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The Dundrum Civic Centre comes a step nearer...

Imagine Dundrum is pleased to report that Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council has been given €4million euros by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to advance the planning and design for the Dundrum Civic Centre, bringing the vision for this Centre, for which we have campaigned tirelessly over the last five years, a step closer to reality.

In 2020, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, following a strong campaign by Imagine Dundrum for a new Civic Centre, with a modern library, civic offices, and multi-functional community/cultural spaces, applied to government for almost €30million in grant funding to build the Dundrum Civic Centre.

The grant application drew on the findings of the Civic, Community and Cultural Action Plan for Dundrum commissioned by the Council, which provided compelling evidence for the Civic Centre, and took on board the case made by Imagine Dundrum that this Civic Centre should serve as a significant focus for Main Street, act as an anchor for the regeneration and enhanced civic function of Dundrum Village and provide Dundrum, as the second major centre in the County, with civic, cultural and community facilities matching its status.

While Imagine Dundrum had hoped that the full funding for the build would have been granted at this point, the €4million funding will be used to prepare an integrated design for the Civic Centre, and this will lay the foundation for progressing the Civic Centre. There is a road ahead however, which involves Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council in securing a suitable site at the heart of the Village and the funding to build the Civic Centre.

Imagine Dundrum and the citizens of Dundrum will see this initial grant as a strong statement of intent and a commitment to be delivered.

We thank all the local people who have supported the campaign and we invite you to keep up the momentum and the pressure. We thank Minister Catherine Martin, Minister for State Josepha Madigan and Neale Richmond, T.D. and our local councillors who have given their strong and sustained support for the project.

We particularly thank Ms Philomena Poole, Chief Executive of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council for strongly championing this project. We look forward to continued positive engagement with the Council to bring the Dundrum Civic Centre to fruition as an early priority.

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