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# Chief Executive's Report

Emmett Kirwan at One Dublin,  
One Book at The Civic

# About the Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive's Report for South Dublin County Council is presented to elected members at each monthly Council meeting. Section 136(2) of the Local Government Act 2001, as inserted by Section 51 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, requires the Chief Executive to prepare a management report in relation to the performance of executive functions, including implementation of policy or other matters required by the Council in the exercise of its reserved functions, and the provision of services. It should be viewed in conjunction with the various updates provided to Area Committee Meetings as well as the quarterly Capital Progress Report to full Council as part of the reporting structures to assist the elected members with their governance and oversight responsibilities.

The report includes important updates and information from across our various directorates and departments together with a range of key statistics that were developed in conjunction with the elected members. It provides the opportunity to highlight major news events and to focus on different areas of our work that may not always get the attention it deserves while a selection of images from recent events is also included.

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## Land Use, Planning and Transportation

### “Think Twice – Think Bike” Motorcyclist Road Safety Campaign Launched

Our latest road safety initiative sees us partner with the Road Safety Authority, An Garda Síochána and neighbouring local authorities to launch the ‘Think Twice, Think Bike’ campaign.

This involves radio & social media campaigns to highlight to motor cyclists the dangers they face, particularly as summer approaches when more motorcyclists take to the roads.

It was launched at the May Bank Holiday weekend to encourage safer road use and to highlight ‘safe ways’ for motorcyclists to protect themselves. Motorcyclists are vulnerable road users with RSA data showing that 105 motorcyclists were fatally injured, and 921 were seriously injured between 2019 and

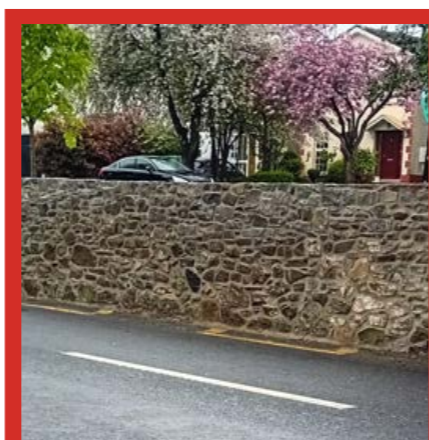
2023.

At the launch, our Road Safety Officer Orlaith Maguire said ‘the campaign targets both motorcyclists and car drivers to focus on the safety of motorcycles on our roads. Research shows that almost 51% of fatalities occur at weekends and so far this year there have been 10 motor cyclist fatalities on Irish roads.

It takes a split second to change someone’s life forever, and as a driver you have to ask yourself could you live with the consequence of your actions? We all share the road, so let’s all come together to make that safer for motorcyclists and all road users.”

This latest campaign follows three previous initiatives this year: safe

use of e-scooters, National Slowdown Day and National Tyre Safety Day and further details of each can be found at [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie)



Major wall repairs completed at Monastery Road.

### Monastery Road Wall Repair

In January Storm Eowyn caused significant damage around the county, notably at Monastery Road where an old mature tree fell causing major damage by knocking down six meters of stone wall at Monastery Rise.

We appointed Truir Construction to carry out specialist repair work to the wall, with craft stonemasons engaged to carry out the works.

As much of the original stone was used as possible along with traditional lime mortar and locally salvaged stone from our Corkagh Park depot to ensure that the repaired wall, which is now successfully completed, is in keeping with the original design.

### Safe Routes to School

Work continues by our Active Travel team to improve safety on main access routes to schools. Six schools in South Dublin County were included in Round 3 of the Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) programme that was published by the NTA and An Taisce in 2024.

Travel surveys and front-of-school audits have been completed for four schools so far, and the remaining two will be completed this month. Once all audits are finished, we will prepare outline delivery plans for each school. These plans will recommend measures to improve safety at school gates and along main access routes, and we will begin progressing the design work later this year

We have also provided additional funding for a supplementary Safe School Zones programme. This will see safety measures provided at further schools across the county, with front-of-school assessments and travel surveys conducted at eight schools and safety works proposed for four schools so far this year.



### Tallaght LAP Extended

An extension to Tallaght Town Centre Local Area Plan (LAP) was approved at the council meeting in April meeting to align the LAP timeframes with the County Development Plan up to 2028. With the LAP originally set to lapse in 2026, the extension ensures a consistent policy framework for Tallaght. To date, under the LAP which was approved in 2020, there has been significant investment by the council, supported by the government’s Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF), to provide major public realm enhancements, an innovation centre and expansion of Tallaght Stadium along with the start of redevelopment of Cookstown and Airtown, as the regeneration of Tallaght Town Centre progresses.



Palmerstown Safe School Zone

# Housing, Social and Community Development



## Launch of Affordable Homes at Canal Bank, Clonburris

60 new affordable homes at Canal Bank within the Clonburris Strategic Development Zone will be launched for sale later this month by SDCC.

These homes, ranging from one to four bedrooms in size, will be made available to eligible applicants under the Affordable Purchase Scheme.

This development at Canal Bank marks our first directly contracted delivery of affordable homes in many years, supporting increased affordable housing options under the national housing policy, Housing for All.

Canal Bank is a brand-new development of 116 social and affordable homes that is located adjacent to the Grand Canal near the heart of Clonburris, West Dublin's newest town.

It offers an excellent selection of high-quality homes in a mix of houses, apartments and duplexes. Designed to feature parks, play areas, dedicated biodiversity areas, walkways and cycle paths, as well as new retail and commercial hubs, the new community of Clonburris will provide an urban living environment which will have new schools, community space, creches and which is also just minutes from Dublin city centre with Clonburris train station within easy walking distance.

The development is scheduled for completion by November of this year and so the 60 affordable purchase homes will be launched for sale in a single phase with the following home types available:

- 8 x one-bedroom apartments
- 18 x two-bedroom apartments

- 2 x two-bedroom houses
- 8 x three-bedroom houses
- 14 x three-bedroom duplex homes
- 10 x four-bedroom houses

These homes are being made available through the Local Authority Affordable Purchase Scheme, which helps eligible buyers bridge the gap between the maximum mortgage available to them and the market value of the home.

This involves a shared equity arrangement, reducing the upfront cost for purchases with SDCC retaining an equity stake in the property until that equity stake is repaid or the home is sold.

With support from the council and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage through the Affordable Housing Fund, the prices

for these homes will be announced in advance of the launch later this month.

Marketing of Canal Bank will be managed by DNG New Homes on behalf of the council and eligible buyers will be able to apply for these homes later this month.

For more information on eligibility criteria and the application process, please see [www.sdcc.ie/en/services/housing/affordablehomes](http://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/housing/affordablehomes)



## Council partners with DNG Group to sell Affordable Homes

We are pleased to announce a new partnership with DNG Group to facilitate the sale of new affordable homes. This initiative aims to provide quality housing options to first time buyers at competitive prices, addressing the growing demand for affordable homes in South Dublin. This year will see the delivery of the first phase of affordable homes on council-owned lands in our Canal Bank development.

Colm Ward, Chief Executive said "We are committed to making homeownership more accessible to our residents. By working closely with DNG, we can ensure that these affordable homes are marketed effectively and reach those who need them the most".

The collaboration between the council and DNG will streamline the process of buying these homes, ensuring that potential homeowners have access to These homes are designed to meet modern living standards, offering a range of amenities and sustainable features that cater to the needs of families and

Mr. Keith Lowe, Chief Executive of DNG Group, added "DNG is excited to work with the Council on its innovative and ambitious delivery programme of affordable homes. Applicants can be assured that they will receive the best service from the start of their application until they are handed their keys".



SDCC and DNG New Homes teams at Canal Bank



## Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

### The Journey, Directed by Newton Barabara

Nigerian theatre and filmmaker Newton Barabara collaborated with residents of the IPAS Centres—The Towers, Dolcain House, and the Red Cow Hotel—between January and April 2025. Barabara, a firm believer in the transformative power of storytelling, aimed to build community and encourage cultural exchange. During the workshops, participants engaged in storytelling, role-play, acting, scriptwriting, and character development.

They worked alongside acclaimed practitioners Veronica Coburn and Phil Kingston, Head of Education at the Abbey Theatre. The sessions were designed to boost creativity, teamwork, and confidence. This programme builds on Barabara's earlier work at the Citywest Transition Hub, which concluded with a public performance of the play *Halfway to Heaven* in 2024. The

residency culminated in *The Journey*, a powerful original play that confronts the emotional aftermath of trauma and the urgent instinct to survive.

Set against the backdrop of displacement, the story explores how hardship tests human relationships, challenging trust, love, and identity. Through the harrowing path of its central character, we witness both heartbreak and resilience as they navigate fear, sacrifice, and fleeting moments of connection.

Newton Barabara aims for the play to stir deep reflection on the universal human experiences of loss, longing, and the pursuit of belonging. *The Journey* shines a light on the courage it takes to start over—and the unbreakable hope that carries us forward. Supported by the Arts Council and South Dublin

County Council, in partnership with The Abbey Theatre Education Department.



Best Shop Front 2024: Byrne Malone Estate Agents

### Best Shop Front 2024

South Dublin County Council's Shop Front Improvement Grant Scheme supports businesses in enhancing their premises to improve streetscapes and boost local commerce. It offers financial aid for painting, signage, and shopfront upgrades.

Byrne Malone Estate Agents Ltd in Tallaght Village received the "Best Designed Shop Front 2024" award, along with additional recognition for design. Their renovation showcases how modern improvements can significantly enhance the character and visual appeal of our village streetscape.

Applications for 2025 are now open.

### Meet Our Maker in Residence

South Dublin Libraries proudly welcomes William Davis as the new Maker in Residence, bringing nearly two decades of experience in MakerSpaces and STEAM education.

His dynamic residency will span Tallaght, Ballyroan, and North Clondalkin libraries, focusing on accessibility, creativity, and hands-on learning for all ages. The residency is structured across three key phases: evaluating existing resources, developing a tailored equipment and training plan, and delivering inclusive, project-based workshops.

From 3D printing and laser cutting to textile and sustainability-focused projects, William's programmes will support children, teens, adults, and seniors alike. Workshops will include "Intro to Making," "Sustainability in Making," and a collaborative open-source prosthetics build-a-thon. Community engagement will be enhanced through Repair Cafés and partnerships with local schools and organisations.

William's mission is to create not just a space for making, but a lasting culture of creativity and confidence across South Dublin's library network.



### Telecoms For Everyone

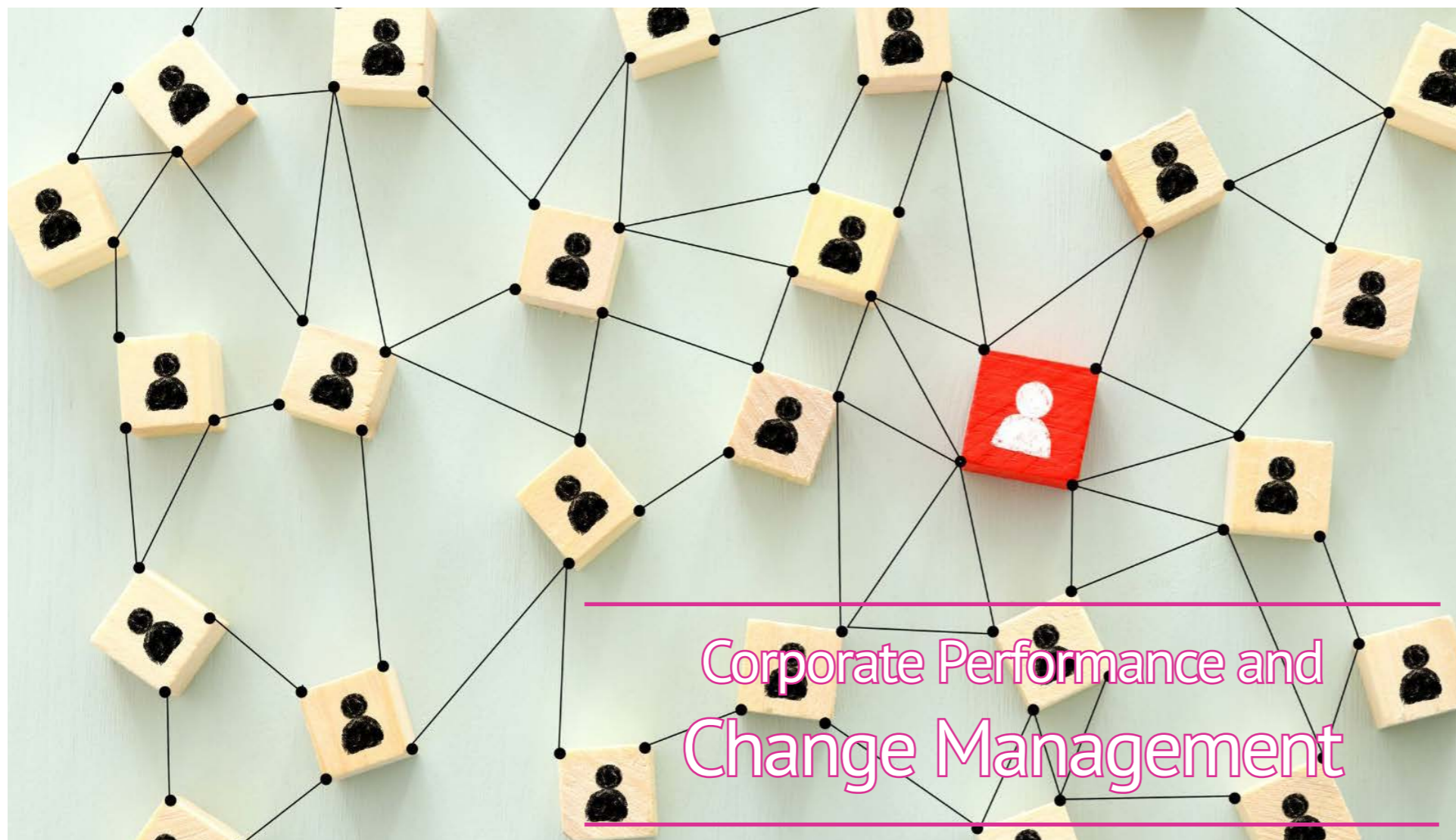
The four Dublin local authorities, in partnership with CONNECT Research Ireland and Smart Dublin, launched the 'Telecoms for Everyone' campaign to provide residents with clear information about the benefits and safety of telecoms infrastructure.

The campaign includes videos showing how telecoms infrastructure supports economic growth, community wellbeing, and Dublin's digital evolution. Visit [smartdublin.ie/telecoms](https://smartdublin.ie/telecoms) to learn more. The local authorities are committed to collaboration, bringing together industry, academia, and research centres to support responsible connectivity initiatives.

World-class digital infrastructure is essential for Dublin's community wellbeing and economic resilience.



New Maker in Residence William Davis



## Corporate Performance and Change Management

### Strategic Workforce Development Plan 2025-2029

Through extensive consultation and collaboration across all levels of the organisation, we have successfully developed a comprehensive Strategic Workforce Development Plan for the period 2025 to 2029.

This forward-looking plan is designed to strengthen workforce capabilities, ensuring they are fully aligned with the evolving goals and strategic direction of the organisation.

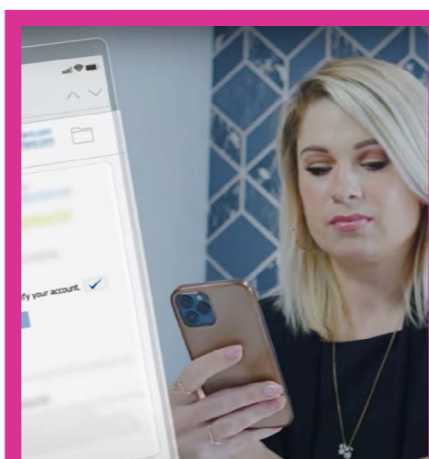
At its core, the plan adopts a holistic approach to recruitment, retention, and employee development. It places strong emphasis on creating a flexible, inclusive, and modern hybrid working environment. A key focus is also on enhancing recruitment practices to attract top talent, while actively promoting SDCC as an employer

of choice within the public sector. The development of this plan was underpinned by a detailed analysis of both current workforce requirements and future demands. It identifies the critical people, skills, and resources that will be necessary to meet emerging challenges and deliver on our objectives.

Among the key actions outlined are the formulation of a comprehensive People Strategy, a robust Learning and Development Strategy, and the expansion of the existing Staff Wellbeing Programme. These initiatives are designed to support a high-performing, agile workforce.

Crucially, the plan highlights the importance of diversity, inclusion, and continuous innovation. By investing in its people and leveraging data-

driven insights, SDCC is committed to delivering exceptional public services while cultivating a resilient culture of engagement, creativity, and collaboration.



Cyber talks to build a "Human Firewall"

### Cyber Awareness Week for Staff

As part of its ongoing commitment to digital safety, our IT Department hosted a series of Cyber Awareness events from 7th - 11th April. These sessions aimed to strengthen staff knowledge around cybersecurity and highlight the important role everyone plays in protecting the Council's digital systems. Over 170 staff members—including the Senior Management Team—took part in five informal coffee morning sessions. These engaging talks focused on key cyber risks and how staff can act as a "human firewall" to help prevent threats. Staff were reminded to report any suspicious activity promptly to ensure a fast and effective response. We look forward to continuing this important conversation during Cyber Month 2025, taking place this October.

### Templeogue College School Visit

On April 29th, 21 students from Templeogue College who were elected to represent their classes visited the council chamber with their teacher, Mr Séamus Connor. They met the Mayor, elected members, and staff from South Dublin County Council.

During the visit, the student representatives heard from Councillors about how to effectively represent their classmates and why local democracy matters. They met the Returning Officer in the 2019 and 2024 local elections, Lorna Maxwell, who spoke about the proportional representation election system that is used in Ireland.

The visit was designed to help the next generation of voters understand how Ireland's voting system works and why it's important to use their right to vote. All schools in the county are welcome to engage with the Council to learn more about democracy and the importance of using your vote in all elections.



### Cardiff Council Workshop

The four Dublin local authorities recently held a workshop with Ffionn Gruffudd from Cardiff Council, joined by members of the Irish language community. The event included a panel discussion with community representatives, chaired by Kathy Scott from the Trailblazery.

Ffionn Gruffudd, representing Bilingual Cardiff, shared valuable insights on how Cardiff Council has worked to meet Welsh language standards. Given the similarities between the Irish and Welsh languages, the Welsh experience could help guide our own efforts to meet Irish language targets.

The workshop ended with a discussion on recruitment goals—looking at what lessons from Cardiff's approach apply to us, the challenges we may face, and the opportunities and actions we can focus on moving forward.



Students from Templeogue College in the Council Chamber



# Environment, Water and Climate Change

## Dublin Climate Action Week (#DCAW25) 2025

During the week commencing 12th May, we are delighted to host a programme of events to mark Dublin Climate Action Week 2025. A rich and varied schedule is running across the Dublin region to inform, engage and inspire climate action across communities with selected highlights that include guided nature walks, interactive workshops, family fun days, expert-led sessions and much more.

Dublin Climate Action Week 2025 is being organised and delivered by SDCC in partnership with our local authority colleagues in Dublin City Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and Fingal County Council as well as partner agencies including Codema-Dublin's Energy Agency and the Dublin Metropolitan Climate Action Regional Office (DM CARO).

Whether you're passionate about climate action, curious to learn more or simply looking for ways to connect with your local community, there will be many opportunities to participate. Both the event schedule and online registration are available at [www.dublinclimateactionweek.ie](http://www.dublinclimateactionweek.ie) while everyone can also keep up to date across the week by using the #DCAW25 hashtag on social media.



## Park Rangers Guided Walks in Tymon and Dodder Valley Parks

For the upcoming National Biodiversity Week and National Pollinator Week, our park rangers will lead guided walks in Tymon Park and Dodder Valley Park, showcasing local flora, fauna, and recent pollinator friendly enhancements. The walks will take place during Biodiversity Week in May and Pollinator Week in June, and are scheduled for:

20th May: Tymon (11:00am) & Dodder Valley (2:00pm)

17th June: Tymon (11:00am) & Dodder Valley (2:00pm).

Meeting points are: Tymon Park Rangers Office (53°18'00.6"N 6°20'30.0"W) and Dodder Valley Park-Oldbawn Car Park (53°16'39.9"N 6°21'24.7"W).

These free events are open to all, offering a chance to learn more about biodiversity and to see the environmental impacts of ongoing initiatives in our parks.

## Burial Grounds Enhancements

Ongoing improvements are being provided to SDCC burial grounds to create more respectful and peaceful spaces for remembrance for families and visitors. These works include the development of columbarium walls, car park improvements and other enhancements.

Columbarium walls provide a suitable resting place within a cemetery for the placing of cremated remains with each columbarium wall divided into a number of niches which can each accommodate two urns of ashes and which have a front plaque provided allowing space names of the deceased to be engraved.

Such features are becoming an increasingly common and preferred resting place in many cemeteries, accompanied by a memorial garden

to offer a solemn and peaceful space for reflection.

We recently commenced development of a columbarium wall at Esker Cemetery in Lucan which is expected to be complete by the end of June following which it will be open to accept cremation burials soon thereafter.

A similar development is also due to begin at Bohernabreena Cemetery later in the year to expand the interment options there following provision in the council's budget this year to provide a columbarium wall there.

In addition, we will also shortly be upgrading the surfacing and line-marking in the car parks at both Bohernabreena and Newcastle

cemeteries. These works are based on feedback from visitors who have requested these improvements to ensure a respectful and dignified experience at SDCC burial grounds.



3,348 inspections carried out by our Waste Enforcement Team

## Supporting Waste Enforcement

SDCC plays a key role in enforcing national waste laws through our waste enforcement officers who are authorised under the Waste Management Act 1996 and other environmental legislation, to monitor activities including construction debris, illegal dumping, waste metals, end-of-life vehicles, and the Deposit Return Scheme.

Last year our waste enforcement team conducted 3,348 inspections, handled 408 household waste complaints, inspected 98 sites, and ran 7 anti-dumping collection days, collecting 1,341 mattresses and 8,539 kg of hazardous liquids for recycling and disposal.

Any illegal dumping or improper waste handling can be reported to the team by emailing [info@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:info@sdblincoco.ie).



Climate Action Week 2024 Youth Conference

# South Dublin County welcomes National Older People's Convention



We were delighted to welcome delegates to the National Older People's Convention in the Maldron Hotel, Tallaght on 8th and 9th May, reflecting our leadership role in promoting age-friendly policies and initiatives.

The event brought together some 220 attendees, including representatives from older people's councils nationwide, elected representatives, community leaders, and local and national government officials, to engage

## Bealtaine- Celebrating Creativity in Older Age

Throughout May, we will support and host a vibrant programme of Bealtaine Festival events celebrating creativity in older age.

Libraries are offering free, inclusive activities including poetry, painting, tai chi, history talks, gardening, and intergenerational workshops. Our Active South Dublin team are also hosting many events, including low-impact exercise classes, weekly walks in local parks and the 'Go for Life' games.

The games are specifically tailored for older participants, encouraging both physical health and social interaction. Please see [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie) for more information.

in collaborative dialogue under the theme "The Wisdom of Years – A Lifetime of Perspective."

Master of ceremonies, Brendan Courtney opened proceedings, introducing an engaging programme which included a keynote address by Kieran O'Donnell T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Health with special responsibility for Older People. Cllr. Mick Duff, Tallaght Area Chair, officially launched the convention followed by contributions from Mary Lyons, Chair of South Dublin OPC and Professor Ronan Collins, our Age Friendly Ambassador, who spoke about stroke prevention and brain health.

Workshops and tours followed the keynote addresses, including cultural heritage visits to Brú Chrónáin in Clondalkin and the Pearse Museum in Rathfarnham as well as information sessions on age friendly housing and active ageing.

These sessions reflected the significant progress we have made in implementing age friendly strategies, particularly our pioneering age friendly housing and

our dementia friendly community initiative and café in Ballyroan which was launched in late 2024 and is now being expanded to other areas of the county.

On the second day, Colm Ward, Chief Executive addressed the convention and then joined a panel discussion on key priorities and innovations in ageing policy. This was moderated by Catherine McGuigan, Chief Officer of Age Friendly Ireland, which featured Dr. Graham Hughes (NCAGL for Older Persons), Moyah Murdoch (Chief Executive of Insurance Ireland), Mike Hanrahan (musician and Age Friendly Ambassador for Clare).

The convention also coincided with the annual Bealtaine Festival which is a nationwide celebration of arts and creativity as we age that reinforces the message that ageing and creativity are deeply interconnected and mutually enriching.



Age Friendly Ireland National Older People's Convention

# New Community Facilities At Citywest



The growing community of Citywest will soon see the benefit of significant investment by SDCC with plans for a new library, community facilities, a creche and recreational upgrades all progressing to deliver a combined €16 million worth of new facilities in the area.

The long planned new library for Dublin West took another step forward with the signing of contracts between the council and Ardstone for delivery of what will be one of the largest libraries in Ireland upon completion.

Strategically located within Citywest Shopping Centre, the

## Local Engagement

In advance of the new library being delivered in Citywest, we have been building a local culture of learning and reading through increasing our mobile library service in the area.

Mobile libraries made 259 visits in 2024 alone, welcoming nearly 8,000 visitors to ensure an established and engaged user base from day one in the new library. In addition, we will undertake consultation to inform the final fit-out of the library to meet the needs and expectations of local residents.

library will serve as a vibrant hub for residents, students, and professionals in the area and construction is expected to start next month and will take up to 12 months to complete, fit-out and stock. Designed with sustainability and inclusivity in mind, the library will feature a dedicated children's section, study areas, public activity spaces, and a makerspace.

An outdoor terrace will provide a unique setting for quiet reading and

interactive programming, further enhancing the library's appeal while its central location within Citywest as well as its accessibility and proximity to transport links including the Luas and multiple bus routes, ensures that the library will be a welcoming place for everyone.

In addition, a revised planning application will be submitted this month by our project partners, Harcourt Developments, for the delivery of a start of the art and fully accessible new community centre and crèche at Cúil Dúin Avenue in Citywest.

Designed to NZEB energy efficiency standards the centre will feature flexible multi-purpose rooms, a community café, and an adjoining crèche while a landscaped forecourt will provide an inviting outdoor space. Subject to planning permission, construction will commence later this year with project completion expected in 24 months, followed by fit-out and occupancy of the centre. We are also progressing plans for a youth facility in Citywest Quarter which will involve upcoming consultation

to ensure that it meets local needs.

Alongside investment in community and learning, we are also enhancing recreational facilities with the phased upgrade of Carrigmore Park. The project includes an expanded playspace, a new teenspace, reinstated pitches, and a variety of sports and fitness amenities.

The newly upgraded playspace, featuring six new elements including a sandpit and rope swing, has already proven immensely popular with children. The teenspace, designed as a social and recreational area, includes a parkour unit, basket swings, hammocks, and a dedicated hangout zone while the planned pump track, calisthenics area, boules court, and enhanced landscaping will further enrich the park's offerings.

These projects reflect our commitment to sustainable community development and wellbeing to match the residential development in Citywest in recent years, ensuring that the area continues to grow as a dynamic and connected place.



Contracts signed for the new Library at Citywest



South Dublin County Council's 2024 Annual Report reflects a year of achievement, innovation, and community engagement, marking 30 years of service since its establishment in 1994.

With a growing population of over 300,000 and a strong commitment to inclusivity and sustainability, the Council delivered on key targets across housing, climate action, economic development, and community wellbeing.

#### Housing and Community

A record 774 new social homes were delivered, alongside 210 long-term leases and 55 affordable homes. Projects progressed in Clonburris, Kilcarbery, and Belgard, while efforts to reduce homelessness saw 1,245 housing allocations, including 267 for homeless households. Community facilities were developed in areas such as Saggart and Glenasmole, and €2.2 million was allocated under the Community Recognition Fund

to support integration and local engagement.

#### Climate Action and Environment

Under the Climate Action Plan, energy efficiency improved by 45.5% since 2018, with 43% fewer emissions. Initiatives included the retrofitting of 85 homes, 1,690 LED streetlight upgrades, and 22.5 km of new cycle lanes. The Clondalkin Decarbonising Zone and €1.1 million in Community Climate Action funding supported meaningful local change.

#### Economic Growth and Tourism

The new Local Economic and Community Plan was adopted,

supported by developments at Grange Castle and the opening of the Work IQ Innovation Centre. The Council processed over 5,000 business grants, promoted investment, and strengthened business networks. New tourism strategies advanced projects at Hellfire, Lucan House, and Rathfarnham Castle. Events such as Tradfest and the Dublin Discovery Trails enhanced the region's cultural appeal.

#### Libraries, Arts and Culture

With over 1.3 million transactions, the library service reached more than 60,000 active members. Programmes

such as Library Labs, Red Line Book Festival, and NOISE Music offered diverse cultural experiences. The Arts Office supported local creatives through residencies, bursaries, and public events, while new initiatives fostered inclusivity and creativity for children and young people.

#### Planning and Infrastructure

Progress on the County Development Plan included approval for over 12,000 new homes, with 5,475 completed since 2022. Sustainable mobility was prioritised with upgrades to roads, bridges, pedestrian crossings, and school zones. Major enhancements to public spaces took place in Lucan, Tallaght, and Dodsboro.

#### Equality and Integration

The Council implemented its Equality and Human Rights Duty,



New Council Elected following Local Elections in June 2024

expanded the Neurodiverse South project, and launched new intercultural events and accessibility improvements. With 52.5% female councillors, the Council became the first in the State to achieve a majority female membership.

#### Financial Management

Commercial rates collection exceeded €145 million—a record—while rent and loan collections also improved. The Council continued to invest strategically while maintaining strong financial performance.

This report celebrates the collaborative effort of staff, elected members, and the community in building a resilient, inclusive, and thriving South Dublin County.

## Focus On

## Our Annual Report



Opening of new Glenasmole Community Centre

Images of the  
Month



“The Journey” at The Civic Theatre



LEO Network of Enterprising Women “Brand You” Event

Images of the  
Month



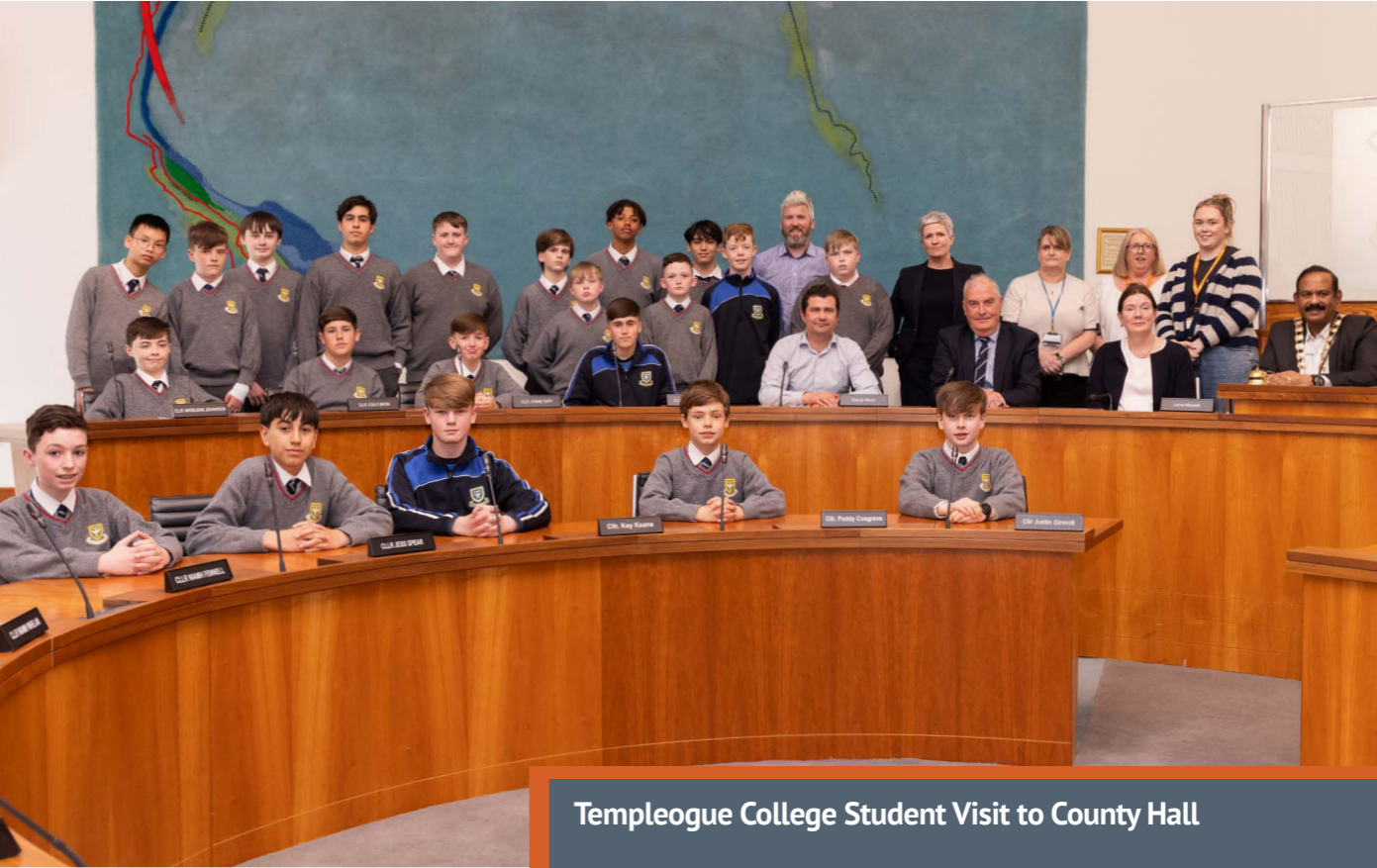
“One Dublin, One Book” at the Civic

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“The Journey” at The Civic Theatre

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Templeogue College Student Visit to County Hall



Schools Quiz Finals Winners St. Colmcilles

# National Older People's Convention



Speakers and staff from SDCC and Age Friendly Ireland



Professor Ronan Collins with Brendan Courtney Master of Ceremonies

# National Older People's Convention



Minister of State Kieran O'Donnell T.D. addressing the crowd

# Finance Report

## Billing & Collection Statement (billed to 28th March 2025)

	Arrears @ 31 Dec 2024	Adopted Budget 2025	Billed to 25th April 2025	Rec'ts/Credits to 25th April 2025	Arrears @ 25th April 2025	% of BILLED income achieved
Via Billing Systems						
Commercial Rates	€13,665,414	€153,170,200	€154,505,345	€74,899,534	€93,271,225	48%
Entry Year Property Levy (PEL)	€103,598	n/a	€0	€20,462	€83,136	0%
Housing Rents	€7,910,111	€36,293,800	€11,780,532	€11,499,726	€8,190,918	98%
Housing RAS Rents	€1,267,971	€2,246,400	€674,538	€658,312	€1,284,197	98%
						% of Budget Income Achieved
Via Cash Systems						
NPPR Charge	n/a	€20,000	n/a	€5,794	€0	29%
Planning Fees	n/a	€972,000	n/a	€315,886	€0	32%
Fire Certificates	n/a	€1,000,000	n/a	€181,754	€0	18%
Parking Fees	n/a	€820,000	n/a	€196,444	€0	24%
Uisce Eireann	-€129,924	€6,937,500	€2,105,633	€1,975,778	-€69	28%
	€22,817,170	€201,459,900	€169,066,049	€89,753,689	€102,829,408	

Rates Aged Debt			PEL Aged Debt		
Year	Bal O/S	%	Year	Bal O/S	%
2025	82,092,744	88%	2025	€0	0%
2024	4,487,636	5%	2024	€0	0%
2023	2,232,153	2%	2023	€4,863	6%
2022	966,368	1%	2022	€68,881	83%
2021	710,074	1%	2021	€1,864	2%
2020	114,516	0%	2020	€2,637	3%
2019	862,980	1%	2019	€579	1%
Pre 2019	1,804,753	2%	Pre 2019	€4,312	5%
Totals	€93,271,225	100%	Totals	€83,136	100%

Rents Aged Debt			
Category	Numbers	Amounts	% of Accounts
Accounts not in Arrears	5787	2,676,439	54%
0-6 weeks	2228	394,697	21%
7-12 weeks	477	350,888	4%
13-18 weeks	271	340,466	3%
19-24 weeks	250	435,874	2%
25-52 weeks	629	1,838,422	6%
1 - 2 years	498	2,727,332	5%
Greater than 2 years	498	4,779,676	5%
Totals	10,638	€8,190,918	100%

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