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## REBUILDING & REGENERATION

### 55 CLÚID HOUSING

Clúid's new Greening Strategy and its three-year action plan aims to continue supporting climate action goals and to contribute towards creating a sustainable environment and economy. The housing agency has set a target to deliver 3,000 new homes before the end of 2022.

### 59 SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

South Dublin County Council has been awarded €186.32m for the significant regeneration projects of Clonburris and Adamstown Strategic Development Zones (SDZs) under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund.

### 61 Ó CUALANN COHOUSING ALLIANCE

Ó Cualann Cohousing Alliance has been appointed by Fingal County Council to deliver the first affordable housing scheme in the county in 11 years at Dun Emer, Lusk, Co. Dublin.

### 63 IRISH HOME BUILDERS REPORT

Ireland's 20th century planning system is delaying efforts to meet 21st century housing demand, the Irish Home Builders Association notes in its new report and provides practical solutions to speed up the delivery of new homes across the country.

### 59 SIMON COMMUNITY

An affordability crisis will continue to drive people into homelessness, the Simon Communities of Ireland warn in their new 'Locked Out' report.

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## 14 EURO FOCUS

## 17 INNOVATION IN POLITICS AWARDS

Politicians from Ireland are invited by the European Innovation in Politics Institute to submit their projects, for this year's Innovation in Politics Awards before 1 July.

## 18 DUBLIN BELFAST ECONOMIC CORRIDOR

Eight local authorities from either side of the border have launched the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor in response to challenges facing the region, such as adapting to Brexit, climate change and transforming to a low carbon economy.

## 23 WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Arklow has been selected as the Garden County's pilot decarbonisation zone, and Wicklow County Council will now work with all community sectors in the town to test and measure the process of decarbonising the economy and society before the end of the year.

## 26 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE

A lack of gender quota legislation in local government and the role of a Directly Elected Mayor in providing greater democratic accountability were some of the main issues discussed at the Sixth Annual Public Lecture, organised by UCC's Centre for Local and Regional Governance.

## 29 SMART TECHNOLOGY

Offaly County Council has launched a new project to establish Edenderry as a leader in managing public services such as parking, litter control, air quality and building energy use in the Midlands town, using smart technology.

## 30 CLIMATE CHANGE

These are interesting times for Ireland's Climate Change Advisory Council (CCAC) as its new Chairperson Marie Donnelly starts her five-year term, just as the new Climate Action Bill makes its way through the Oireachtas.

## 32 CORK CITY COUNCIL

Cork City Council is one of the project partners in the Interreg Europe INTENSIFY project, which aims to achieve greater carbon reduction and to lower greenhouse gas emissions through intense community engagement, according to project leader Brian Cassidy.

## 37 DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL

Scientific studies have increasingly verified that cities with high levels of green infrastructure are more pleasant and healthier places to live. Peter Leonard, Dublin City Council's Senior Executive Landscape Architect, highlights the latest projects underway in the city.

## 40 SOUTHERN REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Southern Regional Assembly (SRA) is promoting the increased use of sustainable transport and reduced carbon emissions with local authorities in the region, using its new '10 Minute Town Framework and Methodology' report. SRA's EU Projects Officer Rose Power outlines the background to the regional action plan and their involvement in the MATCH-UP project..

## 43 CORK COUNTY COUNCIL

Cork County Council's unique 'one-stop-shop' tourism app – the first one of its kind by any local authority in Ireland – features over 850 places to see and things to do throughout County Cork.

## 46 WATERFORD INVESTMENT

Waterford recently launched a new and ambitious 'Waterford - Find Your Future' brand, which centres on the city's critical role in national development as a population centre, economic regional driver and a counter balance to Dublin under 'Project Ireland 2040'.



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## 49 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Environmental Protection Agency claims that local authorities need to increase action and co-ordination measures to ensure compliance with air legislation, adding that more also needs to be done to drive compliance nationally with water protection legislation.

## 50 WOMEN IN POLITICS

A new report has found that the lack of maternity leave is one of the barriers inhibiting women's chances of election success. Other challenges highlighted in the 'Women for Election' report include an increasing risk of sexist, racist and misogynistic online abuse and lack of access to campaign financing to recognise care responsibilities.

## 67 FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

In addition to the Urban Regeneration Development Fund of €25.4m, ear-marked for the Balbriggan Rejuvenation Plan, Fingal County Council is also providing €8.5m to complete the public realm improvements in the town by 2027.

## 68 DUN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council has rolled out a range of new projects to improve active travel, pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, in a bid to encourage the greater uptake of cycling and walking throughout the county.

## 73 CLONMEL ENTERPRISES

Clonmel Enterprises' involvement in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council's Coastal Mobility Route has been great example of how applying knowledge and experience to a challenging project can have a positive outcome, according to CEL's Engineering Manager Anne Kinsella.

## 74 SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

South Dublin County Council has set its sights on becoming one of Ireland's most cycle-friendly counties, in response to the projected population growth in the county over the coming years, which highlights the urgent need to offer high quality public transport alternatives.

## 81 CYCLING WITHOUT AGE

Clara Clark, Irish founder of 'Cycling Without Age' has requested local authorities to remove 'kissing gates' in public parks and housing estates to enable easy access for trishaws, bikes and wheelchairs, in a bid to enable elderly citizens to become more active in their own communities.

## 85 VIEWPOINT

Dublin needs big ideas and people with imagination, creativity and bravery, according to Dublin City Councillor Dermot Lacey. That is one of the reasons why he strongly supports the proposed development of a White-Water Rafting Centre for George's Dock.

## 91 REMOTE WORKING

Now that home working is the norm for many public and private sector employees in Ireland, both employers and employees have many issues to iron out before things start to run smoothly again.

## 99 CROSS-BORDER TOURISM PROJECT

A new tourism programme has been developed by Donegal County Council with Derry City and Strabane District Council, to support tourism and hospitality businesses in developing a greater collaboration to help with the recovery of the tourism industry in the north-west.

## 100 INTER-REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Limerick Institute of Technology and the three local authorities in the mid-west have signed a deal to drive forward the formation of the European Zone for Inter-Regional Development, to allow higher education institutes to work with regional governments.



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