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Chief Executive's Report

Ministerial Visit to Adamstown Plaza

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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Minister opens the new Celbridge Link Road in Adamstown

Also, on 27 February the Minister, Darragh O'Brien TD, joined by the Mayor and Chief Executive Daniel McLoughlin at Adamstown to open the new Celbridge Link Road.

This new road delivers significantly improved accessibility and connectivity on the western side of Adamstown not only for existing and future residents of Adamstown but also the residents within the adjoining communities of Celbridge and Leixlip. This north/south connection from the R403 provides a direct link from the R403 to the Adamstown Rail Station, which will provide for shorter commuter times and more sustainable and environmentally friendly commuting patterns within the area.

This vital piece of infrastructure will also assist in unlocking the significant housing delivery potential of currently zoned, yet undeveloped lands within the southern extents of Adamstown. The completion of the Road also marks the completion of 3,650 homes in Adamstown of which 2,000 homes (including 800 social and affordable homes) have been made possible through the Government's LIHAF funding.



Minister opens Adamstown public plaza

The Department for Housing, Local Government and Heritage is providing €10million of URDF (Urban Regeneration Development Fund) funding to support the delivery of a new public plaza, a third park and a Library in Adamstown which will facilitate a further 585 new homes, 118 of which will be social and affordable. These three projects and the homes are expected for completion in 2026.

The first project to be delivered is the public Plaza, which the Minister opened. This plaza will open the Adamstown District Centre, that will include key housing, two largescale stores, as well as up to 18 smaller retail stores. The Plaza will also provide a key setting for the future delivery of a library, as well as a permeable route from Adamstown Station into the Strategic Development Zone. It is likely that the Plaza will be substantially completed this summer.

Ministers turns the sod to mark the commencement of construction at Clonburris

On 27 February the Minister visited the Clonburris SDZ and turned the sod to mark the commencement of construction and implementation of the agreed planning scheme for these lands.

These works include construction of the first major new street 'South Link Street' and commencement of the first new housing development of 563 homes. The first stage of the Southern Link Street is now on site with plans to be delivered in early 2024. This marks a major milestone in kick starting the delivery of the Clonburris SDZ that will become a sustainable urban neighbourhood and home to 23,000 people over the next 10 years.

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Funding (URDF) and the NTA is providing €18.8m for Active Travel works. This funding will enable the timely delivery of new streets, parks and community buildings that will help to accelerate the delivery of over 8,700 new homes. This funding reflects the implementation on the ground of Project Ireland 2040 and the Government's Housing for All policy. In tandem with the funding and delivery of this critical infrastructure, the delivery of new homes is also well underway.

To date 944 new homes have been granted planning permission and Cairn Homes have commenced delivery on-site of 563 homes. A further 1,045 homes are being assessed as part of live planning permissions, which include a mix retail and community facilities.



Celbridge Link Road

South Dublin County Council supports delivery of Cycle Right

Cycle Right is the National Standard for Cycle Training, within Ireland, and provides practical cycle safety and skills training to promote competent and confident cyclists. Cycle Right is an inclusive programme. Cycle Right is a national programme, and has been supported by South Dublin County Council since its inception in 2017.

Cycle Right is delivered over three stages with participants gaining skills and knowledge on a phased basis which prepares the individual to cycle in increasingly complex road scenarios. The programme includes bicycle and road skills, theoretical and Rules of the Road and instructor led training. In 2022 SDCC supported 17 primary schools, which equates to 872 pupils, with their Cycle Right training.



Cycle Right Programme in Local Primary School



Housing, Social and Community Development

Pilot Choice-Based Letting for New Traveller Accommodation

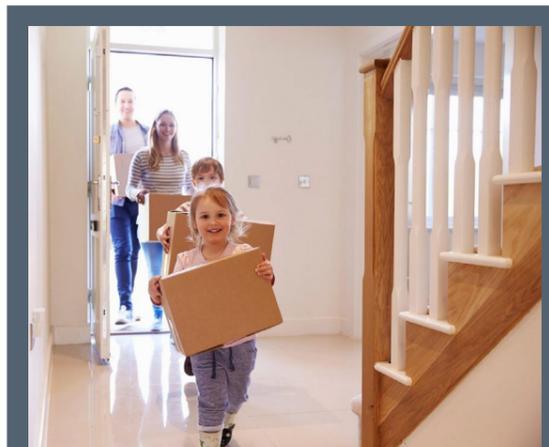
The Council is launching an innovative pilot choice-based letting scheme for Traveller accommodation in Adamstown this month. Expressions of interest are being sought from local Traveller households for a new group housing development comprising six homes. The two-storey, four-bedroom homes in the high-quality development feature an energy efficiency A-rating. They were delivered through Part V housing requirements and are in close proximity to a range of local amenities and facilities.

Applications for these new homes will shortly be made available online and will also be circulated to eligible Traveller households by staff in our Traveller Accommodation Unit in

conjunction with local Traveller support groups. This follows consultation with the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee and the Council's Housing Strategic Policy Committee during February on the choice-based letting process and eligibility criteria.

The development forms a key part of delivery of new accommodation under the Council's Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024 which also includes further proposed developments in Fonthill Road, Ballyboden, Clondalkin, Rathcoole and Newcastle.

Choice based letting allows eligible housing applicants, in this instance local Traveller households, to make



€13.76 million allocated to South Dublin County Council under the Local Authority

expressions of interest for available accommodation with applicants then selected for tenancies based on time on list with this pilot process also allowing for consideration of current accommodation status, estate management grounds and other related criteria.

Local Authority Home Loan Scheme Update

South Dublin County Council have been allocated a sum of €13.76 million for new lending approvals under the Local Authority Home Loan scheme in 2023 by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

In addition, the scheme is being amended to allow an increase in house price limits with effect from 1 March 2023. This will see an increased upper limit of €360,000 in South Dublin, representing a €40,000 increase from the previous €320,000 limit. In addition, the annual income limit for eligible households is increasing to €70,000 for single applicants and to €85,000 for joint applicants.

Please see <https://localauthorityhomeloan.ie/> for more details

Trishaw launched for Dodder Valley Park

South Dublin County Sports Partnership, together with Age Friendly Ireland have introduced the County's first trishaw at Dodder Valley Park.

The trishaw offers older adults and those with mobility issues the opportunity to experience the beauty and sounds of Dodder Valley Park in comfort, at an easy pace all while being cycled around by a pilot volunteer.

Cycling Without Age in partnership with Dodder Valley Cycling will manage the day-to-day trishaw operations through their dedicated local volunteers who will pilot the passengers, making South Dublin's outdoors more accessible, inclusive and enjoyable for all in our community".

The Trishaw is available free for bookings from 4 March 2023 through <https://doddervalleycycling.com/booking/>.



Community Grants Scheme Now Open for Online Applications

The 2023 grants scheme for local community and sports development grants is now open for online applications from local groups, clubs and organisations.

The scheme has been amended to provide for increased running costs grants and the maximum funding available for community grants and local festivals is also increased. Values of social inclusion and equality should underpin all grant applications and funding will also be ringfenced for new grant applicants to ensure fair distribution of funding.

Please see www.sdcc.ie for the online application form and more details.



Trishaw available to book in Dodder Valley Park



Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development

Tallaght Stadium Reopens for Sporting Events

Tallaght Stadium will reopen for the return of football to the Stadium on 3 March, for the first Shamrock Rovers home league game of the 2023 Airtricity League Season. The Council, Shamrock Rovers, An Garda Síochána, FAI and the main Contractor ABM Design and Build all worked together to ensure that the Stadium will be ready to host the Shamrock Rovers V Derry City game on Friday 3 March.

It is anticipated that this will be a great occasion, with the League champions playing their first home game of the 2023 season, with a large crowd expected to attend the venue. Due to the ongoing construction works within the revamped Corporate areas of the Main Stand, there will be a reduced hospitality offering available to the club, for the first few months of the

season, though the rest of the Stadium will function as normal, with a capacity of 8,000 seats available.

The first games include Shamrock Rovers V Derry City on 3 March, and V Cork City on 6 March. In addition, we are greatly looking forward to the first Shamrock Rovers Women's Team home game of the season which will take place on Saturday 11 March, v Treaty United.

We look forward to a successful season of games during 2023, and to welcoming back the FAI Women's National Team for their fixtures against Zambia on 22 June, and France on 6 July, in advance of their trip to the World Cup in July.

The construction works continue at

the Stadium, with the continuing development of the new North Stand really taking shape, the ongoing Main Stand Corporate area works, along with the approved modifications in the South Stand accessible seats and the new Changing Places Facility for those attending Stadium events. It is anticipated that all works will be completed towards the end of July 2023.



Tallaght Stadium

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Tá an-áthas ar Chomhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas (CCÁCT) agus Leabharlanna Átha Cliath Theas i gcomhpháirtíocht le hÁras Chrónáin Seachtain Na Gaeilge Átha Cliath Theas (SnaGÁCT) na bliana seo a chur i láthair.

Seachtain na Gaeilge Átha Cliath Theas (SnaGÁCT) was launched by Mayor Emma Murphy and SnaGÁCT 2023 patron Jim Gavin at Ballyroan Library on Tuesday 21 February. The festival is presented by South Dublin Libraries and South Dublin County Council in partnership with Áras Chrónáin Ionad Cultúir, and the programme aims to promote 'Gaeilge le Chéile' – creating more opportunities to use Irish every day. We have a range of events taking place across the library branch network, from a bilingual walking tour of Tallaght, STEM workshops for children as Gaeilge, a talk with Manchán Magan who will be discussing his books Thirty Two Words for Field, and Listen to the Land Speak at Clondalkin Library, as well as Tallaght does Trad events in Tallaght Library.

The SnaGÁCT festival will run from 1– 17 March. For more details, see www.sdcc.ie or pick up a brochure in your local library.



Local Enterprise Week Launch at the Round Tower Visitor Centre

Local Enterprise Week 2023

Local Enterprise Week took place from the 6 – 10 of March, with LEO South Dublin hosting 16 events over the course of week.

With guest speakers from former Kilkenny Team Manager Brian Cody discussing 'Building and Sustaining a Winning Team in Business', as well as James Burke from Dublin Food Chain discussing 'Future Food Trends 2023', to name but a few, there was an action-packed schedule, where current and cutting-edge themes of modern-day business were discussed.

The week, which saw areas such as green technology, digitisation, exporting and the creative and digital business sector discussed, offered great opportunities for networking, knowledge sharing, insights into business competitiveness, with all participants coming away inspired and highly motivated.

The week also shone a spotlight on the range of supports, advice and information available to businesses through South Dublin's Local Enterprise Office.



Launch of Tourism Event and Festival Grant Scheme 2023

South Dublin County Council have announced the launch of the Tourism Event and Festival Grant Scheme for 2023 to support tourism activity in the County. Last year, 7 events were supported through the grant scheme, which attracted 3,322 out of county and 2,520 out of country visitors; collectively worth approximately €1m to the economy.

Events that took place during the year included the Dublin Brick-Con, the biggest showcase of LEGO ever seen in the country and the MAAC – ASUN American College 'Dublin Basketball Challenge', where the National Basketball Arena played host to basketball teams from American Universities, with over 1,300 visitors from the USA alone. The event was also shown on ESPN TV.

It is hoped that we will build on the success of hosting such high profile events last year and that 2023 will be a bumper year for tourism activity in the County.

€300k Corporate Performance and Change Management

HAVE YOUR SAY.

Participatory Budgeting for your community.

€300k Have Your Say

The final remaining areas to take part in the 300K – Have Your Say participatory budgeting initiative have been approved by Councillors.

The Tallaght South LEA and Saggart will be the final two areas to take part. Saggart is included as it was transferred from the Tallaght South to the Clondalkin LEA by the Boundary Commission in 2019, after Clondalkin had already participated in the initiative.

€300k Have Your Say is a participatory budgeting initiative that has been run by South Dublin County Council since 2017.

The initiative asks residents to develop project proposals for their local area and then vote on short-

listed proposals to select winning projects to be funded up to the value of €300,000.

There are no age barriers to taking part and every proposal is treated with respect. Simply put, €300k Have Your Say is about helping to create community-led projects that directly benefit you, your neighbours, friends, and family.

Lucan, Clondalkin, Firhouse-Bohernabreena, Rathfarnham-Templeogue and Tallaght Central have been the areas that have already taken part in the initiative with €1.5m allocated to the 52 winning projects.

The 2023 Initiative will be launched following the Council meeting on 13 March and the anticipated winning projects announced in early June 2023.



Ring Buoy Sensors

South Dublin County Council has installed 91 Smart Ring Buoy Sensors across the County with the support of Smart Dublin, Water Safety Ireland and the Department for Rural and Community Development. The ring buoys are located where there is public access along our rivers and around our lakes in public parks. They are placed there to help rescue those who may encounter trouble should they fall into the water, primarily they are used to save those in difficulty, however they are also designed so they'll keep a rescuer safe from drowning as well.

Unfortunately ring buoys are frequently being stolen or tampered with, there have been approximately 80 being stolen across the County over the last 12 months, with many being stolen repeatedly from the same areas. The deployment of this innovative new sensor technology was developed through a Smart Dublin initiative and by South Dublin County Council working with SMEs to design and test the prototype, will provide real time alerts when life buoys are stolen or tampered with and send the alert directly to our Public Realm team to address and replace as quickly as possible. The system is part of efforts underway to modernise work practices via the digitisation of the periodic inspections heretofore recorded by pen and paper.

Remember: 'A stolen ring buoy, a stolen life'



South Dublin County Council Mentoring Programme

South Dublin County Council introduced a Staff Mentoring Programme in January 2022. Mentoring is an approach to supporting the personal and career development of employees.

Both the mentor and mentees participate in the programme voluntarily and are supported by our Learning and Development unit who provide relevant training, guidance and best-practice in mentoring processes.

Mentors and mentees identify and agree on mutual needs, goals and an action plan which they work through over a period of approximately 18 months.

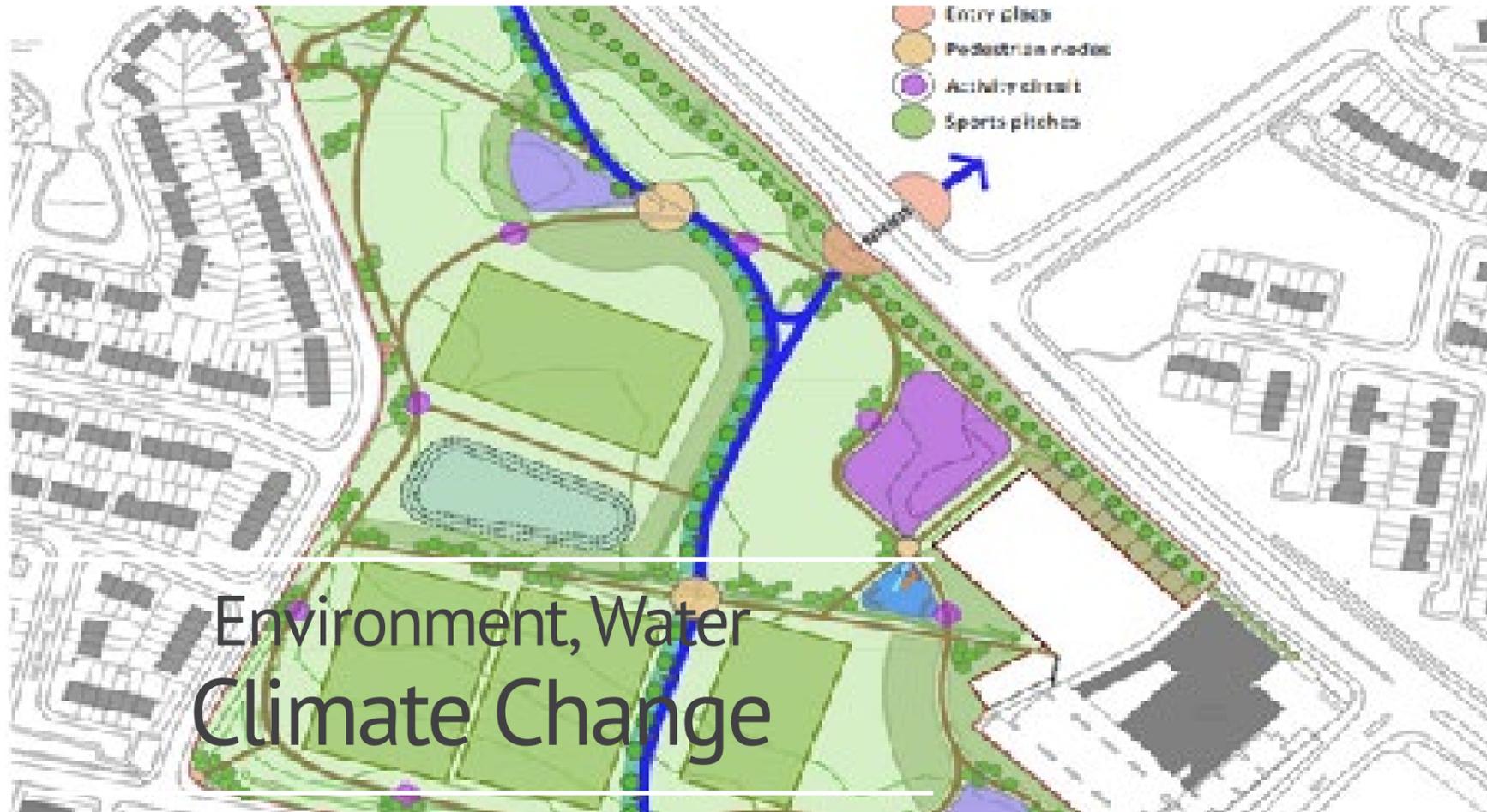
International Women's Day – South Dublin County Council Women's Caucus

The Council's Women in Politics project in conjunction with the South Dublin Women's Caucus will host an event to mark International Women's Day on March 8. This will be a panel discussion with key women who are working to shape local government in South Dublin County Council.

The Council's Women in Politics project is a multiyear initiative designed to build more general awareness of local government and participation in local decision-making structures. The project also provides awareness on the role function of the Council in relation to voter awareness.



South Dublin County Council Women's Caucus



Environment, Water Climate Change

Beechfield Park – Anyone for Tennis!

South Dublin County Council have recently completed the full refurbishment of the six tennis courts and installed 1 new 3 x 3 basketball half-court at Beechfield Park.

The upgrade has provided 6 tennis courts to International Tennis Federation standards and one 3 x 3 basketball half-court which has been built to International Basketball Federation standards.

The works in the tennis courts included completely resurfacing the playing area, new line markings, new posts, new nets, and improvements to the boundary. These works have been funded through the Sports Capital Grant and the Public Realm revenue budget.

The aim of the court upgrades is to empower people to create healthy habits, allowing people to improve their own physical and mental well-being through exercise in a public park.



Upcoming Events - World Water Day and Eco Week

World Water Day, - 22 MARCH

We will deliver workshops to schools, to primary level on the importance of water conservation, and to secondary level on testing water quality through a citizen science approach. To find out more go to www.southdublinclimate.ie and our social channels.

Eco Week 2023 - 6 TO 10 MARCH

We are offering a range of free classroom-based talks, workshops, seminars to schools across South Dublin.

Eco Week brochure is available at www.sdcc.ie. To book email: envawareness@sdblincoco.ie.

New strategy to further protect and enhance Dublin Mountains for sustainable outdoor recreation.

On the 23 of February 2023, the Mayor of South Dublin County Council, Councillor Emma Murphy launched the Dublin Mountains Partnership Strategic Plan 2022-2026 on behalf of the Dublin Mountains Partnership (DMP).

The new strategic plan was launched in Coillte's Cruagh Wood by the Mayor of South Dublin County Council (SDCC), Councillor Emma Murphy, who was joined by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Caroline Conroy, Mr Frank Curran, Chief Executive of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (DLRCC), Ms. Sorcha de Brúch, Principal Officer from National Parks and Wildlife Services and Ms. Sakinah Brennan; Environmental Social Governance Director from Coillte. The members of the Dublin Mountains Partnership planted trees in the new native woodland at Cruagh, one of the nine

Dublin Mountains Makeover sites. The DMP partners include SDCC, Coillte, Dublin City Council, DLRCC and the National Parks and Wildlife Service. The plan provides a strategic framework to guide resourcing, inform decision-making and launch initiatives over the next five years.

The new five-year strategic plan aims to further provide for recreation, protect the environment and raise awareness of the multiple benefits the Dublin Mountains provide, aimed at those who live in, use, visit or have a role to play in shaping the future of this area. The strategy sets out a new vision for the Dublin Mountains as an area of outstanding beauty and a place for sustainable outdoor recreation, where people can enjoy the hills, learn about and care for their environment and culture whilst respecting resident communities, neighbouring landowners and other recreation users.

The new strategy builds on the work of the DMP over the past 14 years, which



Launch of DMP Strategic Plan 2022- 26

has seen €3.2 million invested to improve recreational facilities and access to the Dublin Mountains, including the development of the Dublin Mountains Way, Bike Tracks at Ticknock, Orientation Courses at four sites and much more. It resulted in the decision by Coillte to transition from commercial forestry to managing nine forests in the Dublin Mountains for biodiversity and recreation, known as the Dublin Mountain Makeover.

New Projects – Reimagining Jobstown and Quarryvale Parks

With funding secured, the planning for the rejuvenation of Jobstown and Quarryvale Parks are underway. After a successful procurement process, Nicholas de Jong Associates have been appointed as the project consultants to assist in transforming these spaces to universally accessible, biodiversity enhancing, community friendly amenity spaces.

SDCC wishes to re-invigorate both parks; with a renewed focus on meeting the needs of the communities that live and

surround them. Our vision is to create safe, clean environments free from anti-social behaviour for people of all ages to meet, exercise and enjoy nature. The parks should be a source of pride for the local communities and a place they feel ownership of. The Masterplan for each site will also consider the wider green infrastructure and their connections to other high-quality open space and parks in the County.

A Social Research Consultant recently

completed an initial round of consultations with local organisations and interest groups. These discussions will assist in moving these projects from Concept Design Stage through to the next phase of the project, Detailed Design. To date, both projects are on time with a Part 8 Planning decision due in the Summer. Construction is then anticipated to begin before the end of the year, lastly roughly 10-12 months. We look forward to two upgraded parks either side of the county.



Quarryvale Park Visualisation

Launch of Local Enterprise Week



16 Events Announced for South Dublin's Local Enterprise Week 6 - 10 March 2023

Small businesses and budding entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to sample 16 events aimed at helping them to start or grow their business as part of this year's Local Enterprise Week in South Dublin.

The initiative of the Local Enterprise Offices nationwide, supported by Enterprise Ireland and the local authorities, takes place from the 6 - 10 March this year across the country.

While there are hundreds of events taking place nationally during the week, including 5 Spotlight events that are available for free online, there are also plenty of events in

South Dublin open to all to attend, the majority of which are in person, with great presenters and great networking opportunities.

The programme includes events with a focus on business trends, together with development and growth opportunities for specific sectors including Food, Creative Industry and Social Enterprise and with topics for small business to concentrate on key areas of their business, which can make a real difference to their future ambitions.

This may be in relation to digitalization or becoming more sustaina-

ble, or those who have ambition to grow internationally and begin to find new markets. There is also the opportunity to get expert advice on what steps you need to get started if you are thinking of starting your own business as well as opportunities to meet with experts to discuss key areas of business from financial skills, raising funds and boosting your business online.

A flavour of those taking part in Local Enterprise Week includes keynote presentations from former Kilkenny Team Manager Brian Cody on 'Building and Sustaining a Winning Team in Business' and with the growth in

Roundtower, Clondalkin



the Creative and Digital business sector in the county, Lorraine Bowen together with some of our fantastic creative individuals will tell you about what it takes to grow a business in this sector.

James Burke from Dublin Food Chain will be joined by a panel of experts [from Bord Bia and Tesco] to discuss Future Food Trends 2023 and John Kearns from Partas and a panel which includes Carol Gibbons, Enter-

prise Ireland and Angela Ruttledge, Food Cloud will examine the model on Building the Business of Social Enterprise [and opportunities for scaling and international expansion].

Each of the 31 Local Enterprise Offices will be running a full programme of events in their area that will tackle a variety of areas relevant to small businesses and starting up.

The events are open to all, from

budding entrepreneurs to established businesses and gives them the opportunity to get expert advice on key areas of business.

Details for all the events taking place across the country during Local Enterprise Week, from March 6 to 10, are available at www.LocalEnterprise.ie/Week



Launch of Local Enterprise Week

Sod Turning at Clonburris South Link Street



Minister Daragh O'Brien Turns Sod on Clonburris SDZ

On 27 February, the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH), Darragh O'Brien TD and the Mayor of South Dublin County, Councillor Emma Murphy officially marked the commencement of works at the Clonburris Strategic Development Zone (SDZ).

These works include construction of the first major new street 'South Link Street' and commencement of the first new housing development of 563 homes. This marks a major milestone in kick starting the delivery of

the Clonburris SDZ that will become a sustainable urban neighbourhood and home to 23,000 people over the next 10 years.

The Minister and Mayor were joined by Daniel McLoughlin, SDCC Chief Executive, along with representatives from the three other major private landowners of Cairn Homes, Kelland Homes and Quintain.

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providing €18.8m for Active Travel works. This funding will enable the timely delivery of new streets, parks and community buildings that will help to accelerate the delivery of over 8,700 new homes. This funding reflects the implementation on the ground of Project Ireland 2040 and the Government's Housing for All policy.

In tandem with the funding and delivery of this critical infrastructure, the delivery of new homes is also well underway. To date 944 new homes

have been granted planning permission, Cairn Homes have commenced delivery on-site of 563 homes, and a further 1,045 homes are being assessed as part of live planning permissions, which include a mix retail and community facilities.

SDCC is also a significant landowner in the area with the potential for over 2,500 social and affordable homes. The Council has secured planning permission for 381 homes and are planning to commence construction of these social and affordable homes in summer 2023.

Clonburris is a huge opportunity of national, regional, and local significance, with the potential to enhance housing provision, regenerate neighbouring communities, improve transport, and create a high-quality neighbourhood in a strategic location less than 15 minutes to Dublin City Centre by train. More information can be found here: Clonburris | A New Sustainably Built Dublin Neighbourhood

Minister O'Brien said, "It's fantastic to be here today to mark the commencement of works at the Clonburris Strategic Development Zone (SDZ). I am particularly delighted that South

Dublin County Council will commence construction of their first tranche of social and affordable homes in the coming months. Increasing housing supply is at the heart of the Government's Housing for All plan. Clonburris is a prime example of a sustainable neighbourhood, and the state is investing substantial funds to ensure that the necessary infrastructure is in place, this includes parks, community buildings and active travel works. In the future there will be some 23,000 people living here and enjoying all the amenities."



Chief Executive of South Dublin County Council Daniel McLoughlin said, "The Clonburris South Link Street is a first step in delivering the Clonburris SDZ. With a credible delivery programme for 8,700 public and private homes as well as the provision of 90 hectares of new public parks, community facilities, new streets and utilities, Clonburris SDZ is a major part of the County's development strategy for the next 10 years. As a major landowner in Clonburris, it is a particularly important part of the Council's own social and affordable housing delivery commitments

under the Government's Housing for All plan. South Dublin County Council are fully focused on working through the next stages of the approval processes to release funding and build these projects and we welcome the continued partnership of Government, the Minister and his Department, the NTA and other house builders in Clonburris."

Mayor of South Dublin County Council, Cllr. Emma Murphy said, "The development in Clonburris here in South Dublin is a massive opportunity of national, regional, and local im-

portance. A huge effort has gone into getting to this stage since the Clonburris SDZ was passed in 2018. There is huge potential to provide much needed housing here in the County, to enhance and regenerate neighbouring communities, develop and improve transport links, and to create a high-quality neighbourhood in a strategic location less than 15 minutes to Dublin City Centre by train. As Mayor of South Dublin I am very proud to see significant progression and development of the SDZ which will have a hugely positive impact on our County."

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Seolann Méara Chontae Átha Cliath Theas agus Jim Gavin Seachtain na Gaeilge go hoifigiúil

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Sheol Méara Chomhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas, an Comhairleoir Emma Murphy féile SnaGÁCT go hoifigiúil ar an 21 Feabhra i Leabharlann Bhaile Uí

Ruáin, in éineacht le Jim Gavin, pátrún fhéile na bliana seo, agus in éineacht le daltaí ó bhunscoileanna áitiúla. Beidh an clár ar siúl ón 1-17 Márta.

Tá imeachtaí ar fáil do chách agus do gach aois ar fhéilire na bliana seo, ina measc gig speisialta le KILA ar an Aoine 10 Márta in Áras Chrónáin, Dianchúrsa Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeilge le Ray McManus in Áras Chrónáin, ranganna



Children from Scoil Mhuire Ballyboden, Ballyroan Boys National School and Gaelscoil Chnoc Liamhna

Gaeilge Labhartha i Leabharlanna ar fud an Chontae, tob-Ghaeltacht agus oíche Cheoil agus Rince ar Oíche Fhéile Pádraig in Áras Chrónáin. I mbliana beidh paráidí ar fud an chontae chomh maith, seisiúin cheoil thraidisiúnta Ghaelaigh, agus ar ndóigh maidineacha caife in áiteanna éagsúla, agus iad go léir eagraithe ag Leabharlanna Chomhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas agus Áras Chrónáin, Ionad Cultúir.

Tá CCÁCT bródúil as tacaíocht a thabhairt

do Sheachtain na Gaeilge agus tá sí chun tosaigh i gcur chun cinn an fheachtais 'Gaeilge le Chéile' trí níos mó deiseanna a chruthú agus daoine a spreagadh chun Gaeilge a úsáid agus a labhairt gach lá, ag tosú leis na frásaí simplí cosúil le 'Go raibh maith agat' agus 'Slán', agus an téama Gach Lá, Gach Áit agus le Gach Duine á úsáid.

Ag labhairt di ag an seoladh, dúirt Méara Chomhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas,

an Comhairleoir Emma Murphy: "Táimid bródúil tacaíocht a thabhairt don fheachtas Gaeilge le Chéile trí níos mó deiseanna a chruthú agus a spreagadh chun an Ghaeilge a úsáid gach lá, ag tosú leis na frásaí simplí cosúil le 'Go raibh maith agat' agus 'Dia Dhuit' agus trí úsáid a bhaint as an téama Gach Lá, Gach Áit agus le Gach Duine. Ar an iomlán ba mhaith linn an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn mar theanga bheo ar bhealach spráil, taitneamhach agus oscailte."

Bhí áthas an domhain ar Patrúin SnaGÁCT na bliana seo, Jim Gavin, an ócáid a sheoladh in éineacht leis an Méara agus dúirt sé: "Tá breis agus 100 imeacht á n-eagrú ar fud Chontae Átha Cliath Theas i mbliana. Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil le gach duine a chabhraigh leis an bhféilire a chur le chéile. Is deis iontach é dúinn ar fad níos mó Gaeilge labhartha a úsáid."

Le haghaidh tuilleadh eolais agus chun an bróisiúr a íoslódáil tabhair cuairt le do thoil ar www.sdcc.ie



Sile Coleman, SDCC Libraries; Cllr Eoin O'Broin; Jim Gavin; Cllr. Emma Murphy, Mayor of SDCC; Brian O Gaibhin (Aras Chronain); Cllr Yvonne Collins; Laura Joyce, SDCC Libraries

Canal Side



At the start of Autumn 2022, the Council began the preparation of a Masterplan for the 12th Lock lands, an area strategically located adjacent to Grange Castle Business Park, the Grand Canal and Clonburris SDZ.

The purpose of the Masterplan was to set out a blueprint for the coherent development of the area, bringing vacant properties into functional use and enhancing the economic, amenity and tourism value of the area.

The 12th Lock Masterplan was presented to the Council at its monthly meeting in February. The Masterplan's proposals incorporate the significant opportunity presented by the extension of the Greenway from 12th Lock to Hazelhatch.

The area has potential for significant collateral investment and development, delivering combined cultural, leisure, amenity, business opportunities and knitting into the wider area to complement and enhance the Clonburris SDZ and adjacent planned linear park.

South Dublin County Council own several key properties, including industrial buildings and canal side sites at this location on

both the northern and southern tow path accesses and own and manage the adjacent suite of Grange Castle Business Parks, which aim to employ up to 20,000 people when fully developed.

An assessment of the existing condition of all buildings within the study area was undertaken and baseline studies on ecology, landscape, transport & mobility, architecture and heritage accompany and underpin the masterplan, whilst engagement with stakeholders including Waterways Ireland was also undertaken.

The proposals for development in the Masterplan look at three distinct areas, canal side, industrial buildings and Beattie's Cottage lands, with a number of proposed

uses set out for each area as follows:

Canal side uses proposed include hostel accommodation, restaurant, bicycle hire and an information office (top left).

The re-purposing of existing industrial buildings for use as micro-enterprise space will add significant value and meet current business demand. Longer term proposals provide for a complete re-development and establishment of a mixed-use scheme to create a new vibrant streetscape, whilst also serving to complement the future neighbouring development of Clonburris SDZ (top right)

Development of the property and buildings comprising the Beattie's Cottage area offers

Existing Industrial Buildings



huge potential and proposals include a multipurpose event space, café, creche, local shop, kayak facilities and artist studio space (bottom right).

The Council believes that this area will

lead to a revitalisation of strategically important lands, delivering cultural/enterprise facilities, artisan and craft space, accommodation options for both residential and hostel, café and restaurant options and leisure facilities. It will act as a destina-

tion amenity, a gateway to Clonburris SDZ, and be a major asset for the locality, the adjacent Grange Castle Business Park and the wider region.

The next step for the Masterplan is to progress to Part 8 Planning for key aspects of the plan, developing a phasing strategy for the delivery and realisation of the vision.

To kick-start development, capital monies have been included in the Council's three-year Capital Programme, which will support the creation of a new and exciting economic, cultural, and social quarter in the County.

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12th Lock Masterplan



Beattie's Cottage Area

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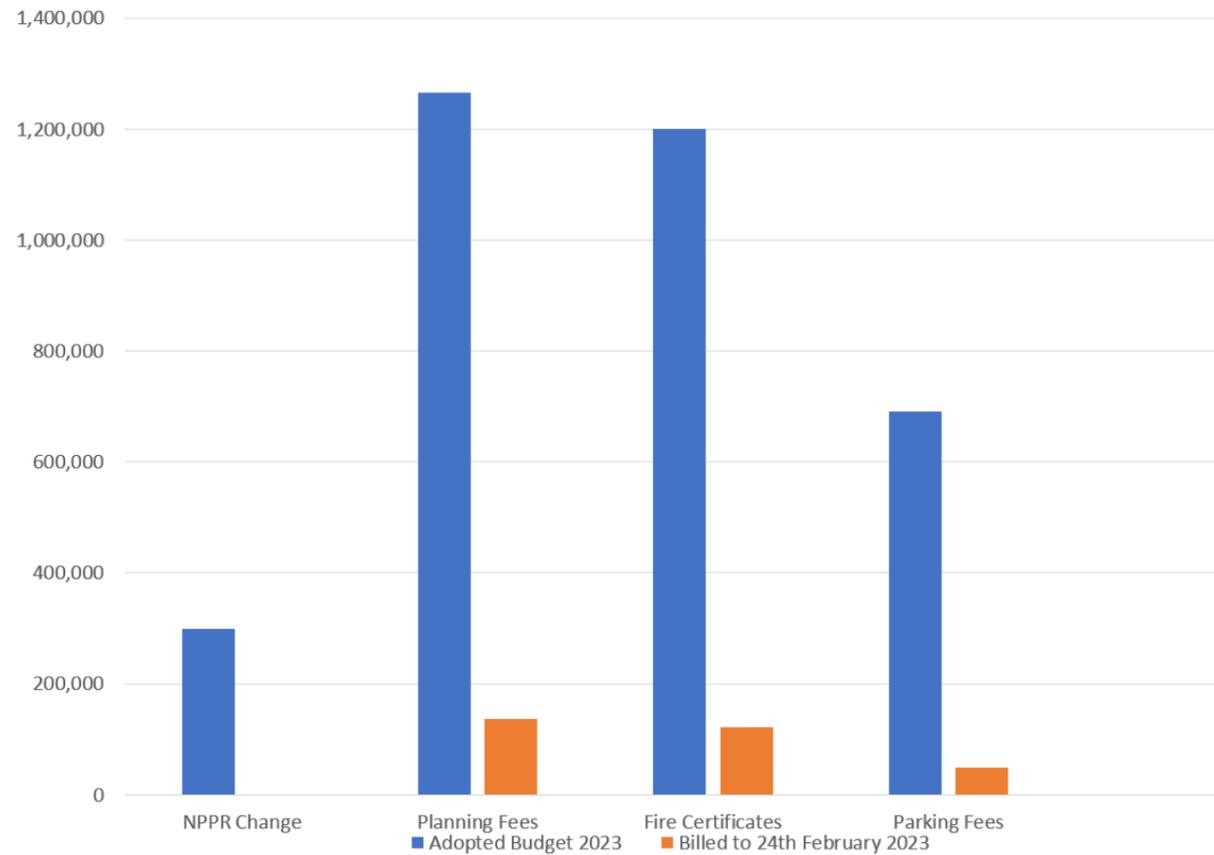


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