

Dún Laoghaire County Council launch smart benches across county

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Image: Ross Kearns

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council’s Energy Team has unveiled its new smart bench in a bid to promote renewable energy across the county.

The launch of the ‘Monna Bench’ is part of the council’s sustainable model that saw them scoop the award in the Public Sector – Leadership category at [this year’s Sustainability Energy Authority of Ireland’s \(SEAI\) Energy Awards](#).

Speaking at the latest council meeting, Cathaoirleach Shay Brennan said the award “recognises the work and effort DLR has put in over many years and underlines the commitment to a sustainable model for the benefit our environment and our communities.”



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The bench is equipped with a bike stand, air compressor and tools to repair bicycles as well as sensors that collect data on temperature, humidity and energy production and consumption.

It also has mobile phone and bicycle charging facilities. A second bench has been deployed in the Sandyford area.