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## CUTS TO CHILDCARE COSTS TO BENEFIT OVER 150,000 CHILDREN

Families across the country are set to benefit from reductions to full time and early learning childcare services, a Senator has said. As of September 1st 2024, all families accessing registered early learning and childcare will receive a minimum hourly universal National Childcare Scheme (NCS) subsidy of €2.14 off their out-of-pocket costs, up from a current hourly rate of €1.40.

Senator Mary Seery Kearney said: "Our goal in Fine Gael is to support families across Ireland by reducing the economic pressures of childcare. These updates to the National Childcare Scheme are a direct response to the needs voiced by parents across the country, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to thrive in a supportive early learning environment."

"As part of this commitment, families receiving the NCS universal subsidy will see a further 25% average reduction in the cost of using full time early learning and childcare services. "For families on the universal subsidy, this will mean up to €5,007 off their annual bill per child. This represents up to an additional €1,731 off the annual cost of early learning and childcare per child following the most recent changes.

"This initiative will ensure that more families can benefit from the valuable early learning opportunities that shape the foundational years of children's lives. "Additionally, starting in September 2024, families using registered childminders will be able to avail of the NCS for the first time—a move that broadens the scope of

the scheme and acknowledges the diverse childcare needs of modern Irish families.

"Fine Gael continues to champion the welfare of Ireland's families, reinforcing its promise to ensure that every child receives the best possible start in life. "This is coupled by €331m Core Funding provided directly to early learning and childcare services works to ensure that providers can continue in their work while providing fee management and financial transparency.

"By reducing the burden of childcare and expanding access to quality services, we are making a strong investment in our children's future and in the economic wellbeing of families across Ireland." Senator Seery Kearney concluded.



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# LABOUR PARTY SELECTS CLLR. CIARÁN AHERN IN DUBLIN SOUTH-WEST

The Labour Party has selected Councillor Ciarán Ahern as its candidate in Dublin South-West for the upcoming general election. Ahern is a labour law solicitor and represents Rathfarnham-Templeogue on South Dublin County Council. He was elected to this position in June alongside fellow Labour councillor Pamela Kearns, who together earned nearly 28% of their area's first-preference votes.

This was one of the Labour Party's strongest showings

nationally in the most recent elections. In a statement, Ahern said "I'd like to thank my family, friends, and party colleagues for their support-it's an honour to be selected to represent our community and my home in this coming election. I look forward to building on the momentum of our historic local election result, and to advocating strongly for our area in the next Dáil. South Dublin is a wonderful place facing difficult challenges. Year after year, this government has failed to provide basic

public services, and we're falling behind on targets in housing, climate, cost of living, and hospital trolleys. The Labour Party will always fight for investment in our community from decent, affordable homes to proper public transport to workers' rights; all the things Dublin needs for a kinder, fairer, and more sustainable future."

In a statement, Labour Party leader Ivana Bacik said "We're delighted to have Ciarán represent us in Dublin South-West for this upcoming election. Ciarán is a devoted and dedicated community volunteer, activist, and county councillor, with a strong background in the law, and I'm looking forward to seeing him take on the challenges of national politics.

I look forward to campaigning alongside him, both during the election and in Leinster House, for an Ireland that works for all."



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# PUBLICLY FUNDED HRT SCHEME A “GAME CHANGER” FOR WOMEN’S HEALTHCARE

Local Fianna Fáil Councillor Teresa Costello has welcomed reports that her party colleague, Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly, plans to introduce a publicly funded hormone replacement therapy (HRT) scheme. Under the scheme, the Government would cover the cost of HRT medication being available to those who need it.

Cllr Costello said: “The publicly-funded HRT scheme will be a game-changer

for women’s healthcare. This is hugely welcome news. “There has been an increase in demand for HRT medicines in the last number of years, both due to public information campaigns run by the Government and to the work of many individuals, organisations and public representatives in highlighting the need for better menopause care for women.

“However, women have faced issues in using HRT medicine,

from access to cost disparity. “These issues are in addition to the already challenging experience of menopause. It represents a significant change in the reproductive system and brings with it a lot of other symptoms, everything from hot flashes to weight gain, hair loss, anxiety, depression, sight loss, arthritis and diabetes.

“The scheme would put an end to the barrier posed by costs in accessing effective and essential healthcare

treatment. Women are faced with costs of €30 to €70 per month for HRT, the cost of a GP visit which can be between €60 and €80 and the cost of having to have to go to a consultant which could be hundreds of euros for one consultation. “Publicly-funded HRT is an investment in the individual health of those women who access the medicines as well as in the health of families and entire communities.

I look forward to the details of the scheme being

published in the coming weeks.

“The scheme is the latest example of Fianna Fáil’s

commitment in Government to supporting women’s healthcare and removing barriers to access wherever we can.”

## GOVERNMENT FAILING TO DELIVER SOCIAL HOUSING IN SOUTH DUBLIN

TD Mark Ward has said that the government is failing to deliver social housing after new figures showed that 19,884 people in South Dublin are on social housing lists or in receipt of Housing Assistance Payment (HAP). Deputy Ward added that the only way to start fixing Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael’s mismanagement of the housing crisis is with a change of government, a Sinn Féin Minister for Housing and Sinn Féin’s alternative housing plan.

Teachta Ward said “Figures released in recent weeks show that 19,884 people in South Dublin are on housing lists or in receipt of HAP. This is further evidence of the government’s inability to fix the housing crisis and their failure to deliver social housing for those who need it. “The report, published by the Parliamentary Budget Office, estimates that the number of social homes across the state must be increased by 56 per cent just to meet the current deficit, yet only last month Taoiseach Simon Harris inexplicably claimed that a sufficient volume of social housing was being delivered.

“These figures rubbish the Taoiseach’s claim and show just how out of touch he and his government are when it comes to their failures to address the housing crisis. “But none of this will come as a surprise to those struggling to put a secure and affordable roof over their heads. Fine Gael has been in government for 13 years, Fianna Fáil have been propping them up for the last eight years.

“Two weeks ago alone, three independent reports were released by the Society of Chartered Surveyors of Ireland, the Central Statistics Office and Savills. These reports once again highlighted that the government’s housing plan is not working. “The three reports highlight sky high house prices, chronic undersupply and the growing affordability challenge for working people looking to rent or buy a home.

“During all of that time, house prices, rents and homelessness have risen to historic highs. Meanwhile, the delivery of social and affordable homes has been unacceptably low. “Sinn Féin has an alternative housing plan that will prioritise the delivery of social and affordable housing to the level that is required. That is why we need a general election, a change of government and a Sinn Féin Minister for Housing.”



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# €1M PROGRAMME NEEDED TO STOP YOUTH VAPING 'EPIDEMIC'

A dedicated quit vaping service is urgently needed to save thousands of teenagers from lifelong nicotine addiction, campaigners insist. In its pre-Budget submission, the Irish Heart Foundation said dedicated support is vital to help young people quit one of the most addictive substances on the planet. The charity also wants the price of cigarettes increased to €20 a pack and promised new taxes on vapes set at a sufficient level to deter young people from starting to use them.

"We know that many young people are looking for help to quit vaping and from programmes in the US that when such help is available, it can be highly effective," said Irish Heart Foundation Director of Advocacy, Chris Macey. "Failing to provide this support in the face of a youth vaping epidemic the State has not done enough so far to prevent, would be tantamount to abandoning

thousands of teenagers at risk of long-term addiction."

Mr Macey said the HSE is continuing to receive calls across all its stop smoking services from people looking for help to quit vaping. But despite the growing demand, he said Quit.ie isn't resourced to provide the service, which requires different approaches than traditional smoking cessation services to be most effective. The Irish Heart Foundation also pointed to data from youth information and support platform, Spunout, which has received thousands of views of its webpage on the health effects of smoking and vaping - with the search query 'how to quit vaping?' the biggest driver of traffic to this content.

The charity also said that a US programme, 'This is Quitting', launched by public health NGO, the Truth Initiative, to counter the rise

of youth vaping, has helped over 750,000 young vapers.

"Vaping can affect teenage brain development, damage blood vessels, cause high blood pressure, changes in heart rhythm and have serious effects on the respiratory system," said Mr Macey. "Worst of all, research shows it is a gateway to smoking, which is still claiming 12 lives every day in Ireland, making it our biggest cause of preventable death. "Our concern is that the increase in vaping, relentlessly marketed to teenagers with around 16,000 different flavours, will increase smoking rates and expose our young people to premature death from tobacco-related diseases."

The Foundation is also calling for a budget allocation of over €1 million to develop a vaping prevention information campaign and a research programme to inform the development



of a vaping cessation programme. It wants an increase of €3.25 in the price of cigarettes to bring the cost to €20 per pack.

Mr Macey also said smokers should be given more help by the State to quit - while they pay €1billion in additional taxes, annual anti-smoking

measures amount to just €17million.

The charity's full pre-Budget submission at [irishheart.ie](http://irishheart.ie).

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# SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL'S DECISION TO REJECT PLANNING PERMISSION FOR GOOGLE'S NEW DATA CENTRE IN CLONDALKIN

People Before Profit welcomes the news that South Dublin County Council has rejected planning permission for Google Ireland to build a new data centre at Grange Castle Business Park in Clondalkin. Insufficient national grid capacity and lack of renewable energy are among the reasons for refusal. Gino Kenny TD said "The development of new

data centres will make it next to impossible for Ireland to meet its climate targets. The average data centre uses the same amount of electricity as 23,000 homes. By 2028 they are expected to use 27% of all electricity in Ireland.

This is also putting a huge strain on our electricity grid and may lead to

rolling electricity blackouts according to the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU)." He added "They use between 500,000 litres and 5 million litres of water a day. In Dublin our water supply is already under a huge amount of strain and Data centres will only increase this."

Cllr Darragh Adelaide said "According to the Guardian,

up to 88% of what is stored in the cloud is considered junk data that will not be accessed again by users. Apps, websites and cookies track our day-to-day activities, this information is stored and sold to other businesses. Data centres provide very few jobs but take large amounts of resources from our local community."

however, the government undemocratically overturned this decision.

Much like the housing crisis, the government is more interested in the profits of big investors and big

business than the needs of our communities or the environment. It is hugely welcome to see that the council have rejected this application and are listening to Councillors and the community."

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Cllr Madeleine Johansson added: "Last Summer Councillors on South Dublin County Council voted in favour of my motion to ban further data centre development in the area, currently half of all data centres in Ireland are located here,

## LIDL OPENS IN NEWCASTLE



Pic credit Robbie Reynolds

Lidl Ireland's brand-new store on Main Street Upper in Newcastle, Dublin was officially opened recently by Dublin Ladies Gaelic Football Captain Carla Rowe. Crowds gathered early to be amongst the first shoppers across the door to enjoy opening day entertainment and exclusive in-store offers.

The highly anticipated new store offers customers a premium shopping experience, with a modern fit out including high ceilings, wide aisles, and a large sales floor. The first ten shoppers through the doors received complimentary vouchers to

shop Lidl's renowned range of high-quality products at market-leading value, and huge savings on middle aisle favourites.

To mark the opening, the store team in Newcastle including Christine, Donal Fahey and the store's Manager Dawn Hayden are pictured here presenting a donation voucher cheque for €1000 to John Kinsella from neighbouring St Finian's Community Hall. The volunteer-led group run the local facility for the benefit of the whole community, providing a welcoming space for everyone to socialise and avail of support.

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# TALLAGHT SCHOOL STARTS ACADEMIC YEAR WITH LIFESAVING CPR SKILLS

A number of Dublin schools are beginning the new academic year with an Irish Heart Foundation award for training their students in the lifesaving skill of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Local students from Kingswood Community College in Tallaght were one of the schools to receive CPR 4 Schools awards, which recognise schools, teachers and students for remarkable efforts in CPR promotion and training. They were among 36 schools across Ireland presented with 57 awards as part of the national heart and stroke charity's CPR 4 Schools programme.

Since its inception, 2,630 teachers in 649 post-primary schools have taken part, learning how to deliver CPR and giving the programme a reach of over 350,000 post-primary school students. The charity aims to build a generation of life savers by

training students to perform CPR and respond in a cardiac emergency, use an AED (defibrillator) and respond when someone is choking.

"We implemented the CPR 4 Schools programme in Larkin Community College for the first time this year," said Larkin Community College CPR 4 Schools Co-ordinator, Johanna O'Dowd. "In March, ten staff undertook the training online and in just three months, we have empowered 75% of our student body with the invaluable skills of CPR, AED usage and other life-saving techniques. "We believe that by equipping our students with these essential skills, we are not just shaping their futures but also potentially saving lives. "This initiative marks a significant step towards creating a safer and more prepared community."

Brigid Sinnott, Resuscitation Manager with the Irish Heart Foundation, said the charity

is delighted to recognise schools, teachers and students. "Every year we are blown away by the work and commitment of schools to teach the lifesaving skill of CPR. "We know that schools are busy places but they are making CPR a priority for their students and the impact is seen in their homes and communities.

"The Irish Heart Foundation's mission is to build a nation of lifesavers through CPR training and schools are vital in helping us to achieve that. "These schools are, quite literally, the beating heart of the programme and are recognised for empowering students with a vital lifesaving skill."

A person's chance of survival is doubled when CPR is started immediately. By learning CPR once in your life, you are 10 times more likely to respond to an emergency than someone who has never received

training. Designed to embed within the school curriculum, the Irish Heart Foundation's CPR 4 Schools programme is easy to run and takes just

one hour to train a class. Post-primary school teachers interested in signing up for the free programme can register by emailing:

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# KISHOGE STATION FINALLY OPENS ITS DOORS

The long-awaited Kishoge Station officially opens its doors recently, coinciding with Iarnród Éireann's new rail timetable adjustments, as announced by the

National Transport Authority (NTA). This milestone marks a significant improvement in public transportation for the Lucan area and surrounding communities, providing a

crucial link for commuters. Local TD and Minister for Business, Employment, and Retail, Emer Higgins, speaking at the launch said,

"I am thrilled that trains will finally be stopping at Kishoge Station." "Since my time as a local Councillor and now as a TD and Minister, I have consistently advocated for the completion and opening of Kishoge Station with the NTA, Iarnród Éireann and the Minister for Transport. Its opening, which was delayed by the economic downturn, is now a clear indication of our recovered and strong economy under this Government and our commitment to ensuring that much needed infrastructure is delivered hand in hand with new housing developments."

Higgins further highlighted the significance of the new station for local residents, stating, "Kishoge will greatly enhance our local infrastructure, improving connectivity, delivering a critical service for commuters and providing much-needed relief to traffic congestion. With 40 trains running each way, Monday to Friday, this is a major step forward".

"Alongside Cllrs. Vicki Casserly and Caroline Brady, we have strongly advocated for Kishoge to be opened,



and as more new homes are built in our area, this station will be of immense benefit to local residents both existing and new. This is a significant milestone for Dublin Mid West, especially for the communities of Lucan and Clondalkin who have eagerly awaited this addition to our public transport network." "The opening of Kishoge Station represents an

investment of almost €10 million and complements the existing Adamstown and Clondalkin stations.

Kishoge Station will now serve as a key stop for most Heuston and Phoenix Park Tunnel Commuter Services, offering residents enhanced connectivity to Dublin city and beyond." Higgins concluded.



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## TD CALLS FOR A RESOLUTION TO LUCAN LODGE NURSING HOME IMPASSE AFTER SPIRALLING COSTS TO THE HSE

People Before Profit TD has called for the HSE to find a long-term resolution for the future of Lucan Lodge Nursing Home. In May of this year the HSE took over the operational status of the nursing home after the previous care provider went into liquidation. Over the summer the HSE

stated that all residents who were residing in the nursing home would be found alternative appropriate accommodation. To date there is still fifteen residents in the nursing home. The HSE announced in July that there were numerous issues with the building, and this was not conducive

to residential nursing care. There continues to be ongoing protest by family members of those residents still residing at Lucan Lodge. Dublin Mid-West TD Gino Kenny has raised this issue with the HSE and the Minister over the last three months said, "The situation at Lucan Lodge Nursing Home is very unsatisfactory. A resolution needs to be found by all parties involved. In a response to a parliamentary question, I submitted to the HSE regarding costs that the HSE has accrued since taking over the facility, the HSE stated that from the 17th of May to the end of June that additional direct costs accrued were 600K. Obviously this is an enormous amount of money that the HSE are liable for after the previous private care provider failed in their operational obligations. Considering the costs thus far it would be in the interest of the HSE and residents to consider taken over the facility so it could be used for public use in the immediate and long term".

## PALMERSTOWN CAMERA CLUB NEW SEASON

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# NEW COUNCIL RENTS POLICY HURTING LARGE FAMILIES

Local Councillor Willima Caret recently highlighted South Dublin County Council's rents policy. In a recent example of the effects of the new rent differential policy, the cost to one family has seen their rent increase from €70 to €236 per week.

However, with the additional surcharge being added of €147 it has now risen to a total of €383 per week. This represents a massive 62.3% increase at a time when increase in rent pressure zones are limited to 2%. As a result of a new policy on assessing household rents, larger families are struggling to meet the new levels imposed by SDCC. These new rent assessments imposed by FF/FG led council came into effect from 1st April 2021.

The effects of which are only now beginning to hit home with tenants whose children are now entering the workforce. These assessments are beginning to cause huge stress on families struggling to pay these additional costs. The differential rent scheme has

always meant that as family income rose so to would the rent they pay. Rents are assessed on all income going into the home.

However, the new policy is aimed at adding a surcharge of an additional 10% of income to be levied upon families. This policy has meant that families whose income had grown above qualification base lines would be hit with an additional 10% surcharge. In effect all income brought in by adult children in a household is now subject to a 20% differential rent. This is a doubling of the rent that they would reasonably be expecting to contribute to the family home.

This is exorbitant rent even in the private sector whereby a family with 5 adults and additional children in the home could be paying such levels of rent to the local authority.

In November 2020 at the height of the Covid pandemic Fianna Fail and Fine Gael pushed through these changes in SDCC rent

differential scheme. This resulted in what is seen as punitive charges been levied upon families with adult children living at home. This also includes charges upon those teenagers and youth who take up part time jobs to support themselves as they progress through school.

Cllr William Carey has been hugely critical of this policy and raised this during the November 2020 debate on the annual budget. Cllr Carey continued, "I identified the problems that this policy would raise including the unfairness of it and pointed to the unjust nature of the additional charges being levied. I also made clear that the increase would have a detrimental effect on family dynamics and that these increases would land on the shoulders of some of our lowest paid workers, ie, young worker's entering into the jobs market".

Cllr Carey added "I had a motion before the 2020 budget meeting opposing this measure which was defeated by 23 votes to 14. Those who

opposed my motion were led by the Fianna Fail/Fine Gael coalition and supported by Green party including Joanna

Tuffy of the Labour party (see below copy of motion taken from minutes of 2020 Budget meeting). Cllr Carey

finished by noting that in the past 5yrs since rental income in SDCC has risen from €26m to €31.2m pa".

## JOHN MULLEN COLLECTION OF MATERIAL



Pictured in County Library, Tallaght, at the launch of the John Mullen Collection of Material relating to the North of Ireland Peace Process were Former Cllr. Eamonn Maloney, Michael Walsh, John Mullen, Anne Hanrahan (Tallaght Historical Society), Sean Crowe TD, and former Cllrs. Charlie O'Connor and Lilian Gueret.

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## UNDER RESOURCED COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE SECTOR FAILING RESIDENTS OF DUBLIN SOUTH WEST

Sinn Féin Councillor for Tallaght Central has criticised Government's chronic lack of underfunding into the community healthcare sector across Dublin South West. Cllr Whelan stated: "I was contacted in recent weeks by

a constituent who received a letter from the HSE stating that the Public Health Nursing Service is moving to priority status in their area due to staff shortages, meaning they must prioritise the services that are provided by them. The letter stated that the PHN service would not be in a position to deliver a routine health and development assessment for this person's child.

Developmental checks provided by the PHN service are critical for parents, particularly new parents, in identifying potential developmental delays in young children. This is yet another area that Government have chronically underfunded and left decimated by the recruitment embargo implemented by the HSE from October '23 to July '24.

This is just one of many cases I'm dealing with where the community healthcare sector is not providing the service it is supposed to provide to the community, pushing people into the private sector, creating further financial strain. This Government have refused to put the proper resources in place to tackle this crisis to reduce the strain on people who require their service"

## RHASIDAT ADELEKE MAKING HISTORY



Pictured is Olympian and Allianz ambassador, Rhasidat Adeleke after making history at the Olympic Games Paris 2024. At her first Olympic Games, Rhasidat became the first Irish woman to reach an Olympic sprint final. Allianz are proud to be global and local partners of the Olympic movement, announcing the renewal of their partnership with the Olympic Federation of Ireland last month, reaffirming their commitment to supporting Irish athletes on their journey beyond Paris 2024. Mandatory Credit ©INPHO/Morgan Treacy

## MATEO RANKED NO. 1 IN UNDER 15'S IN IRELAND FOR BLACKBALL POOL

Mateo Marrone, from Rathcoole has just turned 13 years old. Mateo started playing 8-ball pool about a year and a half ago. He began competing with the Irish Pool Association & The Blackball Federation of Ireland a year ago.

He has come on leaps and bounds in his first season of competitive pool, and as a result finished the season as number 1 ranked under-15s in Ireland for Blackball Pool. He has taken to this sport like a fish to water. The Rathcoole student, has been invited to play for Irelands 'A-team' in the World Championships, Malta. The competition takes place in November.

Mateo has played for Rathcoole FC since he was 5 and has recently started secondary school at Holy Family Community School. Mateo's Dad Dan, commented on how proud the family are "We are all extremely proud of his achievements".





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# EDUCATION & TRAINING FEATURE

## STUDENTS REITERATE OPPOSITION TO PLANS FOR A MOBILE PHONE BLANKET BAN

The Irish Second-Level Students' Union (ISSU) cannot support the proposed plans of a blanket-approach phone ban across second-level schools in Ireland announced by Minister for Education, Norma Foley T.D.

A system where students would have their phones removed for the school day is one that the ISSU cannot support, as there are major logistical concerns surrounding it. Furthermore, the majority of schools already have strategies in place to combat extensive use of mobile phones.

Speaking recently, Jack McGinn Uachtarán of the ISSU said "The proposal of a blanket phone ban in second-level schools is not feasible. It means adding another responsibility on the system to police phone usage. It could also mean

schools having to accept responsibility for the safety of up to 1,000 mobile phones each day. No consultation has been made with relevant stakeholders regarding this.

Mobile phones are often used during the school day for educational reasons too, with Junior Cycle CBAs and Leaving Certificate projects in subjects' requiring use of the internet. The Department of Education should focus on expanding the IT Support Grant to enable schools to purchase more IT facilities for students."

An t-Oifigeach Oideachais/ Education Officer of the ISSU, Emma Cox, stated "This decision has not been made in consultation from expert groups, including feedback from the Irish Second-Level Students' Union, as there are valid concerns raised that are not being addressed by

a blanket ban. The ISSU are in the process of arranging a consultation with Minister Foley to discuss this proposal regarding smartphones in

second-level schools." There was a lack of engagement with second-level students. Education policies should be student-centric, yet

students were not consulted on this matter. The ISSU stands ready to work collaboratively to find a solution that balances the

needs of all stakeholders, while ensuring the safety and educational progress of students.

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# ST KEVIN'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE CELEBRATES RECORD-BREAKING LEAVING CERTIFICATE SUCCESS

St Kevin's Community College is celebrating a landmark achievement as the Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied results for 2024 exceed all expectations. The entire school community is buzzing with excitement as students, teachers, and families come together to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of the graduating class.

This year, the college has once again set new

records, with an impressive number of students scoring exceptionally high points. The standout performer, Corsak Ma, achieved an extraordinary 613 CAO points with an incredible 5 H1s and 2 H2s, a feat that has been met with widespread admiration. This is the highest Leaving Certificate result in the school's history.

Principal Tony Barry expressed immense pride in the students' achievements, saying, "We are absolutely

thrilled with this year's results. The hard work, dedication, and resilience displayed by our students and teachers have truly paid off. The Class of 2024 has raised the bar, and we couldn't be prouder of them."

In addition to Corsak Ma's exceptional performance, a significant number of students scored over 450 points, reflecting the college's ongoing commitment to academic excellence. Particularly inspiring are the achievements of students who have overcome personal adversities. Among them are several who have recently arrived in the country, mastering English as a second language and achieving nearly 500 points.

These students have faced and conquered the challenges of adapting to a new education system while living in temporary accommodation, including hotels and refugee centres, throughout their Leaving

Certificate programme. The success story continues with the college's Leaving Certificate Applied class, where two students earned distinctions—the highest possible grade—and the remainder of the class achieved merits, the second-best grade. These results underscore the hard work and determination of the students and the unwavering support and dedication of their teachers.

As the students eagerly await their CAO offers next week, the college celebrates not only the academic successes but also the incredible journeys and perseverance of its students. St Kevin's Community College continues its upward trajectory, with improved Leaving Certificate results year on year, and remains a leading institution in helping students secure college places in large numbers.

Principal Tony Barry added, "The accomplishments of our students this year are a



*Pictured Shannon Brogan Palmer, Elle O'Keeffe and Kelly Tuohy*

testament to the supportive and inclusive environment at St Kevin's. Our teachers have gone above and beyond to ensure every student had the opportunity to succeed, and the results speak for themselves. We wish our graduates the very best as

they embark on the next chapter of their lives." The Class of 2024 has set a new standard for excellence at St Kevin's Community College, and their success is sure to inspire future generations of students to aim high and achieve their goals.



*Pictured are Debbie Doyle (teacher), Jonathan Kennedy, Braydon Johnston, Kyle Carpenter O'Rourke and Barbara Hogan (teacher)*

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The event was a vibrant celebration of community and education, with students and families enjoying the festivities and looking forward to the opportunities that the Kumon Citywest Centre will bring to their academic lives.

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# KGM KORANDO E-MOTION OFFERS SILENT FLEXIBILITY



## By Breda Corrigan

The South Korean vehicle manufacturer previously known as SsangYong has now rebranded as KGM following an acquisition by the KG Group in 2022. In keeping with SsangYong's recent history, the new company's main focus is on the development and manufacture of Sports Utility Vehicles (SUVs) and Crossover SUVs, along with its transition to battery-powered vehicles. The Korando e-Motion is the first fully-electric vehicle from KGM, and it presents itself as a competitively-priced mid-size SUV that offers a perfect balance of performance, practicality and comfort.

### Spacious & Practical Cabin.

The new Korando is far removed from its predecessor and is decidedly more capable and likeable than before too. With an overall length of 4.45m, a height of 1.63m, a width of 1.87m (excluding door mirrors), and ground clearance of 17cm, the new Korando makes quite an impact on the road. Externally, the e-Motion distinguishes itself from its petrol and diesel counterparts with a smooth front panel in place of a

traditional grille, aerodynamic bumpers, and blue trim accents. Inside, the car features a spacious and practical cabin with a 12.3-inch digital driver's display and centrally-located touchscreen. With lots of head and leg room for all occupants, along with a 551-litre boot volume that can be expanded to 1,248-litres with the rear seats folded, the e-Motion is sure to appeal to families as well as drivers who enjoy an active lifestyle.

### Best-In-Class Body Structure.

In terms of safety, the Korando e-Motion benefits from a best-in-class body structure that is composed of 77% high-tensile strength steel for enhanced crash protection and occupant safety, while 8 airbags also come as standard. Additionally, a host of safety and driver assistance systems have contributed to the Korando being awarded a full five-star Euro NCAP crash test rating. Such systems most notably include Advanced Emergency Braking (AEB) which is operated through a camera and radar set-up to apply brakes automatically in the event of an emergency. Also included is Lane Keep Assist and Driver Attention

Alert in an effort to further assist the driver and provide peace of mind.

### Performance and Range.

The Korando e-Motion is powered by a single, front-mounted electric motor delivering 188bhp and 360Nm of instant torque, and it can accelerate from 0-100km/h in under 8.5 seconds. This performance is perfectly adequate for everyday city and motorway driving, and drivers can choose between Eco, Eco Plus, Comfort and Sport drive modes if they wish to sharpen the driving experience, prioritise comfort or enhance battery efficiency. The car features a 61.5kWh battery (55.3kWh usable), offering an official WLTP range of up to 344kms, which is competitive in its market segment. With a maximum charging rate of 100kW, the e-Motion can complete a 10-80% charge in approximately 33 minutes, with a 30-100% charge at a domestic (7kW) wall box charger taking around 7 hours.

### Test Car.

My KGM Korando e-Motion test car was finished in Grand White paintwork with contrasting

black leather upholstery. The electrically-adjustable leather seats up front can be heated or cooled, and it is easy to find a comfortable driving position too. The spacious cabin is impressive in terms of its construction, with plenty of soft-touch materials used throughout. There is ample room in the second row of seats for three adults, and both outer seats are fitted with ISOFIX child-seat anchorage points. The layout of the dashboard is uncluttered and logical, and it is clear to see that the interior features are centered on driver comfort, safety and satisfaction. The customisable digital information screen in front of the driver is very clear, and the centrally-located infotainment screen blends in seamlessly with the coherent cabin design. Apple CarPlay and Android Auto connectivity comes as standard, as does HD navigation, Bluetooth and a six-speaker smart audio system. Thankfully, the temperature control system in the Korando is accessed via dash-mounted dials and buttons, so changing the temperature and the direction of air travel is a simple and effective task.

The Korando e-Motion offers an

impressive driving experience with responsive steering and a slightly firm ride, which provides good body control when driving on twisty back roads. It includes a three-stage regenerative braking system controlled via steering wheel paddles, although it lacks a full one-pedal driving mode found in some other EVs. The Korando's overall ride quality is quiet for the most part, and driving at slow speeds is effortless. Wind and road noise does become more evident at motorway speeds, but it is nothing more than is to be expected from a relatively high-riding SUV.

### Verdict.

The refined, spacious and well-equipped KGM Korando e-Motion provides buyers with the practicality and versatility of an SUV, along with the low running costs related to EV ownership.

A 5-year, unlimited mileage warranty comes as standard, along with a comprehensive 7-year EV battery warranty. Contact any one of KGM's 21 dealerships nationwide to arrange a test drive. The Korando e-Motion is priced from €37,500 (inclusive of current Irish Government EV incentives).

# LAUNCH OF NEW SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTRIC VEHICLES

New Electric Council Vehicles were launched recently by the Mayor of South Dublin, Councillor Baby Pereppadan. South Dublin County Council is delighted to add three new electric vehicles to their Fleet. This is part of SDCC's Fleet Decarbonisation strategy to achieve its commitment to a 51% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and net zero by 2050.

EV's will assist in the pursuit of achieving these goals and will help to transition the transport requirements of the Council away from traditional methods such as diesel or petrol-powered vans and trucks. Electric Vehicles offer a reduction in air pollution and carbon emissions, promoting sustainability and tackling climate change, whilst offering whole life cost saving.

Two of the vehicles are being assigned to the Dog Control unit, these are replacing older

diesel fuelled vans and will support the Dog Warden Service in looking after stray and unwanted dogs and enforcement in relation to the Control of Dogs Act.

They have been purchased with the support of funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development under the Dog Control Support initiative. The third electric vehicle will support the Active South Dublin programme in delivering its mission to achieve Active and Healthy lifestyles for all in South Dublin and has been partly funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.

To achieve its Climate targets, the Council will introduce more electric vehicles and alternative fuelled vehicles into the council's fleet. The priority will be for vehicles that are fit for purpose and help to reduce emissions and protect the environment.



## €22.5 MILLION INVESTMENT BY IRISH COMPANY ATC COMPUTER TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS

ATC Computer Transport & Logistics (ATC), a leading Irish company providing highly specialised transport, logistics, and technical services to hyperscale data centre operators, high-tech freight forwarders, and original equipment manufacturers worldwide, has today unveiled a landmark investment of €22.5 million over five years to support its company wide 'Driving Green Strategy' including the ongoing transition of its HGV fleet from traditional combustion engines to battery-electric power.

The announcement, which is one of Ireland's most significant private investments in a zero tailpipe emission transportation fleet, positions the business as a global leader in the Green Logistics sector. It is also an important milestone in ATC's ambitious target of achieving net zero by 2030. As part of the announcement, ATC has recently taken delivery of five state-of-the-art battery-electric Volvo HGVs and two additional Volkswagen ID. Buzz's for their Irish cloud logistics and technical services operations, adding to their European fleet of 142 vehicles.

Four further battery-electric

Volvo HGVs have also been integrated into the European fleet.

ATC availed of the Zero Emission Heavy Duty Vehicle (ZEHDV) Purchase Grant Scheme, funded by the Department of Transport and administered by Transport Infrastructure Ireland, to support the acquisition of battery-operated HGVs for the Irish-based fleet. The €500,000 grant is awarded to facilitate companies and enterprises who wish to purchase zero-emission HGVs. Headquartered in Baldonnel, ATC has a footprint across Ireland, Europe and New Zealand, with major offices in Amsterdam, Frankfurt, and London. Employing over 250 people from over 31 nationalities, the business plans to increase headcount to 300 by 2026, and add two further international offices.

As pioneers in the cloud logistics and technical services industry, ATC has significantly strengthened its commitment to its 'Driving Green Strategy' this year to create a more sustainable business model for the future. The business has grown its 'Driving Green Strategy' to assist clients in reaching their own sustainable goals by reducing emissions across services and

decarbonising the final mile of customers' supply chain.

The 'Driving Green Strategy' is designed to help ATC clients gain visibility of their carbon emissions in their Scope 3 emissions for subcontracted transport and logistics services. ATC works with clients to design decarbonisation strategies, ranging from strategic supply chain management and sustainable warehousing, to alternative fuels, zero emissions, and waste and recycling management. The 'Driving Green Strategy' enables clients to implement emissions reduction options into their operations without constraining business growth.

Keith Young, Managing Director of ATC, says: "Today's announcement is a significant milestone for ATC, and we are incredibly proud to be at the forefront of a more sustainable future in the logistics industry. Since ATC was founded 45 years ago, customer service, quality, and innovation have been at the heart of what we do and now, with these investments, sustainability is also at the very heart of what we do."

By integrating state-of-the-art battery-electric vehicles into our operations, we are

reducing our environmental impact and enhancing the efficiency of our services across Ireland and Europe. ATC will continue to be an important partner for our clients as we continue working together to meet their sustainability goals by decarbonising the final mile of their supply chains."

Rainer Hoerbst, Head of Green Logistics at ATC, says: "ATC's investment in zero tailpipe emission vehicles is a significant step towards meeting our net zero 2030 targets. The addition of five new battery electric Volvo HGVs to our global fleet positions us at the forefront of green logistics both at a national and international

level. ATC is aligning with global environmental standards and setting new Green Logistics targets.

By transitioning to a greener fleet, we are helping our data centre clients to decarbonise their supply chain, showcasing that a more sustainable business model is possible for the logistics business. It also proves for our business that decarbonisation can be decoupled from economic growth. As a result, we look forward to seeing this investment's positive impact on our operations and clients."

James Lawless, Minister of State at the Department of Transport and at

the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, says: "This significant investment by ATC is a strong testament to the private sector's role in driving Ireland's transition to a low carbon economy. The move towards zero emission HGVs is crucial in achieving Ireland's climate goals, and it's encouraging to see industry leaders, like ATC, take proactive steps to be more sustainable. This announcement not only supports our national sustainability targets but also sets a benchmark for others in the transport and logistics sector."

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