

## Cookies Policy

### Version history

Version	Date Adopted	Facilitator	Note
1.0			

### Document controls

Action	Responsibility
Approval of document	Secretariat and Plenary
Implementation	Secretariat, Plenary, Staff and Supervisory Working Group, Members
Review	Secretariat
Date of next review	

## 1. Purpose and Scope

This Cookies Policy explains how South Dublin County Public Participation Network (SDC PPN) uses cookies and similar technologies on its website.

It outlines what cookies are, how they are used, and how users can manage their preferences.

This policy should be read alongside the SDC PPN Privacy Policy.

## 2. What Are Cookies

Cookies are small text files that are placed on your device when you visit a website.

They are widely used to make websites work efficiently, improve user experience, and provide information to website owners.

Cookies may be set by the website you are visiting (first-party cookies) or by third-party services.

## 3. How We Use Cookies

SDC PPN uses cookies to:

- Ensure the website functions properly
- Improve the performance and usability of the website
- Understand how visitors use the website
- Support communication and engagement with users
- We do not use cookies to collect unnecessary personal data.

## 4. Types of Cookies We Use

### 4.1 Strictly Necessary Cookies

These cookies are essential for the operation of the website.

They enable core functionality such as page navigation and access to secure areas.

These cookies do not require user consent.

### 4.2 Analytics Cookies

These cookies help us understand how visitors use the website.

They collect information such as:

## South Dublin County PPN Cookies Policy

- Number of visitors
- Pages visited
- Time spent on the website

This information is used to improve the website and user experience.

Where possible, this data is anonymised.

### 4.3 Third-Party Cookies

Some features on the website may use third-party services, such as:

- Embedded content (e.g. video or social media)
- External platforms or tools

These services may place cookies on your device.

SDC PPN does not control these cookies and you should refer to the relevant third-party privacy policies for more information.

## 5. Managing Cookies

When you first visit the website, you will be presented with a cookie consent banner.

You can:

- Accept all cookies
- Reject non-essential cookies
- Manage your preferences
- You can also manage or delete cookies through your browser settings at any time.

Please note that disabling certain cookies may affect how the website functions.

## 6. Legal Basis

The use of cookies is governed by applicable data protection legislation, including the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and ePrivacy Regulations.

Strictly necessary cookies are used on the basis of legitimate interest in providing a functioning website.

All other cookies are used only with your consent.

## **7. Updates to This Policy**

This Cookies Policy may be updated from time to time to reflect changes in technology, legislation or website functionality.

The most current version will always be available on the SDC PPN website.

## **8. Contact**

If you have any questions about this Cookies Policy, please contact:

South Dublin County Public Participation Network

Email: [info@sdcppn.ie](mailto:info@sdcppn.ie)