

Greens in Government

Major investment to develop state of the art facilities for outdoor water-based activities



Fáilte Ireland and my department recently announced an investment of €19 million in funding to develop state of the art facilities for outdoor water-based activities in 22 locations across the country.

Killiney beach is one of the locations set to receive this funding.

Each centre will provide hot showers, changing and toilet facilities, secure storage, induction spaces, equipment washdown and orientation points.

They will be fully wheelchair accessible and built using best practices in sustainability such as solar heating panels to meet 'Nearly Zero Energy Building Standards.'



Constituency Clinics

I am also delighted to announce that my Constituency Clinics have returned in virtual format and take place online every second Friday morning. If you are interested in attending or would like further information, please get in touch with me at:

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Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Bill 2021



The Climate Bill has been approved by Government and is currently passing through the Houses of the Oireachtas. This landmark Bill aims to:

- Help us meet a 51% emissions reduction target by 2030
- Strengthen the Climate Change Advisory Council
- Support our transition to Net Zero by 2050
- Embed carbon budgeting into law

Social Housing Retrofitting Programme

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council has received funding of €1,114,467 from the Department of Housing Retrofitting Programme for Social Housing.

Retrofitting a home means that multiple energy updates will be carried out, i.e. proper wall and roof insulation, window updates and an upgraded heating system. This will transform older houses with poor ratings into a BER A-rating. Housing is one of Ireland's largest energy efficiency challenges and this programme will not only upgrade 41 social houses in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, but it will also lead to a reduction in Ireland's greenhouse gas emissions and result in warmer, more comfortable homes which will benefit the health of all those living in them.

White paper on Ending Direct Provision Published

My Green Party colleague Minister Roderic O'Gorman published a White Paper on Ending Direct Provision. This delivered on a commitment set out in the Programme for Government and it is anticipated that Direct Provision will end by the end of 2024.



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Introducing our new Green Councillor for Glencullen-Sandyford

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Oisín has lived in Dublin Rathdown with his family for the last number of years. He has been involved in advocating for safer roads and more active travel infrastructure, previously sitting on the DLR Transport Policy Committee.

Since becoming a Councillor, Oisín has joined the Joint Policing Committee, the Housing Committee, the Community Committee and is a board member of DLR Leisure Services.

We are delighted to have him joining the Green team in Dublin Rathdown!