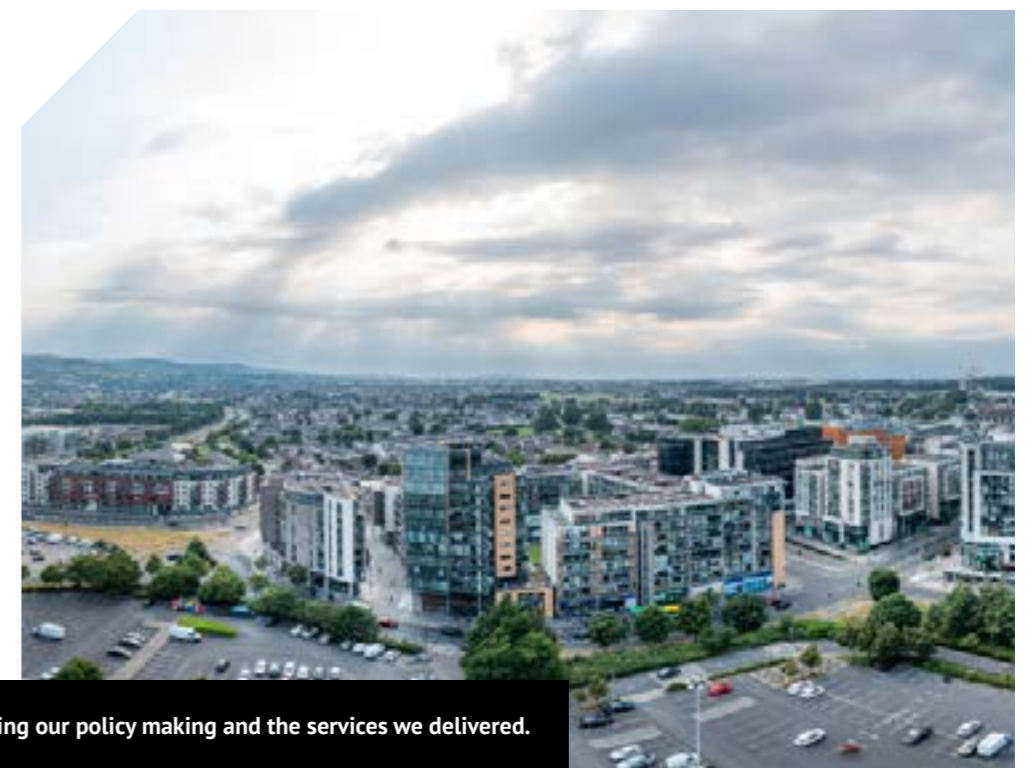
Framework Document
New Human Rights and Equality Framework Document.

Annual Report 2021

South Dublin County Council has published its Annual Report for 2021, detailing the representational and policy-making work of the Council along with its development of the county and services delivered during the year.

It reports on the achievement of the performance improvement targets and service levels set out in the 2021 Service Delivery Plan, providing transparency for the citizen but also allows the council to review their progress and inform future planning. To see the full story, check out the Annual Report 2021 on our website.

The Annual Report 2021 detailing our policy making and the services we delivered.



Environment, Water Climate Change



Community Planting Day

The Griffeen Valley Park wetland construction commenced on 4th July and was successfully completed within its 6 weeks schedule. During that construction time the project received very positive feedback from park users. The wetland was planted with a variety of native plant species that will provide additional biodiversity and habitat type in Griffeen Valley Park. Greater than 95% of the material excavated was redistributed in the park adjacent to the wetland, thus maximising its environmental credentials. A community wetland planting morning was hosted on 5th August where residents, local school kids and members of Lucan Tidy Towns attended the planting event. A great morning was had by all. This wetland is a partner action of the door-to-door stormwater quality assessment at houses currently underway in the Griffeen Catchment, which has to-date assessed over 2,500 houses. The reception at the doorstep has been overwhelmingly positive and over 95% of the misconnections identified repaired in the time allotted.



Dublin's Biggest ever clean-up

Dublin's 4 Local Authorities, Clean Coasts, National Spring Clean, Local Authority Waters Programme, Dublin City Canals, Dodder Action, residents, volunteers, and community groups county-wide are coming together for Dublin's largest ever clean-up event this September. The county-wide call to action will take place from the 10th to 18th of Sept Check www.dublincommunitycleanup.ie.

Dublin Climate Action Week 2022 #DCAW22

The Annual Dublin Climate Action Week is taking place from 12th to 17th Sept.

SDCC is delivering this initiative with the other Dublin Local Authorities, Codema - Dublin's Energy Agency, and the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office. During the week, a broad range of events will demonstrate our local authorities' efforts, ambitions, and the collaborative approach we have taken in addressing climate change. There is something for everyone at Dublin Climate Action Week. Events include:

- Climate Festival at Tymon Park
Date: Saturday 17th September
Time: 11am – 4pm

- Biodiversity Walk in Tymon Park
Date: Tuesday 13th September
Time: 5.30pm

- Biodiversity Walk in Waterstown Park
Date: Thursday 13th September
Time: 5.30pm

- Youth Climate Conference
Date: Wednesday 14th September in North Clondalkin Library & Thursday 15th September in Ballyroan Library
Time: 10.30 to 12.30 and 1.30 to 3.30

For more information on Dublin Climate Action Week or to view the full programme of events and to register for events please visit www.dublinclimateactionweek.ie. Follow us online or contact climatechange@sdblincoco.ie for more



Courts Upgrade

The upgrade of the tennis and basketball courts at Dodder Valley Park has recently been completed. The courts were originally constructed in the 1980s and following requests from local elected members and local park users funding was allocated to the upgrade works in the Council's Public Realm Improvement Works Programme for 2022. In parallel to this an application was made for sports capital funding which was granted and has approximately doubled the fund available for the works resulting in all courts being upgraded. It is hoped that additional funding will be allocated in due course.



Tennis and Basketball Courts in Dooder Valley Park

Lithuanian Library Visit



A visit to North Clondalkin Library from Lithuanian Library for the Blind and the National Council for the Blind of Ireland

Rebecca Curtis from the National Council for the Blind of Ireland (NCBI) and Dalia Balcyte and Inga Davidoniene from Lithuanian Library for the Blind visited North Clondalkin Library on July 27th for a tour of our beautiful library.

Dalia and Inga were in Ireland to present at and attend the World Library and Information Congress which was held in Dublin. They discussed

ways public and specialist libraries can work together to provide access to everyone in the community.

North Clondalkin Library has established a strong working relationship with NCBI. This relationship arose when staff contacted NCBI to acquire braille books for some of their junior borrowers who are visually impaired.

Toys, Technology and Training project

The TTT collection is designed to offer support to children and adults with learning difficulties, disabilities or more significant needs. Based in the County Library, Tallaght, this specialised collection of toys, software and assistive technology can be accessed free of charge in branches throughout the county.

This collection was chosen by the staff of South Dublin Libraries in partnership with occupational therapists working in the community.

The project also includes the Training element of TTT which is our annual series of free lectures and workshops.

The commercial braille books in our collection were too advanced for children. North Clondalkin Library and NCBI worked together to provide a solution.

Libraries are funding the braille paper and providing the books, while a member from NCBI provides the braille transcription. The books themselves are personally selected by our junior members and their Special Needs Assistances.

Staff were delighted to meet the representatives from Lithuanian Library for the Blind and they were suitably impressed after being given a tour of the library.

The range of services in South Dublin Libraries is ever expanding with a

wealth of resources for all abilities and tastes including sensory areas, library hubs, music gigs, Irish language events, STEAM and projects like Work Matters, Right to Read, Toys Technology and Training and Healthy Ireland.

Contact your local library to find out more

- County Library, Tallaght
- Ballyroan Library, Rathfarnham
- Castletymon Library, Tallaght
- Clondalkin Library
- Lucan Library
- North Clondalkin Library
- Stewarts
- Palmerstown Library Digital Hub
- Mobile Libraries



Children enjoy a library event

The 16th of October is Dublin SportAbility Day



The four Local Sports Partnerships based in Dublin are coming together to create Dublin's first ever city and county wide SportAbility Day targeting all abilities, all ages and all sports.

Under the Active Cities banner the four Local Sports Partnerships based in Dublin, South Dublin County Sports Partnership, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Sports Partnership, Fingal Sports Partnership and Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership, are coming together to create Dublin's first ever Dublin SportAbility Day targeting all abilities, all ages and all sports and physical activity.

The aim of Dublin SportAbility Day is to put a focus on the inclusion of people with disabilities in sport and physical activity in Dublin and nationwide. This event will promote disability sport organisations, National Governing Bodies and local clubs and organisations that are offering inclusive opportunities and adapted sports.

Book Your Place

When: 16th Oct 2022 11am to 3pm

Where: Sport Ireland Campus

Dublin SportAbility Day is suitable for all people with disabilities.

This **free event** will include demonstrations, information stands and training workshops for coaches and volunteers.

Come along and find your sport!

Dublin SportAbility Day will take place on the 16th of October 2022 in Sport Ireland's National Indoor Arena, Blanchardstown, Dublin from 11am-3pm. It will be a highly interactive day including practical "Come and Try" sessions delivered by National Governing Bodies of Sport, educational workshops, demonstrations, and information stands from Dublin based clubs and organisations that are already offering inclusive opportunities.

Dublin SportAbility Day is suitable for people with a disability, parents, teachers, sports coaches, youth club leaders, students, volunteers, and anyone with an interest in sport for people of all abilities.

Some of the National Governing Bodies attending and providing Come

and Try sessions include Vision Sport Ireland, Special Olympics, IWA-Sport, Tennis Ireland, Swim Ireland, Golf Ireland, Basketball Ireland, Rowing Ireland, Orienteering, Badminton Ireland, GAA, Powerchair Football, Cricket Ireland, Hockey Ireland, Triathlon Ireland and many more.

All ages and abilities welcome!

Register for tickets at:
<https://SportAbilityDay2022.eventbrite.ie>

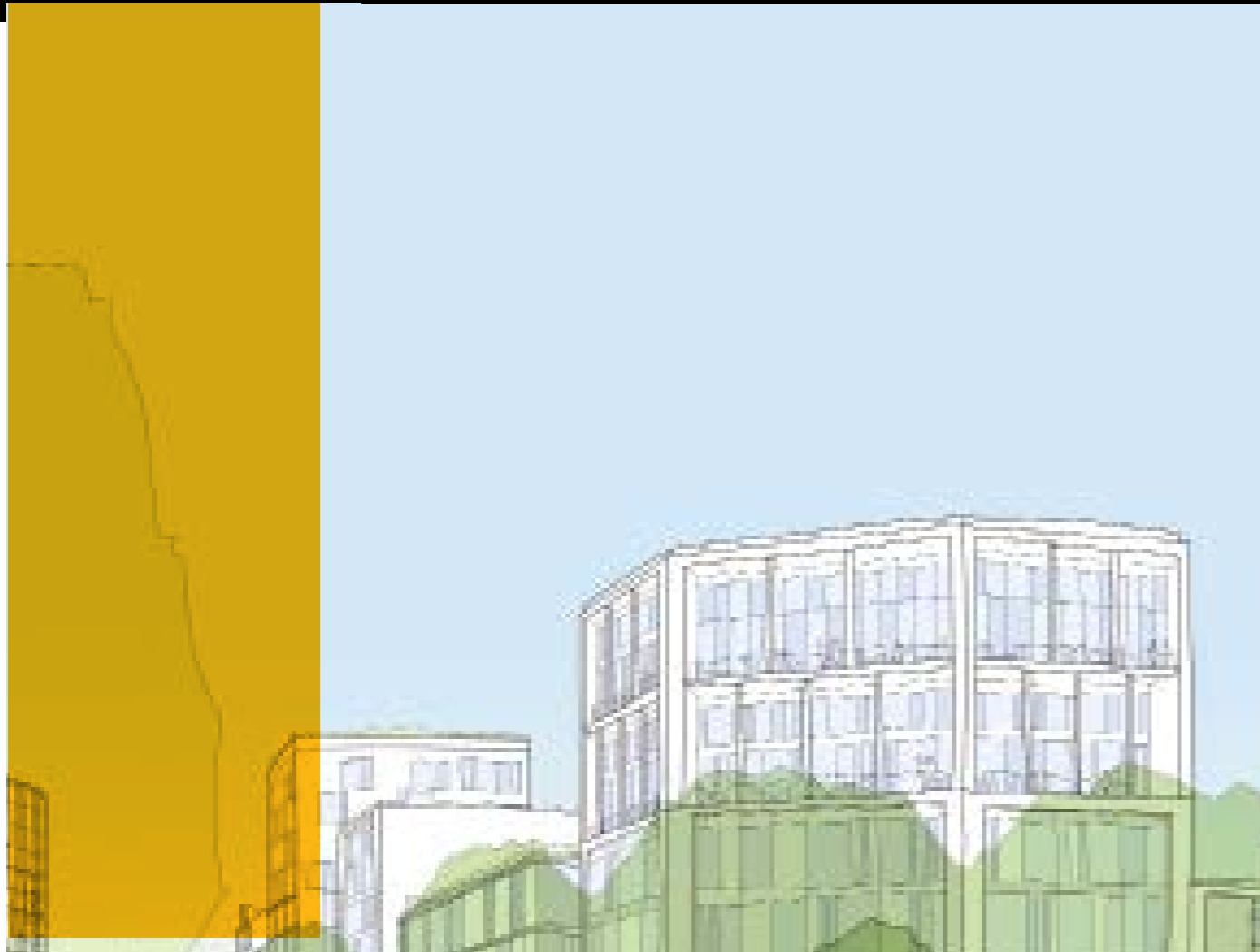
For further information please contact:

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Inclusive football for all

Next Steps for City Edge



Unique in Ireland, the City Edge Project is a transformative initiative that reimagines the Naas Road, Ballymount and Park West areas in Dublin.

The City Edge Project is a joint initiative between South Dublin County Council (SDCC) and Dublin City Council (DCC) to create a new liveable, sustainable and climate resilient urban quarter at the western edge of Dublin City.

The project area covers 700 hectares within the Naas Road, Ballymount and Park West areas and has the potential for 40,000 new homes and 75,000

jobs that would contribute €13bn a year to the economy, making it one of the largest regeneration opportunities in Europe.

Following a detailed analysis of the area public consultation took place between September and October of 2021. The consultation included a two-day International Conference that provided a unique opportunity to discuss and learn about best practice

Strategic Framework Summary Booklet

To compliment the City Edge website, Strategic Framework Document, and supporting studies, A City Edge Strategic Framework Booklet has been produced.

This easy to read and comprehensive booklet lays out the project overview and vision, the strategic objectives, timelines and next steps.

While also providing a closer look at housing, employment, public transport, green and blue network, public transport, Community, and Culture and the arts.

There are five specific districts within City Edge and the Summary Booklet sets out expected outcomes for each.

approaches to designing and delivering large scale regeneration projects.

The City Edge team also held two online presentations with questions and answer sessions. These provided the public with the opportunity to get a further understanding and detail of the City Edge Project from the project team and pose some questions about the project including on the emerging objectives, vision and concept scenario.

The City Edge Strategic Framework has now been formulated and comprises a non-statutory plan that sets out a long-term, high-level vision and strategy for the regeneration of the area over a 50-year timescale.

Having been noted by the Elected

Members of South Dublin County Council and Dublin City Council, the Strategic Framework is now available to view.

More information can be found on the City Edge website including the full City Edge Strategic Framework document, the Strategic Framework Summary Booklet, supporting studies and details on next steps.

Project Phases

Public Consultations

Information Hub



City Edge website



Encourage wildlife



Aerial Image of St Cuthbert's Park

Comments from consultation and some suggestions include:

"The proposed upgrade to St. Cuthberts Park is very welcome news for the community."

"We need to make our local park a safe family friendly space that we can all enjoy. Unfortunately, this is not the case now. Whilst the issue of scramblers has generally reduced, the park is full of bags of household rubbish and broken glass. There are fire-damaged footpaths and broken/burnt benches."

"It is great that Clondalkin Celtic have made a permanent home in the park however the state of the park/road does not portray the local community in a positive light when they have visiting teams."

"The community needs to reclaim the park. The more people will use it, the more people will enjoy and look after it."

"Activities such as outdoor cinema, Halloween spooky walk, Junior Park Run etc. will bring the community together in a fun healthy way."

Schools in the community will use the park more and kids will have a safe place to play/hang around."

The involvement of local groups is central to the success of this project. SDCC would like to thank everyone who has assisted with the informal consultation process. A report is being finalised which will inform the design proposals for the park. Further consultation will be carried out at the Part 8 stage planning stage, which will commence in the coming weeks. Enthusiasm around the park development is high and local residents and the Council are eager to make the project a success.

St Cuthbert's Park serves Deansrath, Kilmahudrick and Bawnogue neighbourhoods. The Council has allocated €500,000 to upgrade the park.

The vision for St Cuthbert's Park is to create a safe, clean environment free from anti-social behaviour for people of all ages to meet, exercise and enjoy nature and that the park would be a source of pride for the local community.

Nicholas DeLong Associates were appointed to develop and implement the design plan for St. Cuthbert's Park. Consultation commenced with meetings with the Councillors for Clondalkin and the High-Level Task Force for the park. Results from a 2021 survey were incorporated into the process. Consultation meetings and interviews were carried out. A community survey was carried out and well responded to with 158 responses received by the closing date of 4th of August

2022. Contact was made with all residents' groups, sports clubs (including Clondalkin Celtic), schools, Friends of St. Cuthberts Park and others. A Community Safety Forum meeting was held on the 25th of July 2022, (with participation from Clondalkin Youth Service). Bawnogue Youth and Community Centre hosted a meeting of groups and, with Deansrath Family Centre and St. Ronan's Community Centre, have been involved in consultation.

A survey was established for businesses in ACE Enterprise Park. Local councillors have played a significant role in mobilising community input, as has North Clondalkin Community Development Project.

A Focus on St Cuthbert's Park Design Plan: Informal Consultation



Playspace



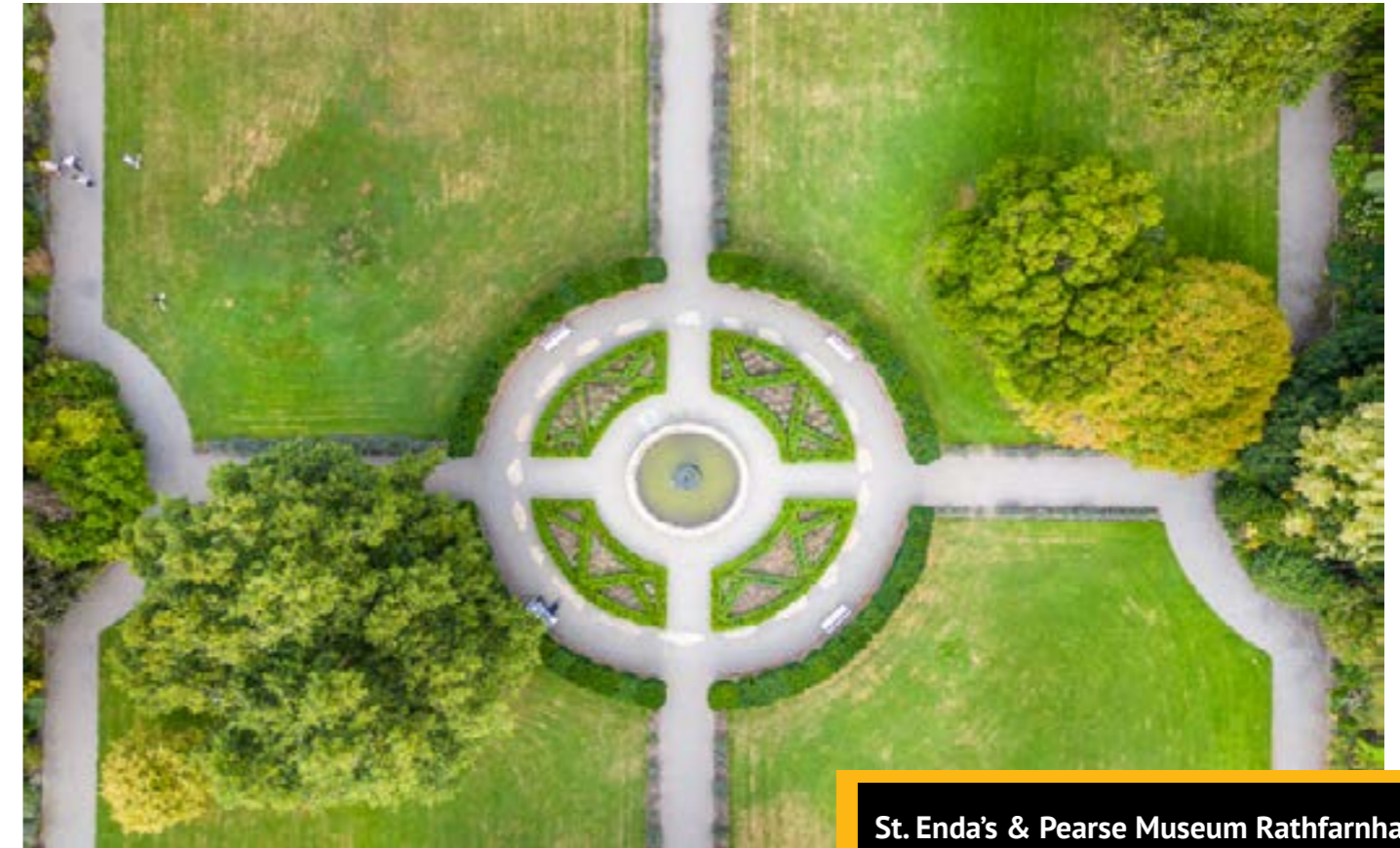
Exercise Equipment

Images of the Month



SDCC Active Travel Website Launch

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St. Enda's & Pearse Museum Rathfarnham



Ballycragh Parkour Graffiti Art



"Bag It, Bin It" Dog Litter Campaign Launch

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Keys Handover Kilcarbery Grange

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Park Yoga Corkagh Park



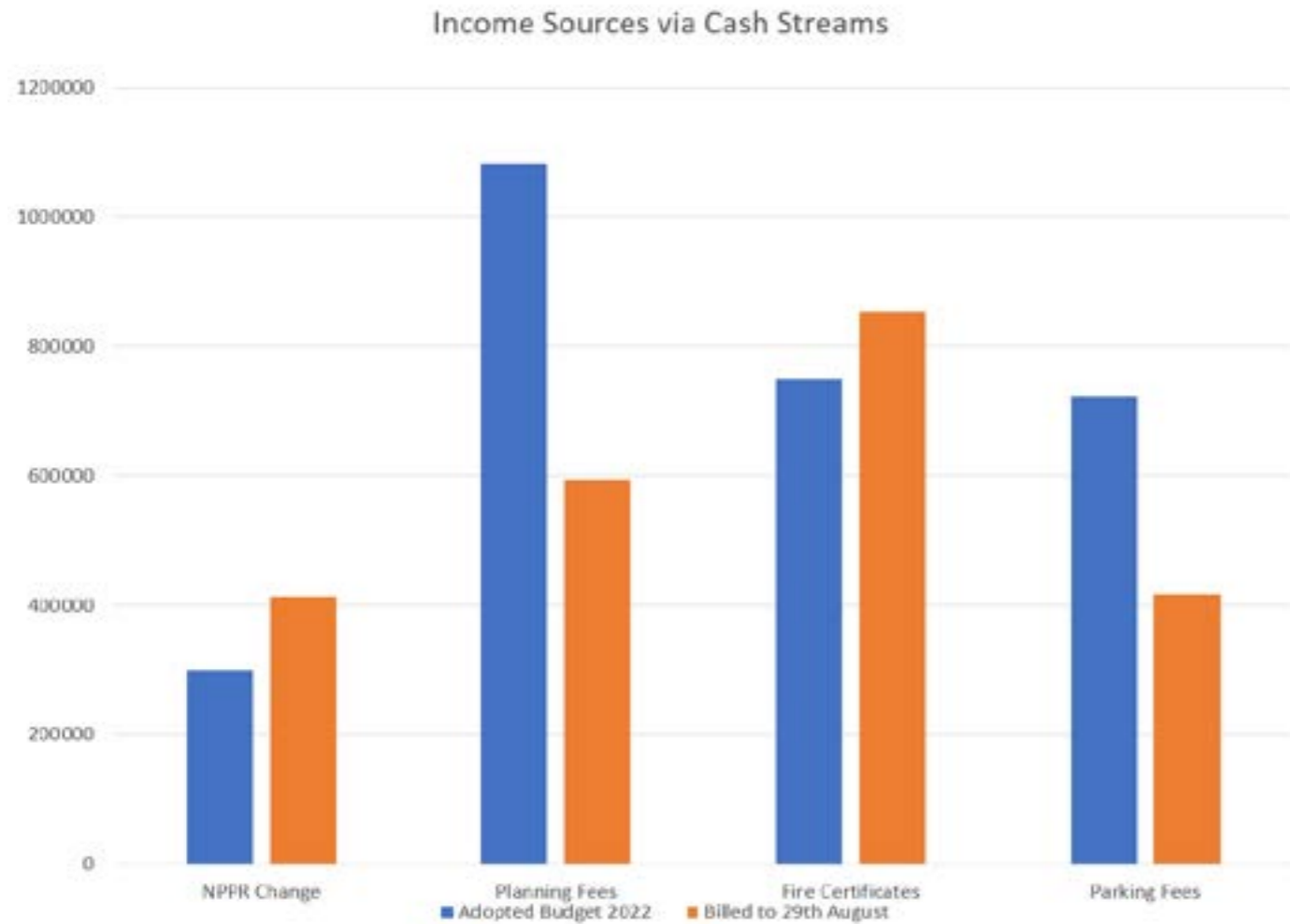
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Dodder Valley Park Wetlands

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