

# **APRIL MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT** **COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Report Period from 1<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

## ***CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH***



The monthly and quarterly Management Reports have been evolving in recent months and the quarterly report will in future include a progress report on capital projects, in addition to the Social Housing Progress Report.

The monthly management report will concentrate on service provision information, relevant statistics and monthly financial income and expenditure reports for Revenue and Capital accounts

## **Plans and Policies**

### **1. Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP)**

Work continues in the progression the implementation of the Local Economic and Community Plan <http://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/community/dlr-local-economic-and-community-plan-2016-2021>. This is a key statutory plan to support and promote economic growth and enhance the quality of life and well-being of our communities in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

The Local Economic and Community Plan Annual Report 2016 was included as an appendix to the draft DLRCC Annual Report 2016.

### **2. Tourism**

A draft Tourism Strategy & Marketing Plan for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown 2017-2022 was recommended by the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC Meeting on March 23rd 2017. It is now being reported to the County Council meeting for noting.

## **Relevant Statistics**

**Performance of the LEO (number of clients; grants given; number of companies assisted; number of jobs created, enterprise promotion initiatives).**

**Clients assisted in LEO activities for April 2017**

	No of applications for financial assistance	No of clients attending networking events	No of clients commencing training/attending workshops or seminars	No of clients commencing mentoring assignments	No of clients attending business advice clinics	Total no of clients assisted
April 2017	18	56	21	5	25	125
April 2016	2	59	27	14	25	127

**Financial assistance approved in April 2017**

	No of feasibility study approvals	No of business priming approvals	No of business expansion approvals	No of Trading Online Vouchers approved	No of Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters approvals	Total no of applications approved
April 2017	0	0	2	16	0	18
April 2016	1	0	1	0	0	2

	No of applications processed for Microfinance Ireland
April 2017	0
April 2016	2

	Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	Shop Front Improvement Scheme	Business Promotion Grants
April 2017	1	0	0
April 2016	2	2	0

**Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance for April 2017**

April 2017 – Total number of jobs created	6
April 2016 – Total number of jobs created	2

1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016

	Outline Permission		Approval		Permission		Total	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
<b>New applications received*</b>	2	<b>1</b>	-	-	446	<b>576</b>	448	<b>577</b>
<b>Decisions Deferred</b>	2	<b>2</b>	-	-	133	<b>106</b>	135	<b>108</b>
<b>Decisions to Grant**</b>	1	<b>0</b>	-	-	352	<b>381</b>	353	<b>381</b>
<b>Decisions to Refuse**</b>	0	<b>0</b>	-	-	61	<b>53</b>	61	<b>53</b>
<b>Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks</b>	1	<b>0</b>	-	-	410	<b>429</b>	411	<b>429</b>
<b>Invalid Applications</b>	0	<b>0</b>	-	-	52	<b>108</b>	52	<b>108</b>

**Notes:**

\*Includes **41** Applications for Retention (**2016**), Includes **60** Applications for Retention (**2017**)

\*\*Split Decisions; "Grant Permission & Refuse Permission (incl. For Retention)" are entered in as a decision under both 'Decision to Grant' and 'Decision to Refuse'.

(**3** Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse) in **2016** and **5** Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse) in **2017**)

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## **Plans and Policies**

## **Service Provision**

### **1. Road Restoration Programme**

#### **Procurement/Tender Process :-**

Tender accepted in respect of road restoration and re-surfacing works at **Sycamore Road, Mount Merrion** and works commenced on site.

Tenders received in relation to road restoration and re-surfacing works at **Nutgrove Way, Rathfarnham**. Contractor to be appointed following completion of tender assessment procedures.

#### **Site Investigation works being carried out :-**

- North Avenue, Mount Merrion
- Avoca Avenue, Blackrock
- Seafield Road, Stillorgan
- Goatstown Close, Goatstown

#### **Works on site :-**

##### **2016 Jobs ongoing in April 2017**

##### **Desmond Avenue, Dun Laoghaire**

Road restoration/re-surfacing, footpath restoration and public realm works ongoing

##### **Annaville Avenue, Blackrock (2016 Job)**

Road and footpath works delayed by alteration to Gas main and services to houses. Road restoration/re-surfacing and footpath restoration works to be completed following completion of GNI works.

## 2. **Road Patching Programme**

List of locations being considered for patching in 2017 included in report on Roads & Footpath Programme 2017 noted by Area Committees.

Road patching repair works carried out and completed satisfactorily at the following location :-

Cross Avenue, Blackrock

## 3. **Footpath Programme**

### **Tivoli Terrace East, Dun Laoghaire**

Contractor appointed to carry out Footpath restoration works in conjunction adjacent Scheme.

### **Grange Court / Marley Estate**

Footpath restoration works commenced and progressing satisfactorily.

### **Broadford Rise, Ballinteer**

Footpath restoration works commenced and progressing satisfactorily.

### **Balally Estate, Ballinteer – Hill, Grove & Avenue (various locations)**

Footpath restoration works commenced and progressing satisfactorily.

### **Procurement/Tender Process :-**

Tender documents being prepared for a number of road and footpath jobs.

No tenders due for this period

## 4. **Roads Control & Reinstatements Office**

On-going works by Contractor to permanently reinstate roads & footpaths as a result of water & drainage operations.

### **Cherrywood SDZ (Strategic Development Zone)**

The delivery of the Cherrywood Strategic Development Zone will involve significant construction works over the next 18 months in the Cherrywood area. The first phase of infrastructure provision for the Cherrywood Strategic Development Zone will be delivered by JCL, the joint venture between John Cradock Ltd./Jons Civil Engineering.

The Roads Control Unit has been engaged in considerable consultation with Consultants & Contractors regarding the Licencing of works commenced in connection with developments at Cherrywood SDZ. This liaison will continue as work progresses and periodic inspections will be carried out in conjunction with Council's Site Representatives.

## 5. **Road Maintenance & Footpath Works – Direct Labour Workforce**

### **Wyckham Park Road, Ballinteer**

Road patching works being commenced and is progressing satisfactorily.

Routine maintenance works on roads are carried out by direct labour crews in response to complaints – i.e pothole repair etc.

Routine maintenance works on footpaths are carried out by Direct Labour crews in response to complaints via CRM

## 6. Traffic & Road Safety

### **Scheme updates:**

- Monkstown Village Road Safety Improvement Scheme: Construction commenced on Monday, 24th April, 2017. Public Information Evening held on Thursday 20th April, 2017
  
- N11/Johnstown Road Junction Improvement scheme –Final resurfacing is scheduled for May 2017
  
- Cross Avenue and Environs (Dún Laoghaire) Road Safety Improvement Scheme: This scheme has been separated into two phases. The works on Cross Avenue have been merged with Desmond Avenue and the scheme is completed with the exception of the track blasting of the surface to bring out the yellow colour and this is currently scheduled for the second week in May 2017. Construction of Phase 2 (all of the works outside of Cross Avenue) is underway and expected to be completed in April 2017. It is approximately 85% completed
  
- Wyattville Road Cycle and Pedestrian Improvement Scheme – Construction expected to commence in May 2017
  
- Commons Road – Road Safety Improvement Scheme – Construction to commence in May 2017
  
- Cruagh Wood to Ballyogan Road Greenway Link -Preliminary design being prepared
  
- Installation of Variable Messaging Signage to be completed in May 2017
  
- Pedestrian and Cycle entrance at Belfield on N11 at Nova: Tender documents have been issued to appoint a Consultant for the design of a pedestrian and cycle entrance
  
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- Sandyford Cycle Route: Cycle design options being examined for the Drummartin link road through the M50 Rotary. Preliminary design being prepared for Clonskeagh Road for improved access to UCD
  
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- Upper Churchtown Road/ Taney Road /Dundrum Road junction: Preliminary design being prepared
  
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- Moreen Road Pedestrian Improvement Scheme: Construction to commence May 2017
  
- Ludford/Meadowbrook/Meadow Grove Traffic Survey: Traffic survey complete and awaiting consultant's report.
  
- Harold's School Safety Zone Improvement Scheme at Tender stage.

### **Road Safety**

- Supported Glashule Defibrillator Fund raising event Saturday 22nd April, 2017
  
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- DLR/DFB Open day Saturday 29th April, 2017 in Nutgrove Fire Station.
  
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- Road Safety Working Together group meeting held on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017
  
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- Applications from schools for cycle and scooter parking currently being assessed
  
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- 30 kph Speed Limit Implementation - Tender for the installation of signage and poles to be issued May 2017.
  
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### **Deputations.**

Meeting with Hollypark and Foxrock Avenue Residents Associations was held on Wednesday 12th of April 2017

## 7. Water Services & Drainage

Dargle View Screen Upgrade works are now complete.  
The Old Dublin Road Screen upgrade project is now complete.

Detailed design of the Kilbogget Park Flood Storage project is underway. It is planned to progress to Part 8 Consultation in Q2 2017

Glenavon Park Flood Storage Assessment is ongoing. Flow monitors and rain gauges have been installed at the start of January and will remain in place for a minimum of a further 1 month. After that time the results can be analysed and will inform the more detailed assessment.

Cabinteely Park Flood Storage assessment study is ongoing. A draft copy of the assessment report is due at end April.

Water Services continues to liaise with the Office of Public Works and provide input into the development of options in the Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMP).

Ardglas Screen upgrade and flood management modelling has been completed. Tenders have now been received and commission awarded for the design of the works.

Watsons Estate SW remedial works contract Phase I is now complete.

Loreto Park minor flood storage area works are complete.

Sandyford Park Flood Storage Feasibility assessment commenced in January 2017. An initial report is due in May.

Marlay Park Flood Storage Optimisation Study is now complete. The study confirmed that there is potential to store additional large volumes of surface water run-off from upland areas. An Ecological Impact Assessment has been commissioned.

Fernhill Park Flood Storage: A study commenced in January to assess the feasibility of constructing a flood storage pond/wetland. This will be a collaborative project with Parks Section. This study is ongoing with preliminary results due in May.

Bracken Road Extension Flood Risk Assessment: The study is now complete to assess the impact on the Carysfort Maretimo Stream of constructing the Bracken Road extension directly on top of it and this will inform the Flood Risk Assessment which will accompany the Part Eight. This is a collaborative project with the Infrastructure and Climate Change Department.

Watermain Removal from Old Dublin Road Culvert: Ground investigation work is complete. Consulting Engineers have been appointed and a design is completed for the new watermain which will be constructed under the existing culvert. Liaison is ongoing with Irish Water. An advance contract has been awarded with work due to start in early May. The main works are programmed for July 2017

Bray Landfill: Tenders have now been received from Engineering Consultancies for a definitive report on coastal protection options for the cliffs at the old landfill North of Bray. The commission was awarded in March 2017 with the draft report due at end of April.

Detailed design is underway for the Corbawn Access Rehabilitation and Coastal Protection Project. Liaison is ongoing with affected landowners. It is planned to seek Tenders in Q3 2017.

Greygates SW Repair work Phase II is complete.

Johnstown Road Environs Flood Alleviation works Phase I (twin culvert removal) is complete. The channel re-alignment is complete. The screen upgrade contract has been awarded and is due to commence in May 2017.

## 8. Parks

Parks & Landscaping Service:

- Landscape Maintenance Contract ongoing
- Tree Care Programme ongoing.
- Hudson Road Part 8, returned submission from Public Consultation. Managers' report being prepared.
- Fernhill Park and Garden Masterplan – ongoing
- Fernhill –tree works phase 2 in progress
- Fernhill – Part 8 being prepared
- Marlay substation works complete – awaiting ESB connection
- Consultation on playground at Taney complete
- Tenders received for College Road car-park
- Tree Planting on Bird Ave complete and Planters in place –part of Traffic Project
- Commenced collection of data for Ezytreev
- Playground at Samuel Beckett Campus complete and open to the public
- Sorrento Park – viewing point upgrade complete
- Tree planted Cross Avenue- Desmond avenue- part of Traffic Project

Sports Services:

*Sports Development:*

- 95 participants took part Mini-Movers Fundamental Movement Programme
- 186 participants took part in a wide range of activities from Archery – Golf per week
- SNAG & Multi Sports Easter Camps facilitating 95 participants.
- Positive Play Schools Football Programme caters for 200 primary school children
- Walking football with Loughlinstown Men's Shed: 8 participants
- Football Easter Camps attend by - 50 girls, 40 boys
- Coach education programme – FAI - 1 Safeguarding
- Primary school Tag Rugby 160 participant's
- Secondary school Tag Rugby : 45 participant's
- Secondary school Contact Rugby Junior & Senior : 120 Boys
- Leinster Rugby South Dublin Cup finals :Boys - 4 teams Total : 90 (DLR teams won both junior and senior division.)
- Club engagement : FAI: Girls coaching sessions 45 girls, Leinster Rugby: Leinster blitz circa 650 Boys and 150 girls

*Sports Partnership:*

- Programmes/Events – Woodlands for Health for people with mental health difficulties, Active Dance completed in 3 additional schools (170 girls), linking in with a number of primary schools around Active Schools Week
- The Daily Mile – schools event on the 26th April in Kilbogget Park for approx. 1,000 pupils
- Volunteer Training/Information – Child Protection Workshops x 2, Sports First Aid, Physical Activity training for older adult groups (PALs), seminar on Coaching & Learning Cultures
- Organised visit by Annalise Murphy to 5 local Primary Schools promoting sailing and being active (1,000 children) – follow on sailing taster sessions in May through clubs

## 9. DLR Events Highlights

The Mad Hatters Tea Party took place in Deerpark on Easter Sunday. The 2017 event was run in conjunction with the Criunniú na Casca series of events promoted by Creative Ireland.

## 10 LEO Enterprise Events & Activities

### Enterprise promotion activities in April 2017

<b>DLR Enterprise News</b>	<a href="http://leodlr.newsweaver.com/Newsletter3/wonyhr7otvmqm7os4rp42l?email=true&amp;a=11&amp;p=51682796">http://leodlr.newsweaver.com/Newsletter3/wonyhr7otvmqm7os4rp42l?email=true&amp;a=11&amp;p=51682796</a>
<b>One-to-One Business Advice Sessions</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Enterprising Women Network Meeting</b>	Tuesday 4th April
<b>Start Network Meeting</b>	Tuesday 11th April
<b>Group Business Information Session</b>	Morning Session - 13 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Negotiation for a Win-Win Workshop</b>	½ day workshop - 19 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Employment Law for Small Business Owners</b>	4 week course – started 19 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Student Enterprise Showcase</b>	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April

#### **Student Enterprise Showcase – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Dundrum**

Local Enterprise Office Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown are hosting this Student Enterprise Showcase in Dundrum on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April. 150 students from 5 secondary schools in the county will take part in this showcase which will feature business themed presentations from students during this event.

## 11 Community Development & Social Inclusion Events & Activities

### **Community Grants**

The Community Development Team held eight information sessions on community grants across the County during the month of April. The sessions, which took place on both mornings and evenings, were advertised through the PPN, in local newspapers, in community facilities and libraries as well as on the DLR website and social media platforms. Community groups of all types attended the events including groups working in the area of social inclusion, older people, disability, sports organisations and Mens' Sheds.

Attendance overall was approximately 100 people while feedback was very positive with community groups expressing a better understanding of the grants scheme but also a better understanding of the role of the Council's Community Development Team.

### **Comhairle na nÓg**

Comhairle na nÓg continues to meet on a monthly basis, supported by the Community Development and Social Inclusion Section. Work is continuing on the chosen topic 'Youth Mental Health' with the group currently identifying a specific element of Youth Mental Health they would like to see in DLR.

The Comhairle is in the process of placing decorated shoeboxes in 10 Secondary Schools across the County, seeking student feedback on the Guidance Counselling space in schools and recommendations on how this could be improved or developed in line with student needs. The feedback will be collated and used to report back to local schools. A new Facebook page has been designed to improve communication with the citizens of Dún Laoghaire- Rathdown and an email account for Comhairle correspondence has also been established.

Three Comhairle members attended a National Networking event organised by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs and held in the City Centre in April. This provided an opportunity to meet with Comhairle members from other counties and share ideas and experiences of Comhairle na nÓg.

Community Development and Social Inclusion staff, along with members of the Comhairle, attended a CYPSC led stakeholder consultation event on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017. The event was to identify the needs of young people in the DLR area with a view to informing the work of and development of CYPSC within the County. The CYPSC Co-ordinator will meet with the full Comhairle to give them an overview of her role and that of the CYPSC.

## **Age Friendly Programme**

The Garda Older Persons Association held its Annual General Meeting in the Assembly Hall on the 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Over 60 people attended the meeting. The outgoing GOPA committee were returned by a unanimous vote for a second term. Sergeant James Malone, Crime Prevention Officer, gave a presentation on the crime statistics and types of crime carried out in DLR.

A presentation on the proposed Customer Services Centre and Council Chamber was made at a recent meeting of the Network for Older People. Feedback on the proposal was positive with the opportunity to comment on the proposal acknowledged and welcomed.

A Directory of Services for Older People living in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County is at the final editing stage. The Directory will be distributed via Garda Stations, Community Gardaí, the PPN, the Network for Older People, Post Offices, Community Facilities, Libraries, Parish Centres, HSE Primary Care Centres.

The Petal Programme which identifies a premises as being age friendly has been developed. A "Petal Logo" sticker has been designed and produced for display in all Council facilities and buildings. The sticker which identifies the facility as age friendly will be distributed to all community facilities and public libraries over the coming weeks. Businesses across the County are being encouraged to sign up.

Consultation with the residents is being organised to identify needs and ascertain the preferences of the residents of Rochestown House in relation to design and usage of the facility work is ongoing.

## **12 Arts & Culture Events**

### **Municipal Gallery Programme**

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Song of the Sea-The Exhibition, in conjunction with Cartoon Saloon and the Butler Gallery Kilkenny, continued. There were lots of Learning Programme events to accompany this exhibition; 292 people attended these events which included workshops and screenings for the family fun day on 21 April.

Between 28 March and 23 April 5,425 people visited the Gallery.

<http://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/municipal-gallery-dlr-lexicon/current-exhibition>

#### **Grainstore, dlr's Youth Arts Facility**

During this period there were 2,006 visits to the Grainstore, dlr's Youth Arts Facility. All groups were off for a two week period over Easter <http://www.dlrgrainstore.ie>

#### **Music Development**

Dlr's Music Education Partnership Steering Group continues to meet to develop an application to Music Generation which is due in May. Further consultation has taken place with early years childcare providers throughout the County and special visits to local primary schools are taking place to learn the views of children through interactive music performance research.

<http://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/music-development>

### **Libraries: Major Events/Announcements/Launches during April**

- Free website sources for historical maps of Ireland, a talk by Jane Nolan, Maps & GIS Librarian, UCD Library. Part of All Aboard 2017 Digital Citizenship Project. 05 April, dlr LexIcon Lab.
- Launch of Life and Language in Georgia: Embassy of Georgia to Ireland. 05 April dlr LexIcon. Launched by Cathaoirleach Councillor Cormac Devlin and Ambassador George Zurabashvili. Attended by Mexican, Belgian and Moroccan Ambassadors also. Featured Mixed Melodies, Georgian Youth Choir.
- One City One Book Events for Adults
- An evening of songs and melodies from 1920s-1940s. 10 April, dlr LexIcon Studio. Baritone Simon Morgan, cellist Gerald Peregrine and pianist Brian Connor. \*
- Marconi and the magic of radio 1900-1950s, a talk by Radio Officer Joe Varley. 12 April, dlr LexIcon Studio. \*
- An evening of classical music featuring excerpts from 1920s-1940s. 19 April, dlr LexIcon Studio. Performed by leading Irish chamber musicians Paul O'Hanlon (violin), Sylvia Roberts (violin), Karen Dervan (viola) and Gerald Peregrine (cello). \*

- Ireland and Germany: spies, diplomacy and prisoners of war during WWII. 24 April, dlr LexIcon Studio. A talk by historian Michael Doran. \*
- Learn It LEGO event. Attended by hundreds of families. Major success! 11 April, dlr LexIcon Lab. All day drop in, drop out.
- A series of three philosophy talks from Professors Paul O'Grady, Seán Enda Power and Ben Bramble. Blackrock Library.
- Lauren Child, author visit. 27 April, Pavilion Theatre for schools in morning and for adults/students in LexIcon in evening.
- Jazz evening with Petr Moc. Launch of On/Off Quartet album. 28 April, dlr LexIcon Studio. Last in popular series.
- Graphic novel project with children from Southside Travellers Action Group (STAG). dlr LexIcon Studio. Facilitated by artist Natascha Fischell and author and illustrator Alan Nolan.

### **Libraries' Exhibition Programme**

- Gateway to Ireland (dlr LexIcon, 20 February – 30 April, curated by dlr Local Studies Librarian, Nigel Curtin, showcasing material, including recent acquisitions, from the Local Studies Collection).
- The diseases of modern life: nineteenth-century perspectives (dlr LexIcon 04 March – 29 April, ERC funded project based at St. Anne's College, Oxford).
- UCD child and adolescent psychiatry (dlr LexIcon 04 March – 29 April).
- Life and language in Georgia (dlr LexIcon, 04 April – 29 May, organised by the Embassy of Georgia to Ireland).
- Remembered: a Bray man in the Great War (Stillorgan Library, 01 February – 28 April, curated by dlr Libraries staff member Seán Downes).
- The Pale Project: personal psycho-geographies from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. A writing initiative devised by Selina Guinness, dlr Writer in Residence 2015-2016. Deansgrange Library.
- We are what we read. Curated by Colm Keegan. Dundrum Library.

### **Other dlr Library Events**

#### **• Adult Events**

- Drama for adults with autism with Gillian McCarthy. 6 week course beginning 05 April, dlr LexIcon.
- Positive Parenting Talks
  - Enjoying a work life balance when you have a demanding family! With Stella O'Malley. 6 April, Dundrum Library. \$
  - Building self-esteem in young children, a talk with Dr Mary O'Kane. 18 April, Shankill Library.
  - Raising happy kids in an anxious world, a talk with Stella O'Malley. 25 April, Shankill Library. \$
  - Supporting children's self-esteem with Dr Mary O'Kane. 27 April, Dundrum Library. \$
- Carnegie cinema club. 13 April, Blackrock Library. "Aguirre, the wrath of God".
- Weekly Smartphone Classes with Vodafone Ireland. In dlr LexIcon throughout April.
- Tea and teach digital academy with Bank of Ireland. Basic computer use classes in Cabinteely Library.
- Draw! With professional illustrator Fintan Taite. Stillorgan Library.
- Starting to write for adults with Leo Cullen. Stillorgan Library.
- Fáilte isteach. Regular English language classes in dlr LexIcon every Monday evening.
- Coffee morning as Gaeilge. Informal conversational Irish language sessions in dlr LexIcon every Tuesday morning.
- Language exchange sessions in Irish, French, German, Italian and Spanish. Weekly sessions in Deansgrange Library.
- Book club meetings. Monthly meetings held in all branches.
- Ciorcal comhrá. Weekly Irish language sessions. Stillorgan Library.

#### **• Children's Events**

- Storysmiths, a workshop for Junior Cert students with Dave Rudden. 01 April, dlr LexIcon. (In conjunction with Sarah Webb's residency.)
- One City One Book Events for Children
- Spies, lies and secret messages: fun workshops with Aoife Munn. 1 and 19 April, dlr LexIcon. \*

- Irish History Live with Michael Moylan: World War II and the Emergency. 5 and 6 April, dlr LexIcon. \*
- Kids Create: children's writing workshop with Writer in Residence, Sarah Webb. 3 April, Blackrock Library.
- Easter craft sessions. Dundrum and Shankill Library.
- Comic book workshop with Alan Nolan. 22 April, Blackrock Library.
- Origami workshop with artist Tunde Toth. Shankill Library.
- Yoga storytelling with Yo-Yo Yoga. Shankill Library.
- Parent and toddler yoga with Yo-Yo Yoga. Shankill Library.
- Storytime sessions. In Blackrock, Cabinteely, Dalkey, Deansgrange, Dundrum, Stillorgan and dlr LexIcon.
- Baby book clubs. In Blackrock, Dalkey, Deansgrange, Shankill, Stillorgan and dlr LexIcon.
- Sarah Webb, Writer in Residence 2016-2017. Series of book clubs, writing clubs, videos, promotions and drop-in sessions continued throughout April. Sarah also hosted poetry workshops with poet Lucinda Jacob for Shanganagh Park House's homework club.
- Parent and toddler group sessions. Weekly in Blackrock, Dalkey, Dundrum and Shankill Library.
- Junior book clubs. Monthly meetings in Blackrock and Stillorgan Library and dlr LexIcon.
- **LexIcon Lab**  
The popular series of weekly events for adults and children continued during March in dlr LexIcon. They included coding classes for children, introduction to 3D printing, maker evenings and introduction to Raspberry Pi classes.

*Please note:*

- \* = events to celebrate Dublin: One city, one book 2017, Joe Joyce's "Echoland".
- \$ = Positive Parenting events.

### **Sunday Opening at the LexIcon**

Following the adoption of the Library Development Plan in April 2016 which has key objective of increasing accessibility to our Libraries and opening hours where possible, the Dlr LexIcon commenced Sunday Opening from 28th August from 12.00-4.00pm with a soft opening on a pilot basis. This query has now been evaluated in terms of service provided and demand.

On a Sunday, facilities open to the public include the Library, the Municipal Gallery, the Car Park and Brambles Café. The building is staffed by Facilities Management support and usage is different to normal opening hours and the public avail of the following services: Returning & Borrowing Stock, Public Internet PCs, Sunday Newspapers very popular and growing student usage.

Sunday opening usage has grown significantly about 1,000 people visiting regularly on a Sunday afternoon.

Feedback was sought from the public regarding Sunday opening at the LexIcon through a Survey at the end of January to gauge the success of the initiative. The general feedback is that Sunday Opening at the LexIcon is proving a success and people are pleased to have access to the building and especially families. There were 813 responses to the survey (617 online and 126 hard copies) which is a good level of response, and some 90% rated the service at the LexIcon as excellent or good, and the public are generally pleased with the stock and range of events and initiatives at the LexIcon. In terms of Sunday Opening, there was generally strong support, but there was also a lack of awareness of Sunday Opening among a large cohort with 62% of those who completed the online survey had not realised that they could access the LexIcon on a Sunday but expressed a real interest in doing so in the future. 90% of replies on the hardcopy surveys said they used the LexIcon on a Sunday and 79% of this group come every Sunday.

It is clear that there is strong interest from the public in Sunday opening at dlr LexIcon which will continue, and will be publicised more widely. The service will continue to evolve overtime.

## 13 Environment

### Litter Control

#### Litter Fines

Month	Total
January	22
February	98
March	14

#### Graffiti Removal

Month	Total
January	400 Sqm
February	350 Sqm
March	516 Sqm

#### Environmental Awareness

- Continued management of Councils Green Schools programme.
- 100<sup>th</sup> DLR Green School to be awarded a Green Flag in May. Schools picnic in planning to celebrate.
- Continued support for Tidy Towns, Residents Associations, Community Groups and Schools.
- Fix-it workshops offered to staff (56 respondents), with community based workshops planned for later in the year.
- Community based Stop Food Waste workshops organised from April and throughout the summer.
- Sustainable Gardening workshops delivered in February and March, extremely positive feedback from the 60 plus participants (including several staff members).
- On-going management of LA21 LEPF and Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti grants. 2017 scheme expected to be announced imminently.
- Preparations on-going for National Spring Clean, Tidy Districts and Tidy Schools competitions.
- Earth day (April) supported with press release followed by weeklong tweets and Facebook posts. Telephone interview given to Newstalk.

# Relevant Statistics

## 1. Libraries:

- Registered Patrons: 73,452
- Issues: 111,054
- Footfall: 95,183
- Self Service: 73% usage across the 8 branches
- Internet & WiFi Usage: 18,416 Sessions

## 2. Dangerous Buildings

There were 6 dangerous buildings reported in April 2017. 1 was categorised as dangerous, 4 were categorised as potentially dangerous, 1 was categorised as not dangerous.

## 3. Parking Unit

There were 1,936 fixed charge notices/fines issued during April\* 2017. (\* correct as of 24/04/2017)

There were no District Court proceedings relating to unpaid parking fines during April 2017.

## 4. Public Lighting

Work continues on the replacement of the old lights with LED lighting which is more energy efficient, gives less maintenance and improved service. General maintenance including upgrading of brackets, columns and Networks is also on-going.

### Public Lighting Maintenance

Number of repairs carried out in Mar 2017:	443
Percentage of lights out at the end of Mar 2017:	0.5%
Pole replacement carried out in Mar 2017:	19
Bracket replacements:	35
Tree trimming:	0
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	36

### LED Upgrading Program

Ard Lorcain	2
Roundabout Church Road	5
Enniskerry Road	12
Kilbegnet C Lose	7
Brookfield Terrace	6
Travellers Rock Road	6
Beechmount Drive	1
Dundrum Road	1
Eden Park	1
Laneways B/T Arnold Grove	1
Meadow Court (ANNABEG)	2
Ulverton Road	1
Glasson Court	1
Highland Estate	1
Llewellyn Estate	1
Sandyford Hall Estate	2

Stillorgan Ind Park	1
Stradbrook Grove	1
The Maples (Off Bird Ave)	2
Wedgewood Estate	1
Woodbrook Glen	1
Hazelwood	8
Kentfield	8
Holmwood	29
Brennanstown Vale	10
Cabinteely Court	1
Lambourne Wood	24

### **Planning and Building Control**

Applications analysed	17
Inspections completed	2

### **Requests**

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	0
Alterations:	1
Legal requests:	3

# TRANSFORMING HOW WE WORK



## Plans and Policies

### Payroll Shared Services Project

Work on this project by the Council's Project Team continues with regular engagement with the Local Government Management Agency and the Council's service provider CoreHr. The envisaged date for participation in the national payroll shared service centre has been revised to September 2017

## Service Provision

### 1. CoCo Markets

During March there were 15 applications received 10 for Peoples Park and 5 for Marlay Park, 1 Inspire & Grow Trader started in Marlay Park. 6 new traders started, 4 spaces were offered and 18 applications were refused.

## Relevant Statistics

### 1. CRM Statistics

Corporate CRM Cases logged in March 2017:

Department	Active	Closed	Grand Total
Environment	82	571	653
Finance	42	288	330
Housing	64	236	300
Transportation	169	95	264
Parks	163	75	238
Planning	14	21	35
Waste			
Enforcement	7	14	21
Communications	2	16	18
Water & Drainage	4	5	9
Property	3	3	6
Co Co Markets		6	6
Corporate			
Services	1	4	5
Enterprise	1		1
Architects		1	1

Community	1		1
Ballyogan Depot	1		1
Grand Total	554	1335	1889

## **Finance:**

### **Insurance Provision:**

Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is provided with insurance cover by Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited (I.P.B. Insurance). I.P.B. Insurance is a mutual, Irish owned, non-life general insurance company which was established in 1926 under an act of the Oireachtas to initially provide insurance services to Local Authorities in the State. Its customer base subsequently expanded to include VEC's (now Education Training Boards) & Health Sector Bodies and now also includes other State Agencies. The company is owned by and operated in the interests of its Members and is regulated by the Central Bank.

In 2011 significant organisational changes were implemented within IPB to enable it fulfil its obligations under the Central Bank of Ireland's new Corporate Governance Code for Credit Institutions and Insurance Undertakings & to also give effect to the IPB Board's commitment to the implementation of enhanced corporate governance structures. At an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company, held on the 16th June 2011, the Board approved the changes & also approved a change to the Articles of Association to facilitate the payment of dividends to Members. The first dividend payment was received from IPB in 2011 & a dividend payment has been received each year since.

IPB has now indicated to its Members that as its reserves are in excess of the regulators requirements it is in a position to release a proportion of those reserves to its Members. By letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May IPB has indicated that the value of the payment that will be made to this Council following the distribution of an agreed portion of its reserves to Members will amount to €8.78m, with €4.39m being paid to the Council in 2017 & further payments of €2.195m in 2018 and 2019.

IPB has also advised members of the necessity to use a significant proportion of the cash reserve releases on risk management initiatives to reduce exposure to future compensation claims with the objective of stabilising insurance premiums. IPB has further indicated that the company's financial strength requirements to ensure the protection of the company's ability to meet all of its liabilities and the Central Banks minimum reserve requirements will not be undermined by the distribution to Members of an agreed portion of its reserves.

When greater detail on the matter becomes available a further report will be brought to Members at that stage

### **Overdraft Facility**

Overdraft facility of €5.5m in place but not availed of in 2017 to date.

### **Financial Reports**

Revenue Account Income & Expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017  
 Capital Account Income & Expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

## DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT

### INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/03/2017

3 months = 25.00%

		EXPENDITURE		
SERVICE DIVISION	Expenditure	Adopted Full Year Budget	Exp as % of Budget	
	€	€		
A	Housing & Building	10,329,302	41,086,800	25.14%
B	Road Transport & Safety	6,426,791	29,336,100	21.91%
C	Water Services	3,170,846	13,475,200	23.53%
D	Development Management	3,998,899	16,713,000	23.93%
E	Environmental Services	8,070,845	32,496,500	24.84%
F	Recreation & Amenity	6,838,252	29,340,600	23.31%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	112,730	519,100	21.72%
H	Miscellaneous Services	2,318,559	8,697,200	26.66%
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>41,266,223</b>	<b>171,664,500</b>	<b>24.04%</b>

		INCOME		
SERVICE DIVISION	Income	Adopted Full year Budget	Inc as % of Budget	
	€	€		
A	Housing & Building	9,012,431	36,066,700	24.99%
B	Road Transport & Safety	2,774,324	11,852,700	23.41%
C	Water Services	2,469,598	9,503,500	25.99%
D	Development Management	1,475,344	4,298,600	34.32%
E	Environmental Services	1,716,560	7,220,500	23.77%
F	Recreation & Amenity	1,222,728	4,842,300	25.25%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	32,749	181,900	18.00%
H	Miscellaneous Services	1,352,108	5,037,900	26.84%
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>20,055,841</b>	<b>79,004,100</b>	<b>25.39%</b>

	Provision for Credit Balance	0	1,500,000	0%
LPT	Local Property Tax	2,713,375	10,853,500	25.00%
PRD	Pension Related Deduction	0	0	0%
RA	Rates	20,076,725	80,306,900	25.00%
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>42,845,941</b>	<b>171,664,500</b>	<b>24.96%</b>

**Surplus / Deficit at 31/03/2017** **-1,579,718**

**DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/03/2017**

SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2017 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/03/2017
<b>A Total Housing &amp; Building</b>	-8,717,149	7,312,062	-10,891,448	-12,296,535
<b>B Total Road Transport &amp; Safety</b>	-29,028,148	1,553,599	-124,910	-27,599,459
<b>C Total Water Services</b>	-3,286,377	147,166	-62,904	-3,202,115
<b>D Total Development Management</b>	-28,168,715	280,219	-3,516,125	-31,404,620
<b>E Total Environmental Services</b>	-13,032,434	362,408	-1,172,931	-13,842,957
<b>F Total Recreation &amp; Amenity</b>	11,275,442	469,258	-160,950	11,583,749
<b>G Total Agriculture, Education, Health&amp;Safety</b>	-5,618,988	2,838	0	-5,616,151
<b>H Total Miscellaneous Services</b>	-27,669,560	18,617	-232,983	-27,883,926
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>-104,245,929</b>	<b>10,146,166</b>	<b>-16,162,252</b>	<b>-110,262,015</b>