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Chief Executive's Report

Clondalkin Village

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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South Dublin's County **Development Plan**

ork on reviewing the Council's County Development Plan (2022 -2028) has commenced.

The County Development Plan will set out a vision and an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the County for a six-year period. It will also set out guiding policies and objectives for the development of the County in terms of physical growth and renewal, economic, social and cultural activity, and environmental protection and enhancement. The County Development Plan must take account of various national and regional strategies and guidelines.

There is a large amount of work involved in the preparation of the plan, and the whole programme will take nearly two and a half years to complete. The first big milestone is to brief the Land Use Planning and Transport Strategic Policy Committee in May 2020 and to then commence our first round of public consultation on the Issues Papers in June 2020. The issues papers will cover a broad range of issues including housing, environment and climate, employment, and transport.

The County Development Plan is a hugely important plan for the County and will help to guide where and how development will take place from 2022 to 2028. The new plan will ultimately be decided on by the full Council.



County Development Plan Work on reviewing the County Development 2016 -22 has commenced.

Built Heritage Scheme

The Council has been allocated €60,000 by Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht through the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS).

The purpose of this programme is to provide financial support to help protect, enhance or restore buildings in Architectural Conservation Areas or for Protected Structures. In addition, the fund also seeks to increase employment in traditional building methods and in 2019 this programme generated over 100 days of work.

The fund was open to residents, business, groups or organisations to apply to. The application deadline was the 31 January 2020. SDCC has now reviewed the submitted applications and has identified six projects that should receive funding. These recommendations have now been made to the Department and decisions are due in April.

Biodiversity Action Plan

Council staff are currently compiling a new biodiversity action plan for South Dublin.

The purpose of the plan is to be a central focus for the coordinated protection and management of the County's biodiversity resource and for the plan to become a one-stop-shop for biodiversity. Following a briefing held in February to the Land Use Planning and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee, the intention is to hold a public consultation before Council takes a final decision on the plan in the Autumn.





N81 Road Resurfacing

The Council is progressing works to improve the road surface along the N81 and has now appointed Roadstone Ltd as the contractor to progress the next phase of the upgrade. This phase of works will commence north of Brittas in the townland of Glenaraneen and will extend northward to the townland of Gibbons. Works will start on site in early April.



LCDC Presents Annual Report to Council

he South Dublin Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) has presented to the March meeting of the Council by committee Chairperson Prof. Mary Corcoran.

This report highlights the ongoing work of the LCDC during the year along with details of the committee membership and the range of funding administered by the Committee during the year. The LCDC is responsible for overseeing and bringing a more joined-up and efficient approach to local and community development funding programmes. It promotes better community engagement in such programmes as well as enhancing the links between services delivery

and policy development.

A key function of the LCDC is to progress the community elements of South Dublin 6-year Local Economic and Community Plan(LECP) which promotes local and community development in the County.

The LCDC is responsible for oversight of the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP). SICAP, with an annual budget of some €2.1 million, provides funding to tackle poverty and social exclusion in the County and an end-of-year review showed that 101 community groups and 1,483 individuals were assisted in 2019, both in excess of prescribed targets. The LCDC also oversees the Dublin Rural LEADER programme that awards LEADER funding to projects.



LCDC Annual Report Social inclusion is one of the areas the LCDC helps develop.

Saggart Community Centre

South Dublin County Council purchased the old St Mary's National School Building from the Saggart Parish in August 2019 to provide a multi-purpose community centre for the residents of Saggart Village and surrounding areas. Since then a voluntary board of management, supported by the Council's Community Development team, has been established and proposals for the refurbishment and extension of the facility have been developed.

The Council have made provision in our Three-Year Capital programme 2020-2022 to fund works to the new facility and additional funding applications have been made through the LEADER programme and to the Historic Structures Fund from the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

Plans are currently available on the Council's Consultation Portal. Subject to planning and funding approvals, it is anticipated that the construction works on this project will start in Autumn 2020.

Inaugural Housing Forum

South Dublin County Council, Fingal and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, have come together with Approved Housing Bodies at the inaugural meeting of a Regional Forum to discuss continued partnership opportunities and enhance the delivery of housing.

The purpose of theforum is to bring together sector leaders in the development of social housing, to share learning; to review and monitor targets and delivery streams; to ensure that the process for opportunities for shared projects is transparent and to examine how issues impacting delivery can be addressed.





Sustaining Tenancies

The Council's Housing Welfare Team's tenancy sustainment and support services continue to seek to tackle and minimise the risks for those tenants struggling to maintain their tenancies. The Housing Welfare Team specialises in providing such tenants with the supports and interventions needed to manage their home more successfully. The team received approximately 130 referrals in 2019



Local Enterprise Week 2020

ublin County GAA's most successful Gaelic Football managers in terms of major title victories, Jim Gavin, kicked off the events of the South Dublin Local Enterprise Week 2020. This opening event of Local Enterprise Week 2020 was being hosted in Áras Chrónáin in Clondalkin, not far from where Jim was raised in South Dublin County.

The announcement came from South Dublin Local Enterprise Office (LEO), and was part of the release of a jam-packed schedule of events between 2 and 6 March for Local Enterprise Week 2020.

The purpose of Local Enterprise Week is to highlight the range of

services and supports available to existing and potential entrepreneurs and micro and small enterprises. Our mission is to promote entrepreneurship, foster business start-ups and develop existing micro and small businesses to drive job creation and to provide accessible high-quality supports for businesses in South Dublin County.

Other highlights of LEO South Dublin's Local Enterprise Week included presentations and workshops on how to improve your online presence and increase sales, offering agile working solutions to staff, Implementing Operational Excellence in your business, and expert advice on how to get the most from LinkedIn. The full programme is available at www.localenterprise. ie/southdublin.



Local Enterprise Week 2020 An exciting programme of events took place in early March.

Cruinniú na nÓg 2020

South Dublin County Arts Office has announced an open call for all creatives and cultural commu nities to submit applications for Cruinniú na nÓg 2020 as part of the South Dublin County Creative Ireland Programme. This open call is for activities, performances, readings, workshops, interactive installations, and more to take place on Saturday 13 June 2020.

The Arts Office is looking for all types of creatives to work with children and young people from all backgrounds in exciting and innovating ways. You can download your application form on www.sdcc.ie.

Shopfront Grant Scheme

The application deadline for the Shopfront Grant Scheme is approaching on Friday 27 March 2020. The scheme is intended to improve the appearance of independently owned shops fronting public streets.

The annual Shopfront Grant Scheme provides grants for something as simple as painting to replacing an entire shopfront., replacing signage or even replacing your entire shopfront, certain terms and conditions may apply to the market. Grants are available for a maximum of 50% of overall costs. Furthermore, a prize of €1,000 is awarded for the Best Designed Shopfront under the scheme.

To apply for the scheme please complete an online application form or alternatively you can send a hard copy including all supporting documentation to the County Promotion Unit. South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 or via email econdev@sdublincoco.ie.





Tallaght Stadium

League of Ireland football returned to Tallaght Stadium for another season on Friday 21 February as Shamrock Rovers beat Cork City 6-0! This year promises to be a big year for both Rovers and Tallaght Stadium as the Council plans to extend the seating capacity of Tallaght Stadium to 10,000, with the building of the North Stand.



€300k Have Your Say

t February's Council meeting, Mayor Vicki Casserly randomly selected the Tallaght Central local electoral area to be the next setting for the Council's landmark participatory budgeting initiative, €300k Have Your Say.

€300K Have Your Say is a local democratic process, which facilitates citizens in a local community to directly decide how to spend a portion of the public budget in their area. It gives people the direct power to determine how to spend up to €300,000 to improve their community by asking them to suggest projects and then vote on which ones they would like to see funded through a public ballot.

In 2017, South Dublin County Coun-

cil became the first local authority in the state to adopt participatory budgeting through its pilot programme in the Lucan Electoral Area. This was followed up with the 2018 version in the Clondalkin Electoral Area. and the 2019 Firhouse Bohernabreena Electoral Area, \in 300k Have Your Say was also shortlisted at the Europe wide 'Innovation in Politics' award ceremony in Vienna, Austria in 2018.

€300k Have Your Say has empowered citizens to make real decisions about their money. It is a fully transparent process, with elected members sitting on the participatory budgeting steering group and interacting with the Council throughout each step of the process.



€300k Have Your Say Tallaght Central has been selected for the 2020 version of the initiative.

Strategic Policy

The programme of works for 2020 has been set for each Strategic Policy Committee. The purpose of Strategic Policy Committees (SPC) is to formulate, develop, monitor and review policies which relate to the functions of South Dublin County Council and to advise the Council accordingly. Among the items the six SPCs in South Dublin County Council will discuss are:

- Affordable Housing
- The Climate Change Action Plan progression
- The County Mobility / Sustainable Transport Plan
- County Age Friendly Strategy

The County's Age Friendly Strategy is just one of a number of items SPCs will review this

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Is cúis lúcháir do Chomhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas agus Seirbhísí Leabharlainne Átha Cliath Theas, i gcomhar le hÁras Chrónáin Seachtain na Gaeilge Átha Cliath Theas (SnaGÁCT) a sheoladh. Tá Comhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas bródúil as tacaíocht a thabhairt do Sheachtain na Gaeilge agus don togra Gaeilge Le Chéile a spreagann daoine le Gaeilge a labhairt ina saol laethúil. Trí chéim shimplí atá i gceist: Gaeilge a úsáid, Gach Lá, Gach Áit, le Gach Duine.

Tá Áth Cliath Theas ar cheann de chúig phobal ar oileán na hÉireann atá ainmnithe le haitheantas oifigiúil Líonra Gaeilge a lorg. Úsáideann líon suntasach daoine i Sráidbhaile Chluain Dolcáin an Ghaeilge gach lá agus mar gheall ar an bhfeachtas seo tá an pobal aontaithe le chéile agus feiceálacht na Gaeilge méadaithe sa sráidbhaile agus sna ceantair máguaird.

Sheol Méara Chomhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas, an Clr Vicki Casserly SnaGÁCT go hoifigiúil ar





an 14 Feabhra. Beidh an clár ar siúl ón 1ú go dtí an 17ú Márta. Tá féilire na bliana seo lán le 100 imeacht lena n-áirítear ceolchoirm speisialta le Kila, Céilí Lá Fhéile Pádraig, Pop-Up Gaeltacht, ceardlanna sna leabharlanna, seisiúin cheoil traidisiúnta agus imeachtaí siamsúla eile, a bhformhór saor in aisce.

Tá breis eolais ar fáil, agus bróisiúr a íoslódáil ag www.sdcc.ie nó imeachtaí SnagAct2020.



Sports Pitch Strategy for the County

he Sports Pitch Strategy was recently agreed by elected members of the Council to provide an analysis of the demand for playing pitches (grass and artificial) in the county. The strategy plans for future need and makes recommendations regarding pitch demand, capacity and any further requirements. The assessment focused on pitches usedfor the following sports: Soccer, GAA, Rugby Union, Hockey, Cricket, Athletics. This strategy will assist the Council to assess need and plan for the provision of pitches in the County.

The Sports Pitch Strategy, available on sdcc.ie, showed population growth predicted in all areas across the County. This would lead to an

increase in team generation and so the strategy recommends that sports facility provision grow and adapt to meet current and future demand, and likewise for the management of facilities.

Recommendations within the strategy include the implementation of the following:

- Review of the allocation policy
- Provision of new pitches
- Improvements to the quality of existing pitches by enhancing the maintenance regime and implementation of capital improvement works.
- Provision of artificial grass pitches at strategic locations across the county.

The Council will consult with all clubs in the next few months.



Sports Pitch Strategy The Council is currently analysing the demand for playing pitches.

Climate Action Workshops

In recognition of the tireless effort and time invested by our Tidy Towns and community groups, we are delighted to offer a series of climate action workshops on Climate Action hosted by Gavin Harte. The workshops present an opportunity for interested individuals or groups to develop skills, to interact and share knowledge. Two well-attended workshops have already been held in the Brookfield Youth and Community Centre and Rathcoole Community Centre.

The remaining workshops are set to run on the following dates:

- Tuesday 10 March at 6.30 pm at County Hall, Tallaght
- Thursday 12 March at 6.30 pm at Bawnogue Youth and Community Centre
- Thursday 26 March at 9.30 am at Mark's House, Cookstown Lane, Tallaght

We invite all of our colleagues and friends to avail of the opportunity to participate in any of these workshops.

World Water Day 2020

Sunday, March 22nd sees the celebration of World Water Day. This annual event highlights the importance of protecting this wonderful resource that we share with all life on the planet. The theme of the 2020 World Water Day is Water and Climate Change and how the two are inextricably linked. Adapting to the water effects of climate change will protect health and save lives. Using water more efficiently will reduce greenhouse gases.

The Council will host an information and promotional event at County Hall on March 20th to promote World Water Day

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WORLD WATER DAY



Climate Change

Did you know that the Council has a dedicatedc section on www.sdcc.ie for Climate Change? You can read about or down;load the Climate Change Action Plan and find useful links related to biodiversity and being winter ready, as well as links to our partner sites like refill.ie, codema.ie, caro. ie and dccae.gov.ie.



HERITAGE TRAIL APP LAUNCHED



South Dublin County Council's innovative heritage trail app was recently launched in Clondalkin.

he South Dublin County Heritage Trail App was launched by the Mayor of South Dublin County Council, Cllr Vicki Casserly at an event in the Round Tower Visitor Centre – Brú Chrónáin, Clondalkin on Tuesday 18 February.

The app is fully interactive, user-friendly and highlights the history and heritage of Clondalkin village whilst drawing attention to the Round

Tower Visitor Centre as a focal point of the trail. The mobile tourism app can greatly expand on the capabilities of a phone, using GPS to guide the user and camera and audio features to make the experience much more immersive, engaging and real through bringing historical sites to life.

The idea for the heritage app came out of the €300k Have Your Say Participatory Budgeting consultative

Dublin's Outdoors

The new heritage trail app is just one more reason for people to check out Dublin's Outdoors.

Unlock the treasures, places and stories of Dublin's Outdoors and experience Dublin's attractions. Don't be content to explore Dublin's Outdoors at surface level there's so much more waiting to be discovered. We would love to share Dublin's Outdoors with you.

Make Dublin's Outdoors your destination by escaping to nature on the city's edge with Dublin's Outdoors guide to great things to see, eat and do on www.dublinsoutdoors.ie



Mayor Vicki Casserly said

"The result of a number of months of work, this innovative heritage app is the first of its kind in the local authority sector in Ireland. It has multilingual capabilities, is available on different mobile app platforms and uses maps to direct users to nearby places of interest."

The app includes 16 individual heritage points of interest in and around Clondalkin village using images, text and audio for each point and is available in Irish, English, French and



Area, where members of the public were asked to suggest funding ideas

German. It is wi-fi activated and uses Android or Apple maps to direct users to nearby places of interest. Each site will have its own uniquely identifiable sign that will display a QR code to allow anyone to download the app.

The app is free to download to mobile phones and tablets from now by searching South Dublin County Heritage or Clondalkin Heritage Trail.

TRY 1 CHALLENGE



South Dublin County Council and the South Dublin County Sports Partnership are running Inspired @ South Dublin 'Try 1 Challenge' to encourage all to live a healthy lifestyle.

he Try 1 Challenge is part of the Healthy South Dublin Strategy that was launched by Minister Katherine Zappone in 2019. The Healthy South Dublin Strategy, which was developed with input from a wide variety of local people and organisations under the auspices of the Local Community Development Committee and the Children's Services Committee, looks to identify local actions that will improve the health

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and wellbeing of people living and working in South Dublin County.

Try 1 is a challenge to inspire anyone over the age of 18 to become more active. There are five different challenges to choose from spanning a ten-week period. The different challenges are located across the county and have various time durations.

This is the challenge you've been

SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

The South Dublin County Sports Partnership (SDCSP) is one of a national network of Local Sports Partnerships funded by Sport Ireland. Its mission is to increase participation in sport and healthy physical activity across the population of South Dublin Co. and to ensure that local resources and facilities are used to best effect.

SDCSP has a dedicated Community Sports Development Officer and a Sports Inclusion Officer and has a partnership approach with public agencies, sports bodies, schools and community groups.



The five challenges are:

The Run Challenge – 'Couch to 5k' – targeted at individuals who are not runners and wish to be able to run a 5k after this programme.

The Swim Challenge - 'Be A Swimmer' - targeted at individuals who are not confident in the water - or need to improve their strokes.

The Cycling Challenge – 'Easy Spins' - targeted at individuals to get out



cycling and increase their confidence & distance gradually.

The Walk Challenge – 'Walk a marathon' – targeted at individuals who are currently not active and are ready to engage in physical activity.

The Indoor Challenge – 'Move it' - targeted at local communities to participate in their local centre for a fun, motivating exercise class.

For more information and to register visit http://inspiredsouthdublin.ie/

BREATHELIFE CAMPAIGN



The Mayor of South Dublin County Council along with the Mayors/Cathaoirligh of the other Dublin local authorities signed up to the World Health Organisation BreatheLife campaign calling on all Dubliners to be 'Climate Brave'.

ccording to the World Health Organisation (WHO), 92% of people around the world breathe air quality which falls short of the recommended guidelines. There are 7 million deaths around the world every year from air pollution.

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By signing up to the campaign, Dublin will be joining 76 Cities, Regions, and Countries around the globe in demonstrating a commitment to bring

air quality to safe levels by 2030 and collaborate on the clean air solutions that will help us get there faster. Speakers at the event included Dr Maria Neira from the World Health Organisation, Anne Graham from the National Transport Authority, 17-yearold Climate Activist Beth Doherty, and Donna Gartland from Codema.

The Mayor of South Dublin County, Cllr Vicki Casserly said:

BreatheLife 2030

BreatheLife is a global campaign to improve air quality. BreatheLife combines public health and climate change expertise with guidance on implementing solutions to air pollution in support of global development goals. Partner groups include the World Health Organisation, the World Bank, the UN Environment Programme and the Climate and Clean Air Coalition. It has so far impacted on 295 million citizens worldwide.

You can find out more at https:// breathelife2030.org/

"By signing this commitment, Dublin is joining with cities and regions around the world in saying we want to be 'Climate Brave' and we want to set an example for others to follow. South Dublin County Council and the three other Dublin local authorities are working to meet the challenges of climate change through our climate action plans and this is an important next step. Dublin is the first city in Ireland to sign up to the BreatheLife campaign, but I am sure that we won't be the last"

Immediately following the signing, the 4 signatories of the pledge took part in a landmark event at the Mansion House to identify how the combined resources engaged in climate change action, air quality management, and health protection can be



harnessed to bring about meaningful improvement in the quality of life for all the citizens of Dublin. An invited audience of national and regional policymakers, officials, researchers and stakeholders attended the event.

Our thanks to Fennell Photography for providing photos from the signing.





This month we take a look at the work South Dublin County Council Arts Office carries out through the Creative Ireland programme and through a framework agreement with the Arts Council.

he South Dublin County Council Arts Office facilitates creativity and supports the development of people and communities through various programmes, events, grants and awards. One such avenue is through the work it carries out with Creative Ireland.

Creative Ireland is a five-year culture-based programme that promotes individual, community and national wellbeing. It emerged as a legacy of the 1916 Commemorations programme and is based on an understanding that participation in cultural activity drives creativity and benefits individual and societal wellbeing. The Council has the key role of Enabling Creativity in Every Community, in the county, through locally shaped programmes. Work over the last three years has resulted in bespoke and innovative projects and events that have captured the imagination.

Projects generated under the programme, such as Open Minds provided mainstream cultural space for the artwork of Irish prisoners and brought people to Rua Red arts centre.

Creative young people have a distinctive voice in the County which has been captured and nurtured over the course of this programme but particularly in Cruinniú na nÓg, a national day of children's

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creativity in June. In 2020, we hope to increase the participation of 0-12year olds through family events and also support young people creating for other young people.

Framework Agreement with the Arts Council

The Framework Agreement 2018 – 2025 is an agreement reached with the Arts Council whose purpose is to highlight the shared strategic priorities for arts development in South Dublin County over the period of the agreement; setting out a vision and goals for what we can achieve together.

It has been developed through a collaborative process between both organisations, under the overarching national agreement, A Framework for Collaboration (2016 – 2025) between the Arts Council and the County and City Management Association. The agreement has strengthened the working relationship between the Arts Council and South Dublin County Council and will build towards increasing the levels of public engagement in the arts throughout the county.

Shared Strategic Actions include:

- Supporting Artists
- Cultural Diversity
- Young people and children

Since the signing of the agreement, the Arts Office has introduced a number of new opportunities for emerging and established artists through mentoring and training and a number of targeted bursaries. In 2020, the Arts Office will put in place resources to encourage Cultural Diversity within the Arts in the County and will bring forward a proposed policy and strategy for the development Children's Arts (0-12years) in the County and review its current Youth Arts Strategy.

FEBRUARY STATISTICS REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

Total Housing Stock Total housing needs a Housing maintenance Tidy Towns Groups su Community grants issu Number of sports prog Visitors to leisure facil



Change Management

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	8545
umber of Customer Care queries closed within deadline	7956
eb pages opened on Council websites	328333
ocial media reach	779319



Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

LEO - Number of mentoring sessions	35
Grange Castle jobs sustained	5328
Library visitors	75785
Visitors to the Civic Theatre and Rua Red	20814

Environment, Water and Climate Change

Trees pruned	225
Kilometers of road swept monthly	930
Derelict site/dangerous buildings inspections	30
_itter - Fines Issued	47
Tonnes of waste collected – litter and illegal dumping	486
Tonnes of waste collected from street bins	45

	9612
assessed	6846
requests received	1964
ipported	n
ued	14
gramme participants	20268
lities	52838

Land Use, Planning and Transportation

ections	28
red in metres squared (m2)	3600
Programme	182
ts in charge	30264
ts repaired within 24 hours	86

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

FINANCE REPORT



You can view the full Finance Report under the Manager's Report headed item of the monthly Council meeting agenda.

IMAGES OF THE MONTH





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