

# Annual Report 2007

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council  
*Comhairle Contae Dhún Laoghaire – Ráth An Dúin*





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# CATHAOIRLEACH'S MESSAGE

2007 was another successful year for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, and the wide and diverse range of services provided by the Council was continued and expanded during 2007. I was elected as Cathaoirleach in June 2007, and as political head of the Council, I assisted the elected members of the Council in driving and deciding matters of policy, including new policies on the management of community facilities, and approval of the Council's Biodiversity and Accessibility Implementation Plans.



An Cathaoirleach:  
Denis O'Callaghan

There were also a number of proposed developments by the Council approved under the planning regulations, including new social housing schemes, refurbishment of halting sites, roads improvement schemes and parks and environmental works.

A number of variations to the County Development Plan were considered and approved by the Council, including the adoption of Architectural Conservation Areas for Dalkey and Foxrock villages, and the rezoning of the Don Marmion site in Dundrum to facilitate the provision of civic and community facilities.

Local Area Plans for Stillorgan and Kiltiernan/Glenamuck were also prepared during 2007, the statutory public consultation process was undertaken, and following consideration and amendment by the elected members, the Local Area Plans were adopted and approved.

Two special meetings of the Council were convened during 2007 in order to approve licenses for outdoor events under the Planning Regulations, for the Festival of World Cultures in August, and the provision of an ice rink in Booterstown in December.

A number of major developments, which will provide new civic and public buildings were also advanced, with the completion of the international architectural competition for the design of the new Dún Laoghaire Library Headquarters, Library and Cultural Centre at Moran Park, and the approval of the disposal of Blackrock Town Hall to Dún Laoghaire V.E.C., which will provide a new purpose built library for Blackrock.

A number of other current and topical issues were dealt with by the Council during 2007, including disposals of affordable dwellings to eligible applicants, taking in charge of completed developments, approval of funding for voluntary housing bodies, and new paying parking schemes.

I wish to thank the elected members of the Council, who, with their cooperation and hard work completed at ward and area committee level, assisted me in conducting the statutory and other business of the County Council in an efficient, timely and businesslike manner. I also wish to thank the County Manager, and his staff for their advice and assistance. With the help of the Manager I arranged to keep the members of the Council aware and involved by way of special reports on a number of important issues, including bathing water quality and flooding incidents.

Communications to and from all of the Council's stakeholders was identified as a priority during 2007, and the setting up by the Manager of the Communications Office as part of the Corporate Services Department has improved communications and information flows, particularly with Councillors and citizens.

I have associated my term as Cathaoirleach as the year of the citizen, and in my role as Cathaoirleach I have arranged and organised a number of events, awards and ceremonies in order to engage with and involve citizens and community groups, and in particular groups representing the elderly and persons with disabilities.

**Denis O'Callaghan**  
An Cathaoirleach

# COUNTY MANAGER'S FOREWORD

I am pleased to introduce the Council's Annual Report for 2007, which highlights the progress that was made during the year, across all Council Departments, in delivering new infrastructure projects and improved services. This progress was facilitated by the adoption in late 2006 of a Budget for 2007 with provision for a significant increase in total expenditure of almost 13%. The Budget also provided for no increase in commercial rates or in the Council's Environmental Waste Charge in 2007.



County Manager:  
Owen P. Keegan

Progress was also made in the area of development control and in the preparation of Local Area Plans during the year. The Council has to balance the need to facilitate new residential development, which is required to accommodate predicted population growth and the demand for commercial development etc. with the need to protect the legitimate interests of existing residents and communities. I believe good progress was made during 2007 in getting this balance right.

A particular highlight of the year was the announcement in November 2007 of the winning design for the new Library Headquarters & Cultural Centre, which is to be built beside Moran Park. I was delighted that the selected design was well received. I am confident that this flagship project will make a major contribution for the regeneration of Dún Laoghaire.

A major concern during the year was the failure of the Council to respond adequately to the challenge posed by the entry of a number of private operators into the private household waste sector in the county. In particular the failure to achieve any efficiency improvements in the Council's own direct labour waste collection service was especially disappointing.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the leadership provided by the Cathaoirleach and the Elected Members and the work of all the staff of the Council throughout the year. I also want to thank all those individuals and outside organisations/agencies, who engaged with the Council during the year. Your input and participation is an important element in the success of local government in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown.

**Owen P. Keegan**  
County Manager

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	Dún Laoghaire Area Committee	Dundrum Area Committee	Organisation, Procedure & Protocol Committee	Audit Committee
Cllr. John Bailey	✓		✓	✓
Cllr. Maria Bailey	✓		✓	
Cllr. Marie Baker	✓		✓	
Cllr. Niamh Bhreathnach	✓			
Cllr. Larry Butler (Resigned 23rd July 2007)	✓			
Cllr. Nessa Childers	✓			
Cllr. Barry Conway	✓			
Cllr. Maria Corrigan (Resigned 3rd August 2007)		✓		
Cllr. Louise Cosgrave		✓		
Cllr. Aidan Culhane		✓		
Cllr. Cormac Devlin	✓		✓	
Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne	✓		✓	
Cllr. Ciarán Fallon		✓		
Cllr. Tony Fox		✓		
Cllr. Pat Hand		✓	✓	
Cllr. Gerry Horkan		✓	✓	✓
Cllr. Kealin Ireland (Resigned 23rd October 2007)	✓		✓	
Cllr. Tom Joyce		✓		
Cllr. Tom Kivlehan	✓		✓	✓
Cllr. Donal Marren	✓			
Cllr. T. Matthews		✓	✓	
Cllr. Lettie McCarthy		✓		
Cllr. Mary Mitchell O'Connor	✓		✓	
Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan	✓		✓	
Cllr. Gearóid O'Keeffe		✓	✓	
Cllr. Jim O'Leary		✓		
Cllr. Eugene Regan (Resigned 23rd July 2007)	✓			
Cllr. Carrie Smyth	✓		✓	
Cllr. Tom O Higgins (Elected 10th September 2007)	✓			
Cllr. Gareth Crowe (Elected 12th November 2007)	✓			
Cllr. John Byrne (Elected 12th November 2007)		✓		
Cllr Gene Feighery (Elected 12th November 2007)	✓		✓	



# COUNCILLOR MEMBERSHIP OF OTHER BODIES

	Association of County and City Councils [formerly General Council of County Councils]	County Dublin VEC	Dalkey Heritage Town Company	Drugs Task Force	Dublin City & County Regional Tourism Authority Ltd.	Dublin Employment Pact Strategic Policy Group	Dublin Regional Authority	Dublin Regional Authority E.U. Operational Committee	Dún Laoghaire Enterprise Centre	Dún Laoghaire Harbour Board	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Theatre Company	Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Tourism Company	Dún Laoghaire VEC	Eastern River Basin Authority
Cllr. J. Bailey			✓						✓				✓	
Cllr. M. Bailey		✓	✓											
Cllr. M. Baker							✓	✓						
Cllr. N. Bhreathnach					✓								✓	
Cllr. L. Butler (Resigned 23/6/07)														
Cllr. N. Childers							✓							
Cllr. B. Conway													✓	
Cllr. M. Corrigan (Resigned 03/08/07)														
Cllr. L. Cosgrave														
Cllr. A. Culhane														
Cllr. C. Devlin				✓									✓	
Cllr. J. Dillon Byrne									✓	✓			✓	✓
Cllr. C. Fallon														
Cllr. T. Fox	✓	✓												
Cllr. P. Hand							✓		✓					
Cllr. G. Horkan							✓							
Cllr. K. Ireland (Resigned 23/10/07)													x	
Cllr. T. Joyce													✓	
Cllr. T. Kivlehan														
Cllr. D. Marren										✓			✓	
Cllr. T. Matthews														
Cllr. L. McCarthy							✓							
Cllr. M. Mitchell O'Connor													✓	
Cllr. D. O'Callaghan	✓					✓								
Cllr. G. O'Keefe														
Cllr. J. O'Leary	✓													
Cllr. E. Regan (Resigned 23/07/07)				x			x	x				x		x
Cllr C. Smyth									✓	✓				
Cllr T. O Higgins				✓								✓		✓
Cllr. G. Crowe														
Cllr. J. Byrne														
Cllr. G. Feighery														

# COUNCILLOR MEMBERSHIP OF OTHER BODIES

	Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.	Joint Taxi Hackney Committee	Library Association of Ireland	Local Authorities Members Association	Local Authorities Members Committee on Strategic Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area	Local Consultative Committee Est. under Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act, 1998	Lord Edward Fitzgerald Memorial Fund	Monitoring Committee Dún Laoghaire Town Centre – Integrated Area Plan	Regional Health Forum	Rural Dublin Leader	Southern and Eastern Regional Assembly	Southside Partnership	Venturepoint: Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Enterprise Board	County Development Board
Cllr. J. Bailey													✓	Resigned Feb 07
Cllr. M. Bailey								✓						
Cllr. M. Baker		✓					✓					✓		✓ Elected April 07
Cllr. N. Bhreathnach							✓	✓				✓		
Cllr. L. Butler								x						Resigned June 07
Cllr. N. Childers														
Cllr. B. Conway							✓							
Cllr. M. Corrigan														Resigned Aug 07
Cllr. L. Cosgrave					✓			✓						
Cllr. A. Culhane		✓											✓	✓
Cllr. C. Devlin														
Cllr. J. Dillon Byrne														
Cllr. C. Fallon						✓								
Cllr. T. Fox													✓	
Cllr. P. Hand			✓								✓			
Cllr. G. Horkan								✓						
Cllr. K. Ireland														Resigned Oct 07
Cllr. T. Joyce		✓				✓								Resigned March 07
Cllr. T. Kivlehan		✓						✓						
Cllr. D. Marren				✓										
Cllr. T. Matthews														✓ Elected Sept 07
Cllr. L. McCarthy					✓				✓	✓				✓ Elected March 07
Cllr. M. Mitchell O'Connor														
Cllr. D. O'Callaghan						✓	✓							
Cllr. G. O'Keefe														
Cllr. J. O'Leary	✓													✓ Elected March 07
Cllr. E. Regan														Resigned June 07
Cllr. C. Smyth								✓					✓	Resigned Feb 07
Cllr. T. O'Higgins							✓							
Cllr. G. Crowe														
Cllr. J. Byrne														
Cllr. G. Feighery														

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Councillor/Member	Culture, Community Development & Amenities SPC	Environment SPC	Housing SPC	Economic Development & Planning SPC	Transportation SPC
Bailey, Cllr. John		✓	✓		
Bailey, Cllr. Maria	✓				✓
Baker, Cllr. Marie		✓			✓
Bhreathnach, Cllr. Niamh		✓			✓
Butler, Cllr. Larry (Resigned 23/07/07)	Resigned July 2007		Resigned July 2007		
Byrne, Cllr. John (Elected 12/11/07)			✓		✓
Childers, Cllr. Nessa			✓		✓
Conway, Cllr. Barry			✓	✓	
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Culhane, Cllr. Aidan			✓		✓
Devlin, Cllr. Cormac	✓	✓			
Dillon Byrne, Cllr. Jane	✓	✓			
Fallon, Cllr. Ciarán	✓	✓			
Feighery, Cllr. Gene (Elected 12/11/08)	✓		✓		
Fox, Cllr. Tony		✓			✓
Hand, Cllr. Pat		✓	✓		
Horkan, Cllr. Gerry		✓			✓
Ireland, Cllr. Kealin (Resigned 23/10/07)	Resigned Oct. 2007		Resigned Oct. 2007		
Joyce, Cllr. Tom				✓	✓
Kivlehan, Cllr. Tom		✓		✓	
Marren, Cllr. Donal	✓			✓	
Matthews, Cllr. Trevor	✓			✓	
McCarthy, Cllr. Lettie				✓	✓
Mitchell O'Connor, Cllr. Mary	✓			✓	
O'Callaghan, Cllr. Denis			✓	✓	
O'Higgins, Tom (Elected 10/09/07)				✓	✓
O'Keeffe, Cllr. Gearóid	✓	✓			
O'Leary, Cllr. Jim		✓		✓	
Regan, Cllr. Eugene (Resigned 23/07/07)				Resigned July 2007	Resigned July 2007
Smyth, Cllr. Carrie			✓	✓	

# STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Councillor/Member	Culture, Community Development & Amenities SPC	Environment SPC	Housing SPC	Economic Development & Planning SPC	Transportation SPC
<b>Sectoral Representatives</b>					
Chambers, Philip				✓	
Coleman, Matthew	✓				✓
Dunne, Geraldine			Resigned March 2006		
Ferris, Liz	Resigned July 2006				
Finnegan, Pat		✓			
Fitzpatrick, Seamus		✓			
Fitzsimons, Robert					✓
Grannell, Aidan					✓
Heywood, Veronica	✓				
Last, Rodney			✓		
Lawlor, Peter			✓		
Logue, Nicky				Resigned Sept 2007	
Maguire, Philip		✓			
Martin, Luke		✓			
McCorry Kevin (replaced G. Dunne March 06)			✓		
Merrigan, Michael	✓				
O'Connor John (replaced Nicky Logue Sept 07)				✓	
O'Connor, Noel			✓		
O'Kane, Donal					✓
O'Keeffe, John				✓	
O'Loghain, Ruairi	✓				
O'Mahony, Joan			✓		
O'Neill Donal (replaced Liz Ferris July 06)	✓				
O'Neill, David	✓				
O'Toole, Larry		✓			
Parr, Tony					✓
Sanfey, Michael				✓	
Scanlan, John			✓	✓	
Smith, Evelyn		✓			
Woods, Chris					✓

# STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES

## Culture, Community Development and Amenities

4 meetings of the SPC were held throughout the year. Policy issues progressed included:

- › Management of Community Facilities
- › Biodiversity
- › Libraries Cultural Strategy
- › The establishment of a Heritage Committee

## Economic Development and Planning

In 2007 4 meetings of the Economic Development and Planning Strategic Policy Committee were held.

The following were among the subjects considered:

- › Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Population Guidelines Tall Buildings Study
- › Quarterly updates on Progress regarding Local Area Plans
- › New Guidelines on Quality Housing
- › New Guidelines for the preparation of the County Development Plan
- › New Guidelines for Planning Authorities
- › Part VIII, (Public Consultation Procedures)
- › Timetable for the new County Development Plan 2010- 2016

## Environment

The Environment SPC held 4 meetings in 2007. The following issues were considered:

- › Proposed National Hazardous Waste Management Plan
- › Strategic implications for the waste collection service of entry of private contractors
- › Brown bin service
- › Greater Dublin Strategic Drainage Study- Strategic Environmental Assessment
- › E.C. Water Framework Directive- Significant waste management issues
- › Ballyogan Composting facility

## Housing

The Housing Strategic Policy Committee held 4 meetings in 2007. The committee considered the following issues:

- › Works Programme 2007
- › Housing Policy Document “Delivering Homes: Sustaining Communities”
- › Scheme of Letting Priorities
- › Homeless Action Plan
- › Part V of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2002
- › Assessment of Housing Needs
- › Attic Conversions in Local Authority Rented Dwellings
- › Social Housing Design Guidelines
- › Voluntary and Co-operative Housing
- › Rental Accommodation Scheme
- › Review of Differential Rent Scheme

## Transportation Department

There were six meetings of Transportation Strategic Policy Committee in 2007. The Committee considered the following subjects:

- › Sandyford Land Use and Transportation Study
- › Parking Enforcement Policy
- › Road Safety Policy
- › Quality Bus Network Strategy and Implementation for the County
- › Operational Guidelines for Pay & Display
- › Review of Cycling Strategy in the County
- › Dundrum Traffic Management Plan Presentation

# LIST OF CONFERENCES DURING 2007

Date	Conference	Location	No. Attended
1st – 3rd February	The Local Government Planning Service	Waterford	7
9th – 10th February	Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, Spring Seminar 2007	Kerry	5
16th February	Mid-West Regional Authority, 13th Annual Conference, “Implementing the NDP 2007 – 2013 – The Role of the Regions”	Limerick	1
16th – 17th February	Planning Seminar for Councillors	Kerry	3
2nd – 4th March	Energy & the Development Plan, Sustainable, Renewable and Efficient	Tipperary	5
8th – 10th March	Association of County & City Councils Annual Conference 2007	Waterford	9
8th – 11th March	La Rencontre De Seville	Seville	1
13th – 14th March	The 2nd National Summit INFRASTRUCTURE	Dublin	1
28th March – 1st April	15th Annual Kerry Environmental Conference	Kerry	3
12th – 13th April	LAMA Spring Conference “Meeting the Challenge – Providing the Solutions” National Development Plan 2007 – 2013	Kerry	3
18th – 19th April	Engineers Ireland Annual Conference 2007 “Engineering Action”	Dublin	1
18th – 20th April	IRDA Planning Conference 2007 “Last Call for Rural Planning	Kerry	3
20th April,	Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly, 8th Annual Conference Regional Governance	Kildare	2
1st – 3rd May	Water Framework Directive Implementation	Dublin	1
8th – 11th May	IFHP Spring Conference, Lisbon	Portugal	1
8th – 10th June	Effective Communication for Councillors	Louth	5
12th – 15th June	Velo-City 2007 – From Vision to Reality	Germany	2
15th June	Rethinking the City “Tools for the New Century”	Dublin	1
7th July	The Local Government Planning Service	Cork	3
15th – 20th July	Mac Gill Summer School & Arts Week 2007	Donegal	3
23rd – 27th July	The 20th John Hewitt International Summer School	Armagh	2
6th – 10th August	William Carleton Summer School	Tyrone	1
12th – 17th August	The Parnell Summer School 2007	Wicklow	6

# LIST OF CONFERENCES DURING 2007

Date	Conference	Location	No. Attended
19th – 25th August	Merriman Summer School	Clare	1
24th – 26th August	Local Governments & the Arts	Offaly	1
3rd – 4th September	Environment Ireland 2007 Conference	Dublin	2
12th – 15th September	94th Annual Conference 2007	Wexford	3
17th September	Combating Urban Sprawl Conference – Successful Apartment Living	Dublin	1
25th – 26th September	Local Government and Rural Development	Offaly	2
23rd – 26th September	51st IFHP World Conference	Denmark	1
24th September	EnviroCom 2007 “Commerce & the Environment in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown”	Dublin	6
28th – 30th September	“The Changing Ireland - Are Local Authorities prepared” 2007 Autumn Seminar	Wicklow	5
2nd & 3rd October	National Water Summit	Dublin	1
2nd & 3rd October	Active Citizenship Conference	Dublin	5
4th & 5th October	Getting a Grip 2007- Winning or Losing? The Battle against Substance and Alcohol Misuse	Kerry	4
11th & 12th October	“Planning & Design For Heritage & Development: Projects, Policies & Practice Beyond Either/Or”	Dublin	6
12th & 13th October	TJK Conferences Ltd- Planning Seminar for Councillors	Kerry	1
19th October	10th Annual Conference “The Challenge of Climate Change for the Island of Ireland”	Kerry	2
26th – 27th October	Training Seminar for Councillors	Carrick – on- Suir	5
26th – 28th October	Douglas Hyde Conference 2007	Roscommon	3
1st November	Gateway Status -What’s It Worth?	Louth	2
6th & 7th November	Tracking The Tiger A Decade of Change	Clare	1
7th & 8th November	Making It Happen towards sustainable Ireland	Dublin	1
8th – 10th November	Licence to Thrill 2007 Conference AOIFE	Galway	1
9th and 10th November	LAMA Annual Winter Conference	Carlow	9
16th – 18th November	Training Seminar for Councillors- Effective Communications for Councillors	Donegal	5
22nd to 24th November	19th Annual National Tourism Conference	Clare	8
27th & 28th November	The National Waste Summit 2007	Dublin	2
29th – 30th November	Housing Practitioners Conference 2007	Kilkenny	4
1st December	Training Seminar - The Local Government Budget 2008	Wexford	12
4th December	The 4th Annual Rural Planning Conference	Belfast	3
7th December	C.E.C. Conference “Tackling Poverty & Social Need in Ireland, North & South”	Fermanagh	8
12th December	North- South Conference on Public Leadership Challenges	Armagh	6

# ARCHITECTS

The Architects Department provides a broad range of building related services in the following categories: -

- (a) Housing
- (b) Civic Amenities & Urban Design
- (c) Conservation of the Built Heritage.

## Housing

The work programme ranges from advice on delivery of Part V through to large housing projects and to improvements and extensions to the existing housing stock.

Dwellings handed over in 2007 included 84 at Goatstown Close, Goatstown; 19 at Patrician Grove, Stillorgan; 55 at Furry Hill, Sandyford as well as dwellings in the redevelopment of Maple Avenue, Ballybrack.

Projects currently on site are Stonebridge Road, Shankill; Goatstown Close, Goatstown and Pearse Street, Sallynoggin. It is anticipated that construction will commence on the following schemes early in 2008, Benamore, Newtownpark Avenue; Brehon Grove, Ballinteer; Kilcross Green, Sandyford; Loughlinstown Drive, Ballybrack; Meadowlands, Dún Laoghaire as well as the redevelopment of St. Gall's, Milltown. When completed these schemes will provide an additional 343 dwellings.

Enniskerry Road, Broadford Rise, Lamb's Cross and Cromlech Close with other housing schemes were prepared and submitted for processing in 2007 through Part VIII of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Regulations, 2001. These will provide an additional 216 dwellings.

## Civic Amenities and Urban Design

An international architectural competition for a new County Library Headquarters and Cultural Centre in Haigh Terrace/ Moran Park was initiated in 2007. This is the first of a number of initiatives to improve Dún Laoghaire Waterfront.

Below: Proposed Ballyogan Council Depot





Urban Framework/Development Strategies have been provided for Local Area Plans (LAPs), at Stillorgan, Woodbrook/Shanganagh and Glencullen. The preparation of an Urban Framework/Development Strategy for Cherrywood is underway.

The design of a Council Depot at Ballyogan is underway and the Road Maintenance Depot at Rochestown Avenue was completed.

The Library Improvement Programme continued to provide improved amenities and maintenance of a number of libraries e.g. Dalkey and Deansgrange.

Sanction to proceed with the refurbishment of Shanganagh Park House for community facilities has been given and a Contractor was appointed in Autumn 2007.

New lifeguard facilities at Killiney beach have been completed and the construction of new facilities at Sandycove is nearing completion.

## Conservation of the Built Heritage

The Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Development Plan has a commitment to the development of Architectural Conservation

Areas (ACA), areas of distinctive character and architectural merit. There are currently 11 adopted ACAs in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

An architectural inventory and character appraisal was carried out both in Foxrock and Dalkey, which were later designated ACA status in 2007. Consultants have also completed Phase 1 (architectural inventory & character appraisal) of a further six areas.

The department continues to be involved in the development control process. The number of new Enforcement Cases dealt with in 2007 was 20.

Further, the Conservation Section endeavours to review and comment on all planning applications concerning Protected Structures and buildings within Architectural Conservation Areas.

This department handled the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government's Conservation Grants for Protected Structures 2007. Applications were assessed and funding to a total of €307,000 was allocated. 30 projects received funding under this scheme in 2007.

**Below (Clockwise from left to right):** Proposed housing construction at Benamore: Patrician Villas, Stillorgan; Proposed County Library Headquarters & Culture Centre and Redevelopment of Maple Avenue, Ballybrack



## COMMUNITY AND ENTERPRISE

The Community and Enterprise Department has responsibility for supporting the work of the County Development Board, embedding Social Inclusion principles within the Council and, where practicable, within the organizations of other Board members. Also, it

supports the RAPID programme, County Community and Voluntary Forum, Comhairle na nÓg, the County Childcare Committee, the DLR Volunteer Centre and many other bodies including the Social Inclusion Measures Committee.

### County Development Board

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Board (DLRCDB) is a partnership of local government, local development bodies, representatives of state agencies and the social partners, including the community and voluntary sector.

**Below:** Aidan Cullhane, Chairperson County Development Board presenting a copy of the CDB Interagency Report entitled "Better Services for Travellers 2007-2008" to Mr. Sean Power T.D. Minister of State for Equality Issues at the launch of the Report on 31st October 2007



### Achievements in 2007 include:

The implementation of a range of measures to enhance the operational capacity of the Board

Co-ordination of implementation (SAIP 2006-2008) through a range of CDB structures and networks

Presentation of EnviroCom Awards at gala event held in the Royal Marine Hotel.

The facilitation of a Seminar on "Health and Well-being of Older People in Dún-Laoghaire Rathdown"

The facilitation and Co-ordination of the inaugural Enterprise Day

Publication and distribution of the County Development Board Annual Report 2006

Reconstitution of the Education and Training Forum

The SIM (Social Inclusion Measures Committee) of the Board has been tasked with the co-ordination and integration of Social Inclusion programmes within Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

Achievements in 2007 include:

- Endorsement of Local Development Plans for compliance with CDB Strategy and Action Plan and identification of gaps and overlaps in service provision and delivery
- Facilitation of the rollout of the Cohesion process
- Publication and launch of an Interagency Action Plan "Better services For Travellers 2007-2008"
- Facilitation of an Interagency Co-Ordination Group to assist and monitor the process of implementation of the Actions in the Interagency Action Plan
- The Committee also acts as the County Monitoring Group for the RAPID Programme and deals with Policy and Resource issues
- Co-ordination of the implementation of the Social Inclusion Actions in the SAIP 2006-2008

### RAPID (Revitalizing Areas Through Planning, Investment & Development)

The RAPID programme is based in the Loughlinstown and Shanganagh/Rathsallagh areas of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

The programme aims to improve the quality of life and opportunities available to residents of these areas.

In 2007 the RAPID programme reviewed progress made on implementation of agreed actions within the first plan and identified future necessary works.

A comprehensive planning process was conducted with a view to creating a new RAPID plan for 2008 - 2013. This plan sets out the eight thematic priorities to be addressed, these include:

- Community Safety, Youth, Health, Family Support, Education, Training & Employment, Community Development and Physical Environment.

The RAPID programme facilitated a large number of meetings of agencies and local community groups to identify and agree a

range of actions to be developed under each of the key thematic priorities.

In 2007 RAPID supported a number of community group's access to resources and support from the following funding mechanisms:

- RAPID Estate Enhancement Scheme 2007 - 2008
- RAPID Traffic Calming Scheme 2007
- Dormant Accounts Fund 2007
- Sports Capital Fund 2007

### Social Inclusion Unit

The Social Inclusion Unit works both within the Council and in partnership with external bodies to promote inclusive policies and practices in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

Achievements in 2007 include:

- Supported the delivery of social inclusion actions within the County through support of the Social Inclusion Measures (SIM) Committee and other bodies.
- Supported the establishment of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Volunteer Centre through representation on the Centre's Board of Management.
- Continued programme of assisting departments in enhancing customer service through 'Plain English-proofing' of forms in Transportation Department.
- Facilitated multi-departmental committee to progress social inclusion initiatives within the local authority.
- Designed and delivered the 2007 Social Inclusion awareness-raising programme, including exhibition on access to education and lifelong learning, panel discussion focused on work life balance and gender roles within this context, free international music programme, and marked World Refugee Day in the annual celebration at IADT.
- Progressed ongoing programme of work with the Disability Consultation Group, in partnership with the local authority's Access Officer.
- Oversaw the development and launch of the Interagency Strategy 'Moving Forward Together: An Anti-Racism and Diversity Plan for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown', a first for the County. (This Project comes under the aegis of the SIM Committee/CDB).
- Established website ([www.dlrard.ie](http://www.dlrard.ie)) focused on intercultural initiatives taking place within Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.
- Delivered informational presentations to a range of stakeholders including internal staff fora, the Local Government Anti-Poverty Learning Network (LGAPLN), artist briefing for the local Percent for Art scheme and many others.
- Undertook initial examination and analysis of 2006 Census, and assisted members of DLRCC staff to access statistics relevant to their department.
- Commenced a Disability Service Mapping exercise to capture the nature and degree of disability service provision provided in the County in an effort to identify any gaps and to promote

coordination amongst stakeholders. (This project comes under the aegis of the SIM Committee/CDB).

## Comhairle Na nÓg

County Development Boards have been given responsibility for co-coordinating the implementation of the National Children's Strategy at local level. An important goal of the strategy is the establishment of a Comhairle na nÓg in each County.

A Steering Group consisting of senior staff in DLRCC, the County Enterprise Board, DL VEC and County Dublin VEC, together with the Chairperson of DLR Community and Voluntary Forum oversees the development of the Comhairle.

Achievements in 2007 include:

- Comhairle Na nÓg convenes regularly and consists of delegates from post-primary schools and youth organisations in the county. The election of Officers takes place at the A.G.M.
- A Working Group consisting of nominated staff from DLRCC, DL VEC, County Dublin VEC and the respective Youth Services in the County provide practical support to assist with the effective functioning of the Comhairle.
- The Comhairle Na nÓg Constitution and Work Plan for 2007 was approved by the Steering Group and adopted. Sub-groups are in place to progress the Work Plan.
- All members of the Comhairle participated in an activities-based leadership development training day hosted by DL VEC.
- Five delegates attended the annual Dáil Na nÓg and one member was elected to the national Coiste of Dáil Na nÓg Council.
- At the Active Citizenship two day National Conference in October, Comhairle delegates participated in a Workshop followed by a lively panel discussion with Councillors.

## County Childcare Committee

The mandate of the Committee is to ensure that "a range of affordable and accessible childcare options are available and provided within the County, which are of a high quality and standard, are child-centred and are appropriate to the individual needs of the child".

Linkages between the CDB and County Childcare Committee are as follows:

- It was agreed at Government level in 2003 that County Childcare Committees throughout the country would become working groups of their local CDB.
- The Cathaoirleach of DLRCCC and Manager are members of the CDB and SIM committee respectively. A Community & Enterprise Department staff member is a member of the County Childcare Committee.

## County Community and Voluntary Forum

The main purpose of the Forum, which is comprised of over 400 organisations, is to articulate and express the voice of the

community, voluntary and disadvantaged sector and to promote Social Inclusion, Active Citizenship and Volunteerism in the County. The Community and Enterprise Department provides administrative support to the Forum.

Achievements in 2007 include:

- Support for the formation of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Volunteer Centre Ltd. For the promotion and development of a walk-in one stop volunteer centre for the County.
- Publication of 4 newsletters
- Enhancement of website ([www.dlrcommunityforum.ie](http://www.dlrcommunityforum.ie))
- Supported the actions of the County Development Board, Action Plan 2006-2008
- Participated in and actively supported the Active Citizenship Conference organised by DLRCC
- Supported our member organisations through our Grant Scheme
- Commenced the establishment of area networking committees for the enhancement of better lines of communication
- Continued involvement in the Fire Service Change Programme for the purchase and distribution of smoke alarms to Senior Citizens living in private accommodation
- Facilitated and supported Comhairle Na nÓg i.e. development of newsletter articles

## Active Citizenship

A National Two-day Conference was hosted by the Council to explore the role and potential of Active Citizenship in our modern society. Key speakers included Michael McLoone, Donegal County Manager, Gerry Kearney and Geraldine Tallon, Secretary Generals of the Department of Community, Rural and Gaelteacht Affairs, and the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, respectively.

The conference focused on the recommendations of the "Task Force on Active Citizenship" and such topics as "Local Government – Connecting with Citizens" and "Participation in the Democratic Process".

One of the highlights saw the DLR Comhairle Na nÓg engage with Councillors around local issues. It was acknowledged that this could be the commencement of ongoing linkage between the Comhairle and the County Council.

# CORPORATE SERVICES

The Corporate Services Department is responsible for the provision and management of a very wide range of services, both internal and external to the organisation. These services include:

- › Council Meetings
- › Facilities Management
- › Communications Office
- › Higher Education Grants
- › Register of Electors
- › Access Office

## County Council

- › 28 County Councillors
- › Electoral Areas: Dundrum, Glencullen, Stillorgan, Blackrock, Dún Laoghaire and Ballybrack.
- › In 2007 the following meetings were held:
  - 15 County Council meetings, including the Annual Meeting and also 1 Budget meeting.
  - 2 Inter-Authority Meetings, 1 meeting with South Dublin and 1 with Dublin City.
  - 18 meetings of the Dundrum Area Committee.
  - 18 meetings of the Dún Laoghaire Area Committee.
  - 22 meetings of the Strategic Policy Committees

## Seanad Elections

Dáil and Seanad Elections were held in 2007. Councillors Larry Butler and Eugene Regan were elected to Seanad Éireann and Councillor Maria Corrigan was nominated to Seanad Éireann. John Byrne, Gareth Crowe and Tom O Higgins were co-opted to fill the vacancies on the Council. Gene Feighery was selected to replace Councillor Kealin Ireland following her resignation.

## Higher Education Grants

The Higher Education Grants Scheme 2007 was approved by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council at its meeting on 9th July, 2007.

Number of New Applications	488
Number of new grants awarded	229
Number of Renewal Applications	794
Number of Renewal Grants Awarded	588

817 students were awarded grants under the Higher Education Grants Scheme 2007/2008 and the total expenditure was €4.8m.

## Register Of Electors

The final Register for 2007/2008 Register of Electors was published on 1st February 2007 and came into force on the 15th February 2007.

The total number of electors on the final Register was 150,458 and the breakdown of the Electoral Areas is as follows:

Electoral Area	No. of Electors	Electoral Area	No. of Electors
Ballybrack	32,468	Dundrum	29,886
Blackrock	22,027	Glencullen	17,790
Dún Laoghaire	33,463	Stillorgan	14,824

A draft Register of Electors for 2008/2009 was published on 1st November 2007. The total number on the Draft Register decreased by 3% to 145,837.

## Dundrum Office

92 Meetings were held in the Dundrum Office in 2007, this included 17 Dundrum Area Committee Meetings, 5 Strategic Policy Committees, 1 Organisation, Procedure and Protocol meeting and 4 Deputation Meetings. 37 Exhibitions/Public Displays and a number of Public Information Evenings were also held in Dundrum.

## School Meals Scheme

11 Primary Schools in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area benefit from the scheme.

## Deputations

A total of 17 formalised deputation meetings were held during the year.

## Coroner's Court

In 2007 there were 953 deaths reported with 667 post mortems and 230 inquests carried out by the Coroner.

## Staff Library

During 2007 membership rose to 611. 8,305 books, DVDs, CDs and videos were issued.

## Hire of Concourse and Assembly Hall

In 2007, two painting exhibitions were held in the Concourse. The Concourse and Assembly Hall were also utilised by local colleges for exam purposes and end of year shows and donation clinics for the Blood Transfusion Board. The facilities were used by the Council for community projects, exhibitions, the annual Art Installation series and Festival of World Cultures.

## Procurement

142 tenders were advertised and opened by the Council in 2007. 19 of these tenders were advertised in the OJEU.

## New Premises

2,000 sq metres of office space were acquired for the Council in the Harbour Square development on Crofton Road. The new premises will accommodate two Departments of the Council and it is due for occupation in May 2008.

## Staff facilities – Restaurant

A new catering contractor, Baxter Storey, was appointed in September 2007. Baxter Storey also undertook a refurbishment of the restaurant facilities which was completed in December 2007.

## New Corporate Telephone System

In 2007, the Project Team went out to public tender for the supply of a new Telephone System. A supplier was selected and work has commenced with a view to installing the new system in May 2008.

## Freedom of Information

During 2007 a total of 69 applications were received of which 21 were requests for access to personal information. 72 decisions were made on applications during the same period as follows:

Requests granted	29	Requests refused	11
Requests part granted	30	Requests withdrawn	2

## Customer Charter

5 Official complaints were lodged with the Council in 2007

## Accessibility 2007

During 2007 the Council's Access Officer was appointed.

The Disability Consultation Group reviewed and agreed revised terms of reference.

The following actions were achieved during 2007:

- Launched Draft Accessibility Implementation Plan and held first consultation session on 3rd of December (Disability Awareness Day)
- Achieved the 3% target for the employment of people with disabilities
- Drew down €415,000 from the National Disability Strategy Fund
- Significant accessibility improvements at various public libraries
- Accessibility enhancements at various sports & community facilities
- Completed specific in house access training for Engineers

- Installed Loop systems at all public counters in County Hall
- Street Accessibility audits carried out in Deansgrange, Stillorgan, Mount Merrion and Foxrock areas
- DLRC hosted a reception for the Special Olympics Ireland Team in recognition of their achievements at Special Olympics in Shanghai and to coincide with National Disability Awareness Day.

## Communications Office

The Communications Office was established mid 2007 by the County Manager. Its remit is to transfer information to a range of audiences through a number of different channels, in order to get across clear, consistent and controlled communications. It is also about building and maintaining the corporate reputation. Work to date has focused on media relations, support for the office of An Cathaoirleach, promotion of positive news stories, strategic communications planning, a weekly corporate diary, branding, the Kids Council and corporate publications, including the Annual Report and dlr times. All press queries are now handled in-house by the Communications Office, with an average of 10/15 requests for information per week. The office also has responsibility for the co-ordination of Freedom of Information and Ombudsman requests and implementation of the Irish Scheme.

In 2007 the Office had a staff complement of 5, including a Communications Officer. An evaluation of current levels of communication effectiveness, both internally and externally, was produced in December 2007 and a number of key recommendations were made. It is the Manager's intention to progress these in early 2008.

Below: Special Olympics Athletes with An Cathaoirleach Denis O'Callaghan



# CULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND AMENITIES

The Culture, Community Development and Amenities Department is responsible for the management and development of community centres; parks and open spaces; libraries; and a range of amenities such as beaches, burial grounds, playgrounds, indoor and outdoor recreational facilities, two historic houses, harbours/piers and public conveniences.

It is also responsible for the arts, heritage, event management, coastal protection, casual trading, byelaws and twinning.

## Arts Office

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is committed to high quality arts and cultural programming and in 2007 continued to provide an exciting range of festivals, exhibitions, performances and initiatives including the Festival of World Cultures, DLR Poetry Now Festival, the Irish Youth Dance Festival, the Concourse Visual Arts Exhibition, the Artist Residency programme, the Artists in Schools Programme, the Public Art Programme, development of a County Collection and the Country House Concert series.

In 2007 the Council, in partnership with local and national agencies and organisations adopted a three-year Strategic Vision for the development of arts in the County: DLR Arts Strategy (2007 - 2010). Other achievements in 2007 include the launch of a major scheme of public art commissions entitled Place and Identity and the development of the role of an Education and Community Co-ordinator within the Arts Office.

## Beaches/Bathing Water and Safety

Seapoint and Killiney Beach received blue flags in 2007. Green Coast Awards were secured for Sandycove and Whiterock.

## Burial Grounds

Deansgrange and Shanganagh are under the Council's control.

## Community Development

The Community Development Section recognises that it is not sufficient to provide basic physical infrastructure, it is necessary to provide for the human dimension. To this end the Council now facilitates 11 Estate Management Fora.

The design for the new Samuel Beckett Campus commenced and plans for the Meadowlands and Lambs Cross community facilities were finalised. Work commenced on the restoration of

**Below (left to right):** Ghouls and Goblins at Samhain! - Halloween Festival. One step ahead at Books in the Park!



Shanganagh Park House and the construction of youth facilities at Cois Cairn, Sallynoggin and Ballyogan.

In excess of 50 groups participated in the Community Awards with the overall award going to Parents Making Children Aware.

## Sports

Both Monkstown Pool & Fitness Centre and Loughlinstown Leisure Centre retained the White Flag Award presented jointly by the Irish Leisure and Amenities Management and An Taisce. The gymnasium was extended in Monkstown and a new skate park was also opened there in 2007. Planning for the new sports complex at Dundrum was finalised.

Over 2,000 people participated in Sports Development and coaching programmes— many on a variety of week long and ongoing programmes

## Heritage

2007 was the fourth year of implementation of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Heritage Plan. The Council also hosted its second International Planning Conference

## Libraries Services

Over 880,000 items were issued to customers through the library network of 10 Branches and the Staff Library, County Hall. The role of libraries in providing the printed word has been enhanced by the provision of audio books and DVDs. The Library website provides a gateway to a range of on-line resources which complement our print and audio –visual collection. The virtual library can be accessed free of charge from the Library website 24 hours a day.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown public libraries provides a free service to all who live, work or attend school in the County. Its functions

include, provision of books, DVDs, CDs and Multi Media items for lending and reference.

### The Library Service also provides:

- > Public access Internet facilities and training.
- > A cultural programme which includes festivals, author visits and workshops throughout the year for adults and children and a major international poetry competition.

## Key Achievements 2007

- > National Cultural Festivals celebrated:
  - Bealtaine
  - Children's Book Festival
  - Science Week
  - Saoire
  - Féile Filíochta International Poetry Festival celebrated in March 2007
- > Significant increase in opening hours
- > Improved disability access
- > Access to new databases including:
  - Irish Times Digital Archive
  - Irish Newspaper Archive
  - O.S.I. Digital maps archive
  - Mintel- Ireland Business database
  - On-line book renewals/Reservations
- > Public Library User survey carried out
- > Cultural strategy 2007-2010 published
- > Books in the Park" initiative introduced in Cabinteely Park (Families had the opportunity to meet famous authors).
- > Pod cast of "Books in the Park"
- > WiFi installed in all libraries
- > Internet training for older people extended to all branches

**Below:** Snowkids at the launch of GOSKATE ice rink





## PARKS AND LANDSCAPE SERVICES

In 2007 we continued to strengthen our partnership with staff and in doing so have improved our efficiency of operations, our standards of maintenance and the presentation of green spaces, village and town centres.

### Forward Planning and Design

2007 was the fourth year of a seven-year infrastructure programme. A great deal of resources were also allocated to planning for projects which will commence construction in 2008/2009.

In this regard Master plans for Marlay Demesne, Blackrock Park and Newtownpark South were presented to the Council. These concept plans/projects require community support and several public consultations took place.

### Operational Management

The parks and open spaces in the County total over 800 hectares. In addition to our Flagship Parks, Marlay Demesne; The Peoples Park and seafront; Cabinteely Park; Killiney Hill Park and Blackrock Park, a large number of other parks and open spaces are maintained to provide a range of local amenities. There is a great diversity of parkland types from urban spaces to nature parks. A major objective is to increase the bio-diversity of all our urban and green spaces.

Each year a substantial programme of work is undertaken by direct labour and contract to ensure a high standard of:

- Grounds' maintenance.
- Arboriculture...tree pruning, felling and planting.
- Floral decoration.

## Works Programme

Major Park Infrastructure Improvements are funded by the Development Contributions Scheme.

**Below:** Amazing aromas and terrific tastes at the CoCo Markets!

Projects completed in 2007 include a playground at Sallynoggin Park.

The following works programme were also completed:

Multi Use Games Areas at Ballinclea Heights estate and Coolevin, Kilbogget Park, Ballybrack.

Drainage and repairs to pitches at:

- Newtowntownpark Lands (1)
- Soldiers and Sailors (1)
- Clonkeen Park (3)
- Kilbogget Park (2)
- Shanganagh Park (2)
- Broadford Park (1)
- Marlay park (2)

A new pitch was constructed adjacent to Seapoint RFC, Kilbogget Park.

A Footpath/cycle way was constructed at Wyattville Road and park railings were installed to replace palisade fence at Wyattville estate.

## Minor improvements

Funded by the Special Works element of our revenue budget minor improvements were carried out to 28 other parks and open spaces to address issues brought to our attention by the elected representatives and residents associations.

## Buildings/Structures.

We have an on-going programme for the restoration, conservation and construction of heritage buildings and structures in parks and public spaces. The most significant projects in the last year were the restoration and conservation of the Obelisk and other structures on Killiney Hill. The Victorian Shelter & Bandstand on the East Pier also



commenced restoration in 2007 and will be re-installed in 2008. Toilets and parks depot buildings are also maintained.

## Outdoor Recreational Facilities

A wide range of amenities are maintained:

- **Playing Pitches:** Seventy-six pitches were maintained for a range of sports including Gaelic games, soccer, rugby, cricket, bowling and American football.
- **Golf:** The Council maintains a 9-hole golf course at Stepside. A 9-hole par 3 golf course at Marlay Demesne was closed in November 2006 for redevelopment. It is due to be reopened in 2008.
- **Tennis:** We provide for seven community tennis clubs in parks and public courts at 6 other locations throughout the County
- **Walking and Cycling:** We provide 18 kilometres of surfaced routes for walking and cycling in parks and linear greenways.

## Community Support

We engage with a wide range of community and volunteer groups (including Estate Management). In 2007 we progressed the Fitzsimons Wood (Sandyford) Management Plan in partnership with the local communities.

## Marlay Park Concerts

Several concerts took place in Marlay Park in 2007 and famous acts such The Who, Peter Gabriel, Aerosmith, Kaiser Chiefs, Damien Rice and the Foo Fighters all played live on stage.

## Markets in the Parks

The “Coco” markets around the County continued to be a big attraction in 2007 with markets taking place in Dún Laoghaire, Marlay Park and Dalkey all through the year.

**Below:** Reaching new heights! - Skate Park at Monkstown Fitness Centre



## dlr events

The Councils events website [www.dlrevents.ie](http://www.dlrevents.ie) was established in 2006.

A number of free events were offered including Recharge Family Day, Teddybears Picnic, Mad Hatters Tea Party, “Movies in the Park”, the Lunchtime Concert programme and the Christmas lights festival. The Council also presented the GoSkate! ice rink in Booterstown over the holiday period.

**Below:** Proposed Footbridge Deck. Sketch from Blackrock Park Master-Plan



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

## 1. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Development Section is responsible for the acquisition of land and buildings to provide for the Council's need generally.

### Land Acquisition

The Land Acquisition Unit acquires land and property to provide for the Council's needs for Housing, Industrial Development, Motorway/Roads, Community facilities and Open Space.

### Motorways/Roads Schemes

The Chief Valuer's Office is actively pursuing the land for the Monkstown Ring Road Scheme. The Chief Valuer will in due course complete the acquisition of the remainder of the plots.

Compulsory Purchase Orders are being prepared for the following Road Schemes:-

- > Sandyford Link Road.
- > Dublin Road (Bray) Improvement Scheme.
- > Blackglen Road.
- > Murphystown Road Improvement Scheme.
- > Kilgobbin Road/Harold's Grange Road.
- > Royal Marine/Queens Road Order.

### Housing Lands

Progress is ongoing in the acquisition of land suitable for the provision of social and affordable housing. The Council was successful in 2007 in their bid to acquire a site of major importance for Housing, namely the lands at Old Connaught Avenue.

### Disposal and Letting of Land/Property

The disposal of Council property is a reserved function of the Council and is administered by the Property Section. The Department manages the Council's property portfolio, which includes land, industrial sites, residential shops, housing units and allotments. Records of the Council's property ownership are entered and maintained in the Property Register.

## Industrial Development

### Cherrywood Science & Technology Park

Eight office buildings have been completed at Cherrywood Science and Technology Park and 45,000 sq. meters approximately has been let with negotiations and marketing ongoing regarding the balance of 3,255 sq. metres. Two blocks are under construction and there are current planning applications on a number of other blocks.

### Sandyford Industrial Estate

Major development is continuing throughout Sandyford Industrial Estate with a large number of mixed developments including residential now forming part of the estate. The total number of people employed in the Estate currently stands at 20,000 approximately. A new signage strategy study for the estate was completed in 2007 and new directional signage has been erected.

## Local Enterprise

### Enterprise Centres

The Community Enterprise Centre at Nutgrove comprising 1,200 sq. meters of units is now operating fully and all units are let. The Council continues to be active in the Enterprise Centre at the old Fire Station, Dún Laoghaire.

## European Matters

The Council continues to investigate opportunities and initiatives that could be beneficial through constant liaison with the IPA European Information Service.

The Council is represented on the Board of the Rural Dublin LEADER Company. The major focus of the LEADER Company is community development in rural Dublin, which includes the rural area of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

## Tourism

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Tourism Company, which is funded by the Council, continued to promote tourism in the County last year.

## Derelict Sites

Inspections were carried out under the Derelict Sites Act, 1990 and reports prepared during the year and where appropriate, necessary action was taken.

## Property Management

The Council manages a number of properties throughout the County the use of which is reviewed on a regular basis. These properties are awaiting development to accommodate services such as roads infrastructure, housing, sanitary services, parks and other services which the Council is required to provide.

The Council also provides allotments at Mount Anville, Goatstown and there are approximately 100 plots fully leased on an annual basis.

### Referencing Section

This section undertakes a large number of ownership queries from most of the other departments, as well as preparing the Books of References necessary for the CPO proofs required for several court cases.

## 2. PLANNING

The Planning Department is responsible for implementing the provisions of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2006, the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 – 2007 and the Building Control legislation. This involves reviewing the existing County Development Plan and the making of a new Development Plan every six years, making and implementing Local Area Plans, consideration of applications for planning permission, the control of ongoing development, the enforcement of planning legislation, the implementation of Urban & Village Renewal and Integrated Area Plan Schemes, providing advice on planning related matters together with enforcement of the Building Control legislation.

### Developments by the County Council:

During 2007, eleven proposals by the County Council to carry out development were the subject of the public consultation process provided for under Part VIII of the 2001 Planning & Development Regulations.

Below: "Issues and Options" Public Display on County Development Plan 2010 - 2016

### Major Planning Applications:

8 Major planning applications that were the subject of an Environmental Impact Statement were submitted to the Council in 2007.

### Development Control Service Indicators:

The number of planning applications received in 2007 was 2,833 which represents a decrease of 10.17% on the 2006 figures.

Out of a total number of 435 decisions issued by An Bord Pleanála in 2007 (an increase of 27% on 2006) in relation to appeals, 301 (69.2%) upheld/varied the decision of the Planning Authority, while 134 (30.8%) reversed the decision of the Planning Authority.

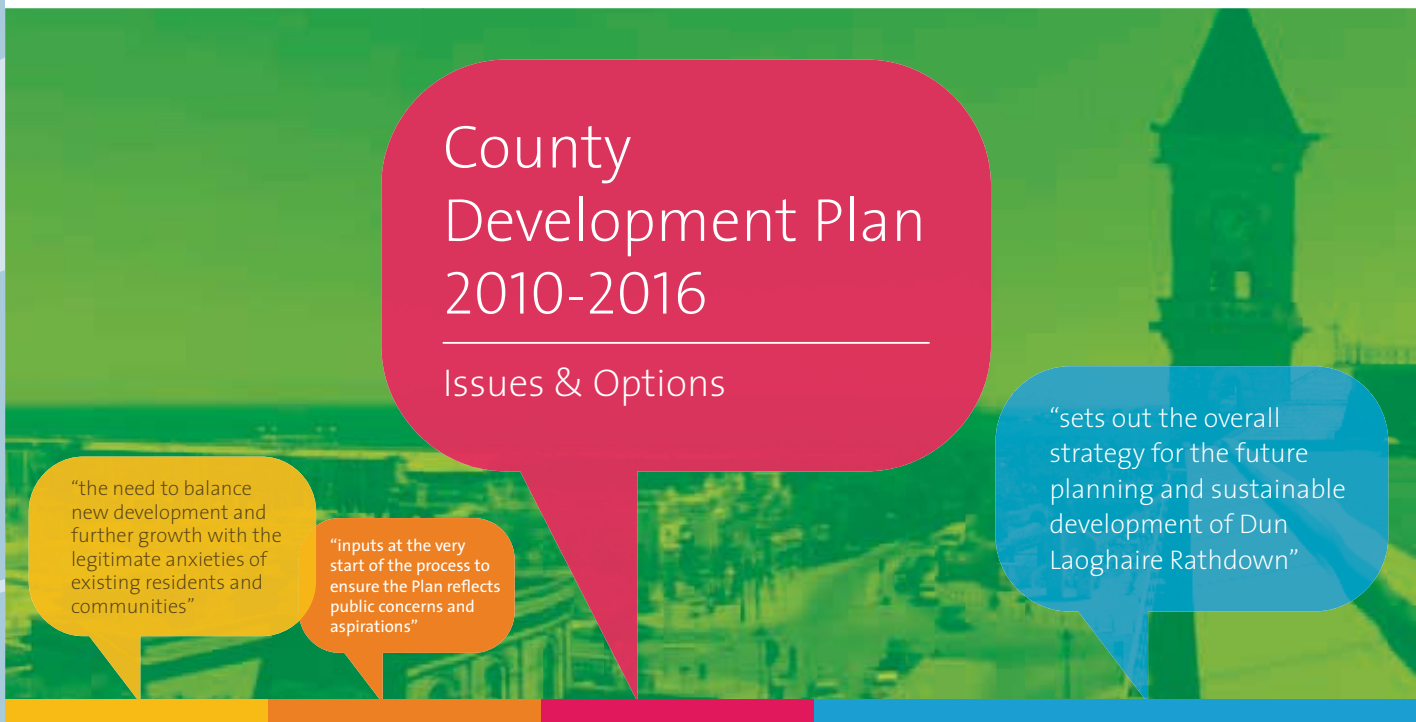
Number of valid planning applications determined	2,784
Percentage of valid applications determined within 8 weeks	83.6%
Percentage of Grants	74.0%
Percentage of Refusals	26.0%

### Enforcement:

A total of 501 new files were opened during 2007 and 393 cases were resolved during the year.

Warning Letters pursuant to Section 152 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 were served in relation to 519 cases and Enforcement Notices pursuant to Section 154 were served in relation to 112 cases.

Prosecution Orders were made pursuant to Section 154(8) of the Planning & Development Act in respect of 45 cases. Warning letters were issued pursuant to Section 160 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 in respect of 4 cases.



## Declarations and Referrals under Section 5 of the Planning and Development Act 2000:

Persons who wish to establish whether development is or is not exempted development within the meaning of the Act may, on payment of the prescribed fee, apply in writing to the Planning Authority to issue a Declaration on the issue. This Declaration may be referred for review by An Bord Pleanála. 96 such applications were received in 2007.

## County Development Plan 2004 – 2010

The County Development Plan 2004-2010 came into force on the 20th of April 2004.

The making of a Development Plan or a variation of a Plan is a function reserved to the elected Members of the Council. There were 7 variations of the Development Plan in 2007.

Preliminary work commenced in relation to 2010 – 2016 County Development Plan.

## Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme (Section 49 of Planning and Development Act, 2000)

On the 13th of January 2003 the Council adopted a Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme. It requires the payment of a financial contribution towards the cost of the extension of Luas Line B from the Sandyford Depot to Cherrywood, namely Luas Line B1.

The total amount levied in 2007 in respect of the Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme amounted to €9.67m. A total of €3.95m was received in 2007.

## Development Contribution Scheme (Section 48 of Planning and Development Act, 2000)

The total amount levied in 2007 in respect of the Section 48 Development Contribution Scheme amounted to €71.5m and a total of €44.8m was received in that year. The following were among the projects assisted in 2007 with funding from the Contribution Scheme:

Road Schemes - Murphystown Road, Kilgobbin Road, Glenamuck Road North & South and Monkstown Ring Road.

Traffic Management facilities comprising of Pedestrian Crossings and Signals Upgrade together with Road Safety measures and Traffic Calming schemes. Provision of improved playground facilities in Council Parks. Improved facilities at the Monkstown Pool & Fitness Centre and further funding towards the redevelopment of the Dundrum Family Recreation Centre. Funding towards the cost of the Glenamuck/Kiltiernan Drainage Scheme, the Dunedin Relief Sewer Schemes and the Carrickmines/Shanganagh River Catchment Study.

A review of the Section 48 Development Contribution Scheme was prepared and a progress report was submitted to the Council in 2007.

## Urban & Village Renewal Schemes

Urban & Village Improvement Schemes are co-funded by the DoEH&LG under the EU Operational Programmes and from the Council's own resources. Areas within this County that have benefited under this scheme include Blackrock, Stepside, Glencullen, Churchtown, Sandyford, Longford Gardens & Ballybrack Village. The Cabinteely & Cornelscourt Village Improvement Schemes were completed during 2007.

Dún Laoghaire Town Centre Integrated Area Plan:

Eight projects qualified for the time extension of the scheme and these are all located in the Monkstown Farm area with the final project completed in 2007.

## Local Area Plans

The County Development Plan 2004-2010 contains objectives to prepare a number of Local Area Plans and in 2007 work continued on preparation of the following Local Area Plans and Studies.

The Kiltiernan/Glenamuck Local Area Plan and the Stillorgan Local Area Plans were both adopted by the Council in 2007.

In addition to the above there was a Public Consultation held during the year in respect of the Proposed Glencullen Local Area Plan.

Work continued on the preparation of the following Local Area Plan and Studies during 2007:

- Cherrywood-Rathmichael Local Area Plan
- Old Conna/Ballyman Local Area Plan
- Bray Environs Local Area Plan
- Deansgrange Local Area Plan
- Blackrock Urban Structure Plan
- Ferndale Road Local Area Plan
- Goatstown Local Area Plan
- Sandyford Urban Framework Plan (SUFP)
- Special Amenity Area orders for Killiney Hill/Dalkey Hill/Roches Hill

Consultants were appointed in 2006 to undertake a Buildings Heights Study on behalf of the County Council and the Study was presented to Council during 2007.

## Building Control

The Building Control Section is responsible for the enforcement of the Building Control Act 1990 and for the inspection of developments prior to taking in charge to ensure Council standards are met, which it does through regular monitoring and inspections.

During 2007, a total of 1,121 commencement notices were received and inspections of 41% of buildings notified on foot of those notices were undertaken.

11 Estates/Developments were taken in charge in 2007.

# ENVIRONMENT

The Environmental and Water Services Department provides a range of essential services such as waste management, water supply including refuse collection/disposal, litter control, environmental awareness and drainage.

## Capital Projects

### Water:

Sandyford High Level Water Supply Scheme:

- Contract awarded and scheme commencing end of march 2008 with estimated completion date of 2009

### Drainage:

Shanganagh/Bray Main Drainage Scheme:

- Construction to commence mid 2008 with an estimated completion date of 2010.

Coliemore Drainage and Water Scheme:

- Scheme completed early 2008 with official opening scheduled for May 2008

Carysfort/Maretimo Stream Improvement Scheme:

- Scheme to commence end 2008 with estimated completion date of 2009

Glenamuck/Kiltiernan Main Drainage Scheme:

- Main contract of works completed end 2007

## Operations

A total of 797 domestic drainage misconnection surveys were carried out on the Deansgrange River and 64 misconnections were identified and repaired.

Water supply standards in the Dún Laoghaire- Rathdown are among the best in Ireland in terms of quality, reliability and leakage control.

## Waste Management

The Waste Management Section coordinates the collection and disposal of Waste- both black/grey bin and green bin- as well as Road Sweeping.

The principal points of interest in 2007 were:

- Private contractors commenced collecting household waste in the County. This activity will require the Council to review the present waste collection regime which has served the area well over the past hundred years or more.
- Tenders were invited for the new waste facility in Ballyogan to treat organic waste (kitchen and garden waste).
- Green bin service was extended to a 2-week collection cycle and plastic bottles were added to the accepted materials list.

## Ballyogan Recycling Park

The tonnage of recyclable material brought to Ballyogan Recycling Park was 8,809.73 plus 11,364 light bulbs.

**Below (left to right):** County Managers doing their bit for Recycling! - 2007 Recycle Week; Tidy Districts Award – Councillor Trevor Matthews (left) and An Cathaoirleach Denis O'Callaghan (right) photographed with the Meadowbrook Residents Association.



## Recycling Centres

Eden Park Recycling Centre:

- The tonnage of recyclable material brought to the centre was 982.22.

Shanganagh Recycling Centre:

- Construction commenced on our new centre at Shanganagh late 2007.

Bring Bank Centres:

- The Council provides over 60 centres.

## Litter Warden Service

No. of Litter Wardens	5
No. of on the spot Fines	975
No. of Prosecutions taken	12
No. of Prosecutions secured	8

## Enforcement Unit

Facilities Registered/Permits Issued	278
Inspections	1,481
Complaints Received	398
Enforcement Action	119

## Environmental Awareness

As part of the Festival of World Cultures the Environment Department organized 'Cool Earth' an environmental awareness exhibition focusing on climate change.

- Total number of Green Schools increased to 39.
- Organised Residents Association and Tidy Towns information evening.
- Organised Tidy Districts competition.
- Organised Tidy Schools, Eco Calendar and PURE schools competitions.
- Composting Awareness campaign delivered.

**Below (left to right):** She's no litter bug! and Class Act! - Dominican Convent Primary School, Dún Laoghaire winners of the Green School Poster Competition

## Green Business

On September 25th 2007 the Council hosted the inaugural EnviroCom Conference and Awards in association with Dún Laoghaire Chamber of Commerce, Sustainable Energy Ireland, Health Service Executive, VEC Community Forum and An Garda Síochana.

Co-ordinated the Local Authority Waste Prevention and Demonstration programme with Dundrum Town Centre which is co-funded by the Environmental Protection Agency.

## Public Health Nuisances

In 2007 notices were served in respect of 7 cases.

## Control of Dogs

No. of Licences issued	4,537
No. of Dogs impounded	291
No. of Fines issued	342
No. of Prosecutions taken	5
No. of Prosecutions successful	4

## Control of Horses

15 horses impounded.

## End of life vehicles

127 abandoned vehicles removed.



# FINANCE

The Finance Department is responsible for the short and long term financing of the Council's operations, both Revenue and Capital. This includes the provision and management of a wide range of services:

## Council Budget

Preparation of the overall Budget in consultation with each department of the Council.

The Revenue Budget for the financial year ended 31st December 2007 was €222,212,500.

## Rates

Rates are payable on both commercial and industrial properties.

Following consideration of the Budget each year, the elected Members determine the annual rate on valuation (ARV) to be levied for the following year. The ARV for 2007 was 67.37.

## Collection statistics

Year	Total Rates Demanded €	Total Rates Collected €	% Collected
2007	84,068,450	79,465,704	94.53
2006	84,385,884	78,465,000	92.98
2005	70,697,972	65,936,868	93.27
2004	66,826,286	61,810,091	92.49

## Valuation Act 2001

The Valuation Act 2001 revises the law relating to the rateable valuation of properties and facilitates a national revaluation of all rateable valuations.

## Entry Year Levy

The levy was introduced under the Local Government (Business Improvement Districts) Act 2006, which was enacted on the 24th December 2006.

The levy applies to all new-build properties from the date when the properties are valued for rating purposes, pending the levying of commercial rates.

## Collection statistics

Year	Total Levy €	Total Levy Collected €	% Collected
2007	717,165.47	582,025.27	81.16





## Household Waste Charges

From 1st January 2005, Environmental Waste Charges are levied on all householders availing of the service on a Pay By Weight basis.

From July 2005, a small number of households are permitted to pay for bag labels.

A waiver scheme is operated for householders who are on low income and/or dependent on social welfare.

### Collection statistics

Year	Net Debit €	Net Collected €	% Collected
2007	13,447,157.35*	11,141,142.21	82.85%
2006	15,320,055*	11,038,372	72.05
2005	14,206,659*	12,844,255	90.41
2004	14,523,950**	14,577,684	100.37

\* Under Pay By Weight, householders are issued statements, based on weights and lifts, in arrears. The debit includes final statement for the year, although issued to customers after year-end.

\*\* Flat charge, bills issued early in year.

Waiver Statistics	2007	2006	2005
Total Processed	5,313	5,337	4,777
Granted	4,097	4,266	4,103
Refused	1,216	1,071	674

## Commercial Water Charges Collection

Charges were levied in 2006 for non-domestic water services, by a combination of fixed and metered charges.

Year	Total Water Charges Demanded €	Total Water Charges Collected €	% Collected
2007	7,013,959*	2,998,785*	42.75*
2006	4,739,791*	2,439,468	51.47*
2005	3,407,316	2,096,820	61.54*
2004	3,122,125	1,938,322	62.08*

\*Bills issue in arrears. The debit includes final bill for the year, although issued to customers after year-end.

Domestic Water Charges were abolished from 1st January 1997.

## Payment of Accounts

Payment to suppliers is made subject to presentation of valid tax documentation. Payment of suppliers by cheque is being replaced by Electronic Funds Transfer, through which payments are made directly into suppliers' bank accounts. Staff and Councillors are paid by EFT.

The Council's Treasurer is: Bank of Ireland, 101 Upper George's Street, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

Under The Prompt Payment of Accounts Act 1997, as amended, suppliers shall be entitled to late payment of interest on payments that are not paid within the prescribed period which in the case of most payments is 30 days.

## Insurances

The main areas of activity are Public Liability, Employers Liability, Fire (Housing Stock), Fire (General Properties) and Motor Insurance.

The Council's Public Liability policy operates on the basis that the Council accepts responsibility for the first €12,600 of each claim.

In respect of Employers Liability, Fire, Motor etc. full cover is arranged.

## Annual Financial Statement

The Annual Financial Statement 2006, completed in 2007, was prepared on a full accrual accounting basis and included a full Balance Sheet showing assets owned and liabilities owed by the Council.

The accounts are audited by the Local Government Auditor who reports to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

# HOUSING

The Housing Department manages the Council's housing estates. Its functions include the construction, refurbishment, allocation, maintenance and sale of dwellings, rent assessment and collection, the making of house purchase loans and certain grants and the operation of the Plan for Social Housing and the provision of accommodation for homeless families.

The Department has also enforcement responsibilities for building standards and the upkeep of rent books for private rented dwellings. The Department is also responsible for the Management and Maintenance of Group Housing Schemes and Halting Sites and the implementation of the Council's Accommodation Programme for Travelling People. Responsibility for tenants of private landlords, in receipt of Rent Supplement for over eighteen months has also been passed to the County Council under the recent Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS), which is also administered by the Housing Department.

## Housing Construction Programme 2007

<b>Units completed during 2007:</b>	55 units at Furry Hill 19 units at Patrician Grove 84 units at Goatstown Close (48 social and 36 affordable) 54 units at Maple Ave (re-development of Laurel Ave)
<b>Units under construction during 2007:</b>	103 units at Stonebridge Road 52 units at Pearse St (re-development) 23 units Laurel Avenue (re-development) 8 units Goatstown Close
<b>At tender stage 2007:</b>	41 units at Benamore 39 units at Kingston (29 Social/10 affordable) 25 units at Lambs Cross (19 social/6 affordable) 3 units at Kilcross Green 20 units at St Galls Gardens (refurbishment of 12 existing and construction of 8 additional units) 27 units at Meadowlands (phase 3)
<b>Approved at Part VIII</b>	21 units at Broadford Rise 15 units at Cromlech Close 155 units at Enniskerry Road (105 social and 50 affordable)

## Homeless

The Council continued its arrangements with the Health Service Executive in relation to the provision of emergency accommodation for homeless persons.

The Homeless Centre at Bentley Villas which opened in December 2006 is open 365 days a year and facilitates various

**Below (left to right):** Thornwood, Booterstown, Affordable Housing provided in 15 Units and An Cathairleach 'Turning the Sod' on St Louises Park, Blackrock



services including a VEC outreach programme and visits from the HSE medical team including a doctor and nurse. 10 people have moved on successfully to private rented accommodation, supported accommodation or to the Council's social housing.

11 homeless households were housed by the Council in 2007 and 15 were assisted in accessing accommodation in the private rented sector. 14 households were allocated tenancies with Voluntary Housing Bodies some of which were supported tenancies.

## Anti-Social Behaviour in Council Estates

The Council continued its policy of dealing comprehensively with instances of anti-social behaviour in its estates during 2007.

A total of 101 cases of anti-social behaviour were dealt with leading to an overall reduction of 14% in anti-social behaviour cases in comparison to 2006.

- 6 Notices to Quit served
- 7 dwellings surrendered due to legal action initiated by the Council.
- 6 Warrants for Possession obtained in the District Court.
- 2 Excluding Orders obtained in the District Court.
- 2 tenants evicted in 2007.
- 27 lettings refused/deferred due to anti-social behaviour
- 45 warning letters issued.
- 15 verbal warnings issued.

## Pre-tenancy Training Courses

3 Pre-tenancy Training Courses were conducted in 2007.

## Tenant Purchase Scheme

During 2007 the Council received 75 applications to purchase, 60 applications were approved and 12 sales were completed.

## Housing and Transfer Lists

At 31st December 2007, 3,764 applicants were assessed as being in need of housing.

The Council's Housing Lists were reviewed in May 2007 and the Transfer Lists were reviewed in August 2007.

A total of 187, including 11 homeless housing applicants were accommodated in Council social housing, and 57 by Housing Associations, of whom 14 were homeless. 77 tenants were transferred to alternative accommodation.

## Housing Adaptation Grant Schemes for Older People and People with a Disability

On 1st November 2007, the DoEH&LG introduced Regulations which provided for a new framework of grant aid for older people and people with a disability replacing the Disabled Persons Grant Scheme and the Essential Repair Grant Scheme.

The new schemes of grant aid are as follows: -

- Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme for People with a Disability.
- Mobility Aids Housing Grant Scheme.
- Housing Aid for Older People.

### Housing adaptation grant scheme for people with a disability:

- 83 Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability applications were received.
- 21 Provisional Approvals were issued in the sum of €234,863.

### Mobility aids housing grants:

- 4 Mobility Aids Housing Grant applications were received.
- 2 Provisional Approvals were issued in the sum of €7,300.

### Housing aid for older people:

- 9 Housing Aid for Older People applications were received.
- No Provisional Approvals were issued.

### Disabled persons grants scheme

- 238 Disabled Person's Grants were paid in the sum of €2,325,524.
- 236 Provisional Approvals were issued in the sum of €2,343,188.

### Essential repair grants scheme

- 6 Essential Repairs Grants were paid in the sum of €41,798.
- 13 Provisional Approvals were issued in the sum of €92,319.

## Housing Rents

The Council reviews its Differential Rent Scheme on an annual basis in March each year; fixed rents are adjusted at the same time. The average weekly rent was €59.92 in 2007. The rental income, received in 2007, was €11,865,000.

## Part V – Housing Strategy

**Part V of the Planning & Development Act, 2000 commenced on 1st of November 2000. It was amended in 2002. It requires developers to enter into agreements with the Council in relation to developments to which Part V applies. It requires the Council to develop a Housing Strategy, to adopt specific objectives based on identified need and to ensure that sufficient land is zoned for housing to meet projected housing need. Its objective is to ensure an adequate supply of housing accommodation for all sectors of the existing and future population, primarily by facilitating the delivery of new social and affordable housing units by private developers.**

During 2007, a total of 226 dwellings were provided through Part V of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2002, as follows: - 116 Affordable dwellings, 98 Voluntary Social dwellings and 12 dwellings for the Rental Accommodation Scheme. In

addition 11 legal agreements were signed and a further 15 were at draft agreement stage, which will result in approximately 650 dwellings being provided during 2008/2009.

## Affordable Housing Scheme

In accordance with the Affordable Housing Scheme adopted by the Council in December 2006, a draw was held on the 8th June 2007 to determine the order in which applicants, who applied by 10th April 2007, would be assessed for affordable housing. In total 3,464 names were entered into this draw from which an Affordable Housing List was produced. Applicants applying after the 10th April 2007 have their names added to the end of the List. At the end of December 2007 there were 4,091 applicants on the List.

A total of 152 Affordable dwellings were provided during 2007, 116 of which were Part V acquisitions and a further 36 dwellings which were provided through the 1999 Affordable Housing Scheme on Council-owned lands.

## Voluntary Housing Schemes

Capital Assistance & Capital Loan & Subsidy Schemes:

Funding was provided under the above schemes to four Voluntary Housing Associations for the acquisition of a total of 98 dwellings through Part V of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2002.

## Accommodation of the Traveller Community

The Traveller Accommodation Programme 2005 – 2008 which was adopted on 11th April 2005 provides for the construction of 57 additional halting site bays/grouped houses during that period and the refurbishment of 2 halting sites totalling 8 bays.

Units completed 2007: St Louise's Park, Dunardagh, Blackrock, a no. 6-unit group housing scheme

At Tender stage: Kiltuck Park – refurbishment of 5-bay halting-site.

St Michaels Park, Monkstown – refurbishment of 3 bay halting sites

The Local Consultative Committee met on seven occasions during 2007.

## Maintenance of Local Authority Housing Stock

At the 31st December 2007, the Council has 4,164 dwellings in its rented stock. A total of 6,420 requests for maintenance were received in 2007.

The following works were also completed during 2007: -

- > Planned Maintenance: Exterior painting/repairs – 498 units
- > Central Heating Installations/Energy Saving Measures – 131 units
- > Installation of Double Glazing – 170 units

## Rental Accommodation Scheme

The Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) commenced in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council in August 2006.

At present there are in excess of 1,379 potential RAS tenants on the Council's Housing Waiting List, of which over 1,252 are in receipt of Rent Supplement for more than eighteen months. At present, the majority of tenants in receipt of this allowance and living in Voluntary Housing accommodation have been transferred to RAS and tenants of private landlords, in receipt of the allowance, are being assessed for eligibility under the scheme. Up to 31st December 2007 a total of 169 tenants had transferred onto the Scheme.

**Below (left to right):** Goatstown - Social housing scheme and Olcovar, Shankill - Affordable Housing provided in 36 Units



# HUMAN RESOURCES

The Human Resources Department is involved in the general administration of statutory employment provisions and also the policies, procedures and schemes adopted by management.

It provides an advisory service to local management ensuring equality and consistency throughout the organisation.

## Staff of the County Council

The workforce of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council at the end of 2007 was 1,391 including clerical/administrative, professional, technical and depot based staff comprising craft and general workers.

## Recruitment, Administration & Industrial Relations

A total of 72 competitions were held to fill vacancies during the course of the year.

The Human Resources Department provides an advisory service to local management, ensuring equality and consistency throughout the organisation. There was no time lost in 2007 through industrial action.

Staff welfare is promoted through the operation of schemes that aspire to a work life balance i.e. flexi time, term time and work-sharing.

The Staff Welfare Officer identifies and responds to transitory crisis or personal difficulties experienced by staff at work or at home and provides a confidential counselling, referral and information service.

## Equality

The Council continued to support various national campaigns, including National Anti-Racism Week and Social Inclusion Week.

The 3% target quota for the employment of persons with disabilities was exceeded.

The Dignity and Respect in the Workplace policy was promoted.

## Staff Development and Training

During the year, the training programme delivered in-house training to 983 staff in the following areas:-

- Personal Development, Health and Safety
- Customer Care
- Information Technology

- 28 staff completed the Certificate in Local Government Studies
- 8 staff completed the Diploma in Local Government Studies
- 57 staff approved under the Scheme of Assistance for courses of further education

## Workplace Partnership

Workplace Partnership continued in operation during 2007 with 11 committee meetings held during the year. Action groups continued to advance several objectives, the outcome of which included the following: -

### Return to Learning programme

The Partnership Facilitator and the VEC Co-ordinator ran a number of meetings in the Council depots in order to meet staff towards the end of 2007 and inform them of the Return to Learning Programme that would be up and running in 2008. There were three phases within Return to Learning as follows:

- Phase 1 is open to all staff who haven't done the course before. It takes place during working hours.
- Phase 2 is for staff that has already completed Phase 1 Return to Learning and would like to continue with their education. Half of the course will be run in work time and the other half outside working time.
- Phase 3 is a progression of the programme available within staff members' time.

Also introduced this year into the Return to Learning Programme was a Pre-ECDL computer course and an ECDL computer course.

### Performance Management Development System:

The Partnership Committee continued with their support for the PMDS and the roll out of the process to all departments.

### Depot Upgrading;

The Partnership Depot Upgrading Communications Action group have had a number of meetings with key personnel during the year to be briefed and discuss the development/upgrading of a number of depots throughout the County, the minutes of their meetings are available on the Partnership intranet site.

### Harbour Square Communication Group:

Partnership set up a Harbour Square Communication Group to keep Staff involved in the move to Harbour Square informed of the progress of this development.

### Long Service Recognition:

In February 2007 the Partnership Office in conjunction with the Long Service Recognition Group (set up through Partnership) welcomed 32 Staff members along with their guests to a function to recognise 25 years of service within the Local Authorities and the night was a huge success.

### Handling Significant Change through Partnership:

At the end of 2007 the decision was made to embark on 'Handling Significant Change through Partnership' by the Partnership Committee. Meetings will be scheduled in 2008.

## IT & COMMUNICATIONS

The IT&C Department provides the organisation's wide ranging and expanding information technology requirements. This is achieved in a planned and managed environment and is governed by the demands of the department's Business Plan, the Corporate Plan and demands from within, and (increasingly) from external sources.

### 2007 Summary:

All key objectives of the 5 year Business Plan (Year 4 of the plan) were achieved for 2007.

- Pilot commenced to produce Draft Development Plan in Geographical Information Systems (GIS).
- Planning Application files are now available online.

- New Public Lighting Database System implemented.
- Commencement of a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) project.
- Preparation of Tender documents for new Integrated Housing System completed.
- Wifi available in Libraries.
- Upgrade to Financial System completed.
- Web Casting of Council Meetings piloted.
- Piloting of New Council Meeting Administration system.
- Upgrading of Computer Aided Design (CAD) systems.
- Project Team set up to implement new Telephone (VOIP) system.
- Commencement of Upgrade to Libraries System.
- Major progress on Fibre Optic Network for Dún Laoghaire – Rathdown.
- Work on implementing a Business Continuity Plan commenced.
- Server and PC Replacement Program continued throughout the year.
- Email System Upgrade commenced.
- I.T. Governance Project commenced.
- Upgrade to the Depots I.T. infrastructure underway.
- New Backup System put in place.
- New websites and improved design for accessibility implemented.
- Project Management System for Corporate use implemented.
- DoEH&LG Initiatives– Project Vision implemented for management of Water Capital Schemes. E-Referrals Planning project also commenced.



# LEGAL SERVICES

The Legal Services Department has developed considerable expertise in the area of Local Government law, practice and administration and continues to be an essential support service to all Council departments and Council affiliates.

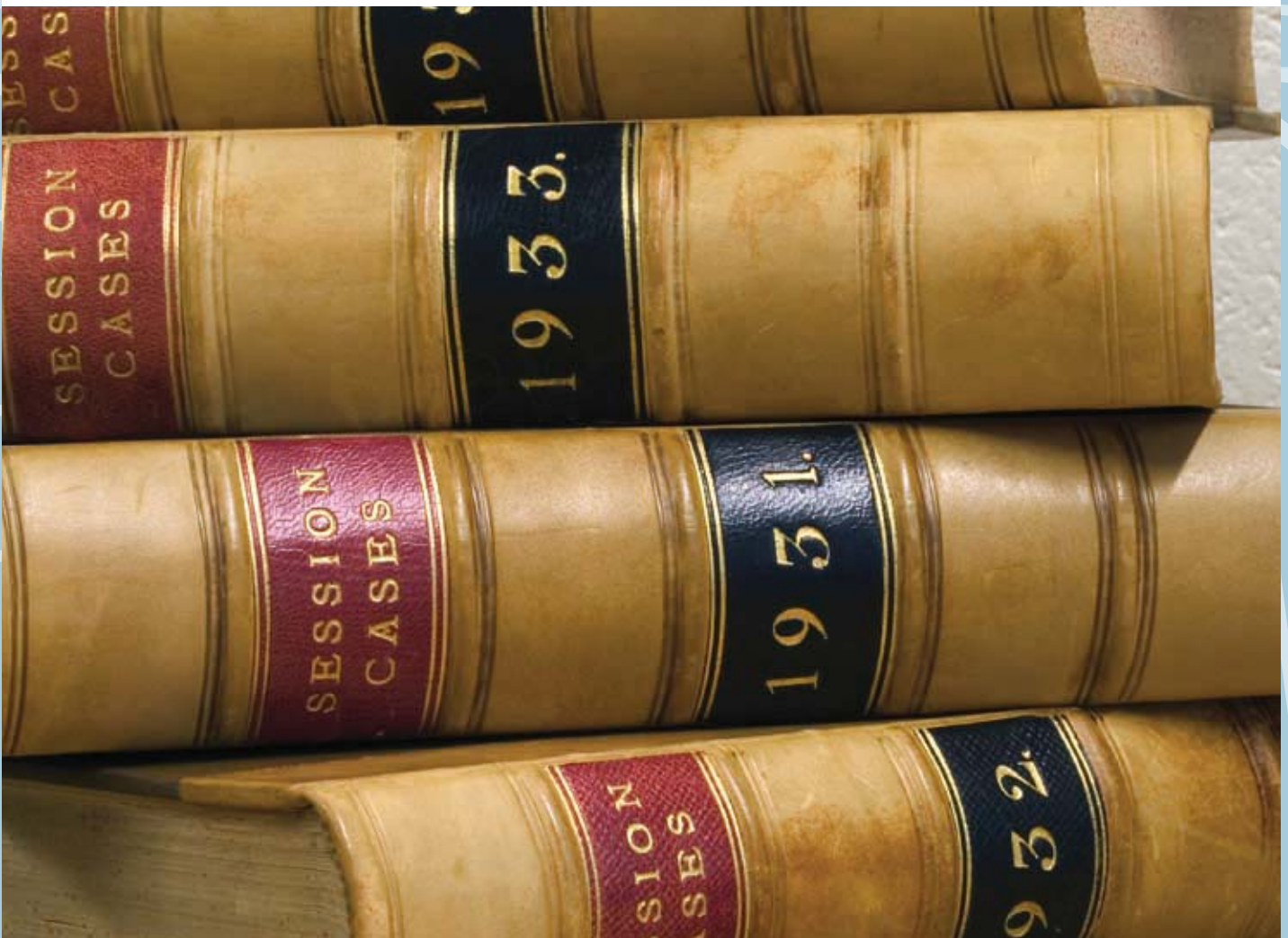
The majority of the services offered by the Legal Services Department include:

- › Consultations with Council staff.
- › An active role in the development of major Council initiatives, policy implementation and developments.
- › Code enforcement.
- › Judicial review proceedings.
- › Corporate governance related issues.
- › Conveyancing and general advices.

In its work, the Department's staff interface daily with Government departments, the Courts Service, the Property Registration Authority and with numerous solicitors and barristers.

Emphasis is placed on specialist and personal development training for staff, all of who are experienced on the latest case management software, including digital dictation. Vocational, professional and personal development training is undertaken with due regard to the objectives of the Council's Corporate Plan and the Department's own PMDS Team Plan.

While ongoing work on the development of its case management system had to be curtailed in 2007 due to a significant conveyancing workload in the Department, it remains the objective of the Department's Management Team to conclude this task early in 2008.



## TRANSPORTATION

The principal activities of the Transportation Department are the design and construction of roads and motorways, junction improvements, cycle networks, Quality Bus Corridors and pedestrian facilities, including the upkeep of existing roads, footpaths, cycle tracks, public lighting, traffic signals, signing and lining, monitoring of road openings, the implementation of traffic management measures, parking controls, and road safety measures, including the promotion of Road Safety Awareness and the operation of the School Warden Service.

### Road Maintenance:

#### Road Restoration Programme

A grant of €4,251,000 from the DoEH&LG enabled the reconstruction/resurfacing of 56 roads in 2007. An additional €725,000 was drawn down from the Development Contribution Scheme to fund the upgrading of footpaths on these roads.

#### Footpath Restoration Programme

Contract Works were carried out at 24 locations in 2007 with funding of €1,058,000 from the Council's own resources supplemented by the Development Contribution Scheme. Footpath repairs and renewal were also carried out by Direct Labour.

#### Roads Control Section

The Roadmap on-line application system is now being used by the ESB, Bord Gáis and communications companies. Bord Gáis completed year 4 of an estimated 6-year mains renewal project in the county.

#### Public Lighting

The ongoing programme of lantern and column replacement continued in 2007.

There are approximately 22,500 lanterns in the County.

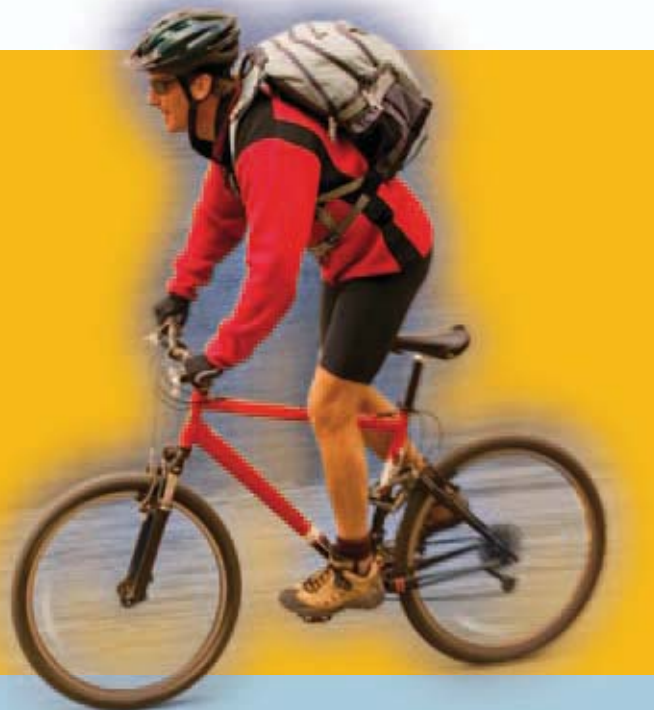
### Traffic and Forward Planning

#### Maintenance and operation of traffic signals throughout the County:

Upgrade of traffic signals at Coal Quay Bridge, Cumberland Street/York Road, Bath Place, Blackrock, Sallynoggin Road/Rochestown Avenue junction, Adelaide Road/Hudson Road.

New Pedestrian signals installed at Castle Street, Dalkey, Newtownsmith at Islington and Link Road, Brighton Vale, CBC

Below: Transport 21, proposed LUAS Line B2, Cherrywood – Bray; Cycling is the way!





Monkstown, Booterstown Avenue, Churchview Road, Kiltiernan, Taney Road and Cornelscourt Hill Road.

New signalised Junctions at Old Dublin Road/Stonebridge Road and Enniskerry Road/Glenamuck Road.

Installation of new LED signals: 220 No. New LED heads installed at various junctions throughout the County.

Push button unit installation: New PBU's were installed at signals throughout the County as part of the Disability Works.

### Junction Improvements

Work started on construction of the Mount Merrion Avenue QBC and Sandyford Road QBC.

The Rock Road QBC became operational in July 2007.

Disability audits undertaken for Deansgrange, Stillorgan and Foxrock.

Continued implementation of facilities for the mobility impaired through dishing of footpaths, installation of tactile paving at junctions.

Bus Stop improvements throughout the County.

On-going provision of new lining and renewal of existing lining.

Meeting with the Gardaí through Traffic Advisory Group to implement new statutory signing and lining.

Provision of Anti-Skid surfacing at various signalised junctions and roundabouts.

Traffic Calming schemes were undertaken at Lower Glenageary Road, Cornelscourt Hill Road, Avoca Avenue/Convent Road, Blackrock, Beaumont Avenue, Casement Villas.

The following schemes were being progressed at design public consultation stages: Grove Avenue, Glenbourne Estate, Whitehall Road/Landscape Road and Killiney Road/Ballinclea Road.

A consultant was appointed to commence examination and prioritisation of all schemes within the County.

Works under Low Cost Safety Improvement Schemes were carried out at Ballybetagh Road and Cornelscourt Hill Road.

Parking Schemes installed at Belgrave Square, Monkstown, Deerpark, Mount Merrion, Convent Lane, Dún Laoghaire and Monkstown Farm.

### Pay and Display Parking Scheme

Parking Control Bye Laws were adopted by the Council in 2007.

Parking Control Schemes were approved by the Council in Sandyford Industrial Estate, Clonkeen Road Retail Area, Deansgrange and Blackrock Park

Parking Schemes were introduced in the following locations:

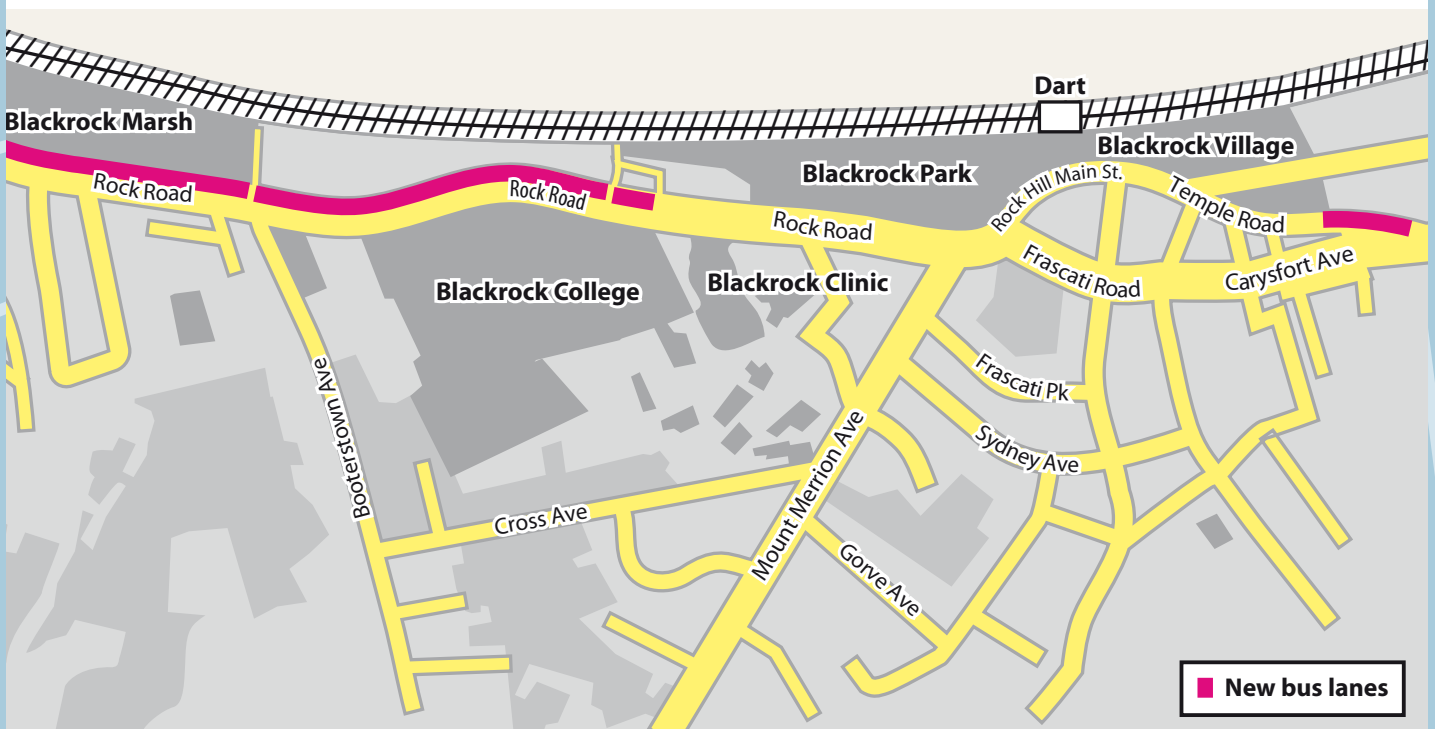
- Arbourfield, Dundrum
- Cabinteely Village
- Carrickbrennan Road, Monkstown
- Knapton Road/Lawn, Willow Bank and The Slopes, Dún Laoghaire
- Richmond Hill, Monkstown
- Sandyford Industrial Estate
- Silchester Road/Station Road/Marlborough Road, Glenageary
- Stoney Road, Dundrum
- Sweetmount Avenue/Upper Churchtown Road, Dundrum
- Woodlawn Park/Terrace/Crescent, Dundrum

### Road Safety

Provision of the School Warden Service continued in 2007 throughout the County.

Following a Road Safety audit of all school warden-crossing locations, Road Safety Engineering Measures were provided at

**Below:** As part of the Blackrock/Merrion Road Quality Bus Corridor project bus lanes came into operation along the Rock Road



10 sites in 2007. It is expected that further sites will be treated in 2008.

The promotion of traffic safety awareness among children, with emphasis on education/training, including the promotion of safer cycling and the 'Walking Bus-Ag Siúl to School' project continued in 2007.

Ten additional pedestrians crossings were commissioned in 2007 providing improved safety measures for pedestrians and pedal cyclists.

In the ten year period from 1997-2006, persons injured in Road Traffic Collisions in DLR reduced by 50%.

## Road Design

National/non-national roads:

The following are the major capital schemes under design/ construction or recently completed by the Council and funded by the National Roads Authority and Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. The capital allocation received in 2007 was €9.46m.

- M50 Upgrade – Third Lane: PPP contract documents finalised and tenders received for sections M1 to N3, N3 interchange and Ballymount to Sandyford.
- Sandyford Industrial Estate Link Road; Part VIII public consultation approved. Contract documents and CPO documents prepared.

- Glenamuck Road North: Construction commenced in summer 2007.
- Glenamuck Road South/Kiltiernan Bypass: Local Area Plan approved. Detailed design commenced.
- Monkstown Ring Road: Consultants appointed to carry out detailed design and tender documents. Construction due to commence 2008.
- Blackglan Road/Harolds Grange Road: Part VIII approved.
- Luas Line B1; Construction has begun and it includes Ballyogan Road Improvement Scheme.
- Luas Line B2: Public consultation commenced and line approved.
- Murphystown Road: Part VIII public consultation approved. Detailed design began in 2007.
- Kilgobbin Road: Part VIII public consultation approved. Detailed design began in 2007.
- Ballyogan Road Improvement Scheme: This is undertaken by the Rail Procurement Agency in conjunction with LUAS Line B1 and began in 2007.
- Rochestown Avenue: Design work commenced in conjunction with the QBN Office.

**Below:** An artist impression of the Luas bridge at Brewery Road, Leopardstown



# BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2007

	€'000
Fixed Assets	2,610,476,701
Work in Progress	791,234,105
Long Term Debtors	54,158,885
Net Current Assets	239,506,149
Long Term Creditors	-131,278,105
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>3,564,097,735</b>
Financed by:	
Capitalisation Account	2,610,476,701
Work in Progress	743,370,112
Specific Revenue Reserve	18,452,967
General reserve balance	7,514,937
Other balances	184,283,017
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,564,097,734</b>

# INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2007

	Gross Exp 2007 €	Income 2007 €	Net Cost 2007 €
HOUSING AND BUILDING	27,006,257	25,333,557	1,672,700
ROAD TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY	28,210,873	11,357,903	16,852,970
WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE	28,522,373	5,909,887	22,612,486
DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES & CONTROL	9,160,366	2,894,820	6,265,546
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	46,928,018	31,398,601	15,529,417
RECREATION & AMENITY	24,442,263	4,551,093	19,891,170
AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, HEALTH & SAFETY	7,255,984	5,548,677	1,707,307
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	11,348,239	4,246,728	7,101,511
<b>Total Expenditure/Income</b>	<b>182,874,373</b>	<b>91,241,266</b>	<b>91,633,107</b>
Net cost of programmes to be funded from:			91,633,107
Rates Income			80,601,233
Local Government Fund			39,272,987
Surplus/(Deficit) for year			<b>28,241,113</b>
Transfers from/(to) reserves			-28,148,546
Overall surplus/(deficit) for the year			<b>92,567</b>
General reserve @ 1 January 2007			7,422,370
<b>General Reserve @ 31 December 2007</b>			<b>7,514,937</b>

# HIGHLIGHTS ON CORPORATE PLAN ACTIONS 2007

## Government Policy/Council/Corporate Management/Staff

Archive and Records Management Survey/Study undertaken.

Communications Audit report published

Expansion of Staff Library as a learning centre

Continuation of Schools Education Programme with visits to over 60 schools

Communications Office established

Irish Language Officer Appointed

Libraries opening hours extended

Public Library User survey carried out

Planning-on-line improvements implemented

Policies, Objectives and Strategies developed in Combating Anti-social Behaviour

Commenced programmed Health and Safety training for all supervisors and staff

Continuation of Irish Language Training for Staff

Reviewed and expanded Induction Training Programme

Devised training plans in conjunction with PMDS

Exceeded targets for staff training with an emphasis on Health & Safety

Accessibility enhancements at various sports & community facilities

Council Meeting System (ModernGov) implemented

WebCasting (Council meetings) implemented

## Planning and Sustainable Development/Infrastructure

Dwellings handed over:

- 84 at Goatstown Close, Goatstown
- 19 at Patrician Grove in Stillorgan
- 55 at Furry Hill in Sandyford.
- 54 at redevelopment of Maple Avenue in Ballybrack

A competition for a new County Library Headquarters and Cultural Centre in Haigh Terrace/Moran Park was initiated

Part VIII procedures Process Commenced:

- Sandyford to Drummartin Link Road

- Blackglan Road/Harold's Grange Road Improvement Scheme
- Proposed Housing and Community Development at Enniskerry Road.

Implementation of 2007 phase of Development Levies Program

Preparation of Draft Sandyford Urban Framework Plan

Construction commenced on new recycling centre at Shanganagh

Glenamuck/Kiltiernan Main Drainage Scheme contract of works completed in 2007

Sandyford High Level Water Scheme tender process completed

Tenders advertised for new organic waste facility in Ballyogan

Dwellings Acquired through Part V and Affordable Housing Scheme:

- 226 dwellings acquired throughout the County.
- 36 Affordable dwellings provided in Goatstown.

Planning approval obtained for:

- 155 dwellings at Enniskerry Road (105 social and 50 affordable)
- 12 senior citizen dwellings at Broadford Rise, Ballinteer
- 15 dwellings at Cromlech Close, Sandyford
- 8 dwellings at St Galls Gardens North, Milltown

Refurbishment of 5 bay Halting Site at Kiltuck Park, Shankill

Refurbishment of 3 bay Halting Site at St Michaels Park, Monkstown

In Blackrock 6 group houses for Travellers were completed and occupied

Installed Loop systems at all public counters in County Hall

Glenamuck Road North commenced July 2007 is due for completion August 2008.

Glenamuck Road South/Kiltiernan By Pass tendering plans are being finalised.

Ballyogan Road – commenced mid-2007. Being constructed by Rail Procurement Agency in union with Luas Line B1.

## Customer Relationship/Business Supports/Social Inclusion

Appointment of Access Officer

A-Z of Council Services Published

Development of the first Festival of World Food.

Volunteer Awards held to give thanks to all the volunteers

Major capital investment in Estate Management Areas.

Local Sports Partnership announced.

Sports, Community and Arts Grants Issued

Tenders received for construction of 3 Community Centres at Ballyogan, Sallynoggin and Cois Cairn.

Electronic Resources made available in branch libraries including Irish Newspaper Archives and Mintel Business Database

Refurbishment and Disability Access work carried out at various Public Library branches

Green bin service was extended to a 2-week collection cycle and plastic bottles were added to the accepted materials list

Rollout of Water Project for commercial water charges

Laser card payment facilities provided for customers making Cash Office payments

Implementation of Costing Project

Improved communications monthly regular meetings now held with Legal Services/CCDA/Gardaí/HSE and Anti Social Behaviour unit

Revenue Section organised Rent arrears outreach clinics in Dundrum Office

Disability Consultation Group reviewed and agreed revised terms of reference

Launched Draft Accessibility Implementation Plan and held first consultation session on 3<sup>rd</sup> of December (Disability Awareness Day)

Achieved the 3% target for the employment of people with disabilities

Hosted a reception for the Special Olympics Ireland recognition of their achievements

Consultants appointed to design a Sports Facility building in Marlay Park.

Continued development of Monkstown Pool with the official opening of the Skate Park.

Establishment of the Christmas Event GoSkate!

Cultural Strategy 2007-2010 published for Libraries Service

Internet training for older people extended to all branches

Multi Use Games Areas were provided at Ballinclea, Killiney and Coolevin, Kilbogget Park.

Masterplans were presented for public consultation for Marlay Demesne and Blackrock Park.

Killiney Obelisk was restored

Organised Tidy Schools, Tidy Districts competition, Eco calendar and PURE schools poster competition

On September 25<sup>th</sup> 2007 the Council hosted the inaugural EnviroCom Conference and Awards

Environment Enforcement Section responded to almost 400 complaints

In the Road Restoration Programme 56 roads were resurfaced

Footpath repairs and renewals carried out at 24 locations

Construction of Quality Bus Corridor at Rock Road and Kilmacud Road Upper

The Rock Road QBC became operational in July 2007

## Quality of the Environment/ Quality of Life/Local Agenda 21

Review of Council energy provider undertaken and new renewable sources supplier appointed

Tenders received for the construction of a new sustainable housing development at Benamore, Newtown Park Avenue.

The facilitation of a Seminar on "Health and Well-being of Older People in Dún-Laoghaire Rathdown"

Supported the establishment of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Volunteer Centre

Policy document for the management of community facilities developed and approved by Council

Organised and hosted a two-day National Conference to explore the role of Active Citizenship in our modern Society.

Blue Flag Beaches at Seapoint & Killiney

Green Coast Beaches at Sandycove & Whiterock

Tenders received for construction of new swimming pool and sports facilities at Meadowlands, Dundrum.

Consultants appointed for a feasibility report for the East Pier to Sandycove Seafront.

Consultants appointed to design the Samuel Beckett Civic Campus in Ballyogan.

# SERVICE INDICATORS

## Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

		2005	2006	2007
Arts & Cultural Services: Arts Grants	AC1 AC2	Number of arts grants paid	19	39
		Total value of arts grants	322,500	413,058.70
		Per 1,000 population	3,586.3	Value of arts grants does not include additional expenditure incurred on festivals and residency programmes.
Community Participation and Co-operation – Your Local Authority	CPI	Percentage of local schools involved in the Local Youth Council/ Comhairle na n-Óg Scheme.	43	34
		Total of 36 post primary schools Participating: 12 schools and 8 youth organisations	The % rate of involvement does not reflect the involvement of Youth Organisations. Last year (2005) the participation of youth organisations was reflected in the figure of 55.6%. If youth organisations were to be accounted for in the participation rate for 2006 then this would reflect a participation rate of 77%. Certainly it is simpler and clearer from a measurement point of view only to include schools. However the involvement of youth organisations insures that there is a greater social mix.	Participating youth organisations not included.
		55.6		
Corporate Issues	C1.1	Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence through: -	5.45*	3.92
		- Certified Leave	*This is the overall figure for sick leave absences. We are unable to break down the absences into certified and uncertified sick days	
	C1.2	- Uncertified Leave	5.45*	1.1
	C2	Expenditure on Training and Development as a percentage of total payroll costs	4.7	4.89

# SERVICE INDICATORS

## Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

		2005		2006		2007			
Environmental Services	<b>WATER:</b>								
	<b>E1</b>	Percentage of river channel which is:							Figures provided by LCSCB from the EPA Report data
		Unpolluted	27					Figures provided by LCSCB from the EPA Report data	
		Slightly polluted	20						
		Moderately polluted	53						
		Seriously polluted	0						
	<b>E2.1</b>	Percentage of drinking water analysis results in compliance with statutory requirements with regard to:							Figures provided by LCSCB from the EPA Report data
		Public Schemes	98.91						
		<b>FIRE SERVICE:</b>							
	<b>E3.1</b>	Average time in minutes to mobilise fire brigades in							Provided by Dublin City Council
		Full Time Stations						Provided by Dublin City Council	
	<b>E3.2</b>	Part time Stations (retained fire service)							Provided by Dublin City Council
		Percentage of attendance at scenes where							Provided by Dublin City Council
	<b>E4.1</b>	First attendance is at scene within 10 minutes							Provided by Dublin City Council
		First attendance is at scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes							Provided by Dublin City Council
	<b>E4.3</b>	First attendance is at scene after 20 minutes							Provided by Dublin City Council
		Fire Prevention: Total number of fire safety certificate applications							Provided by Dublin City Council
	<b>E5.1</b>	Received	341					303	
Processed		404					319		
<b>E5.2</b>	Percentage of households provided with segregated waste collection	95.13						99.77	
	Household waste collected which is sent for recycling								
<b>E7.1</b>	Tonnage	11,908					12,735		
	Percentage of household waste collected	24.31					26.82		
<b>E7.2</b>								14,268	
								29.75	



# SERVICE INDICATORS

## Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

		2005	2006	2007
<b>E8.1</b>	<b>Household waste collected which is sent to landfill</b>			
	Tonnage	37,078	34,754	33,691
<b>E8.2</b>	Percentage of household waste collected	75.69	73.18	70.25
<b>RECYCLING FACILITIES:</b>		<b>Significant increase in tonnages since opening of Ballyogan Civic Amenity in November 2004</b>		
<b>Glass</b>				
<b>E9.1.1</b>	Number of Bring Sites	54	51	48
<b>E9.1.2</b>	Number of Civic Amenity Sites	1	1	1
<b>E9.1.3</b>	Total number of facilities	55	52	49
<b>E9.1.4</b>	Total number of locations	1.43*	52	49
<b>E9.1.5</b>	Tonnage of waste collected for recycling	* Per 5,000 of population 120.636*	5,587.74	5,280.67
<b>Cans</b>				
<b>E9.2.1</b>	Number of Bring Sites	37	36	32
<b>E9.2.2</b>	Number of Civic Amenity Sites	1	1	1
<b>E9.2.3</b>	Total number of facilities	38	37	33
<b>E9.2.4</b>	Total Number of locations	0.99*	37	33
<b>E9.2.5</b>	Tonnage of waste collected for recycling	* Per 5,000 of population 4.458*	124.48	70.2
<b>Textiles</b>				
<b>E9.3.1</b>	Number of Bring Sites	12	12	16
<b>E9.3.2</b>	Number of Civic Amenity Sites	1	1	1
<b>E9.3.3</b>	Total number of facilities	13	13	17
<b>E9.3.4</b>	Total number of locations	0.34*	13	17
<b>E9.3.5</b>	Tonnage of waste collected for recycling	* Per 5,000 of population 11.682*	713.14	478.88
<b>Batteries</b>				
<b>E9.4.1</b>	Number of Bring Sites	14	23	17
<b>E9.4.2</b>	Number of Civic Amenity Sites	1	1	1
<b>E9.4.3</b>	Total number of facilities	15	24	18

# SERVICE INDICATORS

## Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

		2005	2006	2007
<b>E9.4.4</b>	Total number of locations	0.18* * Per 5,000 of population	24	18
	Tonnage of waste collected for recycling	1.44* * Per 5,000 of population	45.18	39.73
	<b>Oils</b>			
<b>E9.5.1</b>	Number of Bring Sites	0 Waste motor oil can only be accepted at licensed/registered sites	0	0
<b>E9.5.2</b>	Number of Civic Amenity Sites	1	1	1
<b>E9.5.3</b>	Total number of facilities	1 Waste motor oil can only be accepted at licensed/registered sites	1	1
<b>E9.5.4</b>	Total number of locations	0.026* * Per 5,000 of population	1	1
<b>E9.5.5</b>	Tonnage of waste collected for recycling	0.84* * Per 5,000 of population	9.2	20.04
	<b>Others</b>			
<b>E9.6.1</b>	Number of Bring Sites	8	10	6
<b>E9.6.2</b>	Number of Civic Amenity Sites	1	1	1
<b>E9.6.3</b>	Total number of facilities	9	11	7
<b>E9.6.4</b>	Total number of locations	0.235* * Per 5,000 of population	11	7
<b>E9.6.4</b>	Tonnage of waste collected for recycling	282.745* * Per 5,000 of population	11,712.26	8,643.68
	<b>LITTER PREVENTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT:</b>			
	<b>Litter – Number of Litter Wardens</b>			
<b>E10.1</b>	Total number of full-time litter wardens	5	4	5
<b>E10.2</b>	Total number of part-time litter wardens	0	0	0
<b>E10.3</b>	Number of litter wardens (both full and part-time)	0.156* * Per 5,000 population	4	5
<b>E10.4</b>	Number of on-the-spot fines	650	519	975
<b>E10.5</b>	Number of prosecution cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines	30	24	12

# SERVICE INDICATORS

## Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

		2005	2006	2007
<b>E10.6</b>	Number of prosecutions secured	14	8	8
	<b>Percentage of areas within the local authority that are:</b>	Figures provided are results compiled from the 2005 National Litter Pollution Monitoring Survey.	Figures provided are results compiled from the 2006 National Litter Pollution Monitoring Survey.	Figures provided are results compiled from the 2007 National Litter Pollution Monitoring Survey.
<b>E10.7.1</b>	Unpolluted (i.e. litter-free)	1.6	3.5	0.5
<b>E10.7.2</b>	Slightly polluted with litter	52.2	70.4	80
<b>E10.7.3</b>	Moderately polluted with litter	31.7	23.1	19.5
<b>E10.7.4</b>	Significantly polluted with litter	11.8	3	0
<b>E10.7.5</b>	Grossly polluted with litter	2.7	0	0
			Decrease of 8.6% from the 2005 figures	Decrease of 4% from the 2006 figures
			Improvement on 2005 figures with decrease of 8.8%	Improvement on 2006 figures with decrease of 3%
			There were no areas in the County grossly polluted with litter in 2006. Significant improvement with decrease of 2.7%	Again, there were no areas in the County grossly polluted with litter in 2007.
	<b>Environmental Complaints and Enforcement</b>			
<b>E11.1</b>	Total number of cases subject to complaints concerning environmental pollution (relating to waste, litter, water pollution, noise pollution, air pollution)	3,316	2,534	4,908
<b>E11.2</b>	Number of complaints investigated	3,173	2,377	4,736
<b>E11.3</b>	Number of enforcement procedures taken	184	151	218
	<b>PERCENTAGE OF SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGNS</b>			
<b>E12.1</b>	Primary Schools	82	88	79

# SERVICE INDICATORS

## Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

		2005	2006	2007
Housing	E12.2	75	78	73
	Secondary Schools			The percentages for both Primary schools and Secondary schools registered with the Green Schools Programme appears to have decreased from 2006. This is due to new and previously unknown Primary and Secondary schools which were added to the list. The actual number of schools registered for the Green Schools Programme has increased.
	<b>HOUSING VACANCIES:</b>			
	Total number of dwellings in local authority stock	4,152	4,124	4,140
	Overall percentage of dwellings that are let	95.95	96.30	96.17
	Overall percentage of dwellings that are empty	4.05	3.70	3.83
	Percentage of empty dwellings subject to major refurbishment schemes	81.7	86.75	71.74
	Percentage of empty dwellings unavailable for letting	64.89	70	68.03
	Percentage of empty dwellings available for letting	35.11	30	31.97
	Average time taken to re-let dwellings available for letting (in weeks)	3.8	3.64	4.97
	Number of repairs completed as a percentage of the number of valid repair requests received	98	96	84.77
	Average time taken to inform applicants of local authority's decision on applications for:			
	The Shared Ownership Housing Scheme (in days)	12	5.75	28
	Housing Loans Schemes (in days)	No applications received in 2005	0	Average time taken to process Shared Ownership applications has increased due to delays with Anti-Social Behaviour checks for applicants 0

# SERVICE INDICATORS

## Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

	2005	2006	2007
Local Authority Housing (in days)	5 Letter of confirmation issued within 5 working days after receipt of complete/valid and eligible application	5	5
<b>TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION:</b>			
Total number of traveller families accommodated as a percentage of the targets set in the local Traveller Accommodation Programme	64 All families housed in casual vacancies in existing traveller accommodation	73	107
<b>PUBLIC OPENING HOURS:</b>			
Average number of opening hours per week for full-time libraries	35	35	37.7 Opening hours extended Oct '07
Average number of opening hours per week for part-time libraries (where applicable)	10	10 Under review	10 Under Review
<b>Number of registered library members</b>	26* * As a percentage of the local population (This figure is calculated from the number of borrowers whom hold a valid library card. Each membership card is valid for three years.)	48,996 Figure calculated from number of customers with valid library membership. Library card valid for 3 years	48,737 Number of borrowers active over 3 year period
<b>Total number of items issued for: -</b>			
Books	4* * Per head of population (county/city wide) This figure was reached by adding the total issues for the circulating branches to one (1) issue for each book in School Libraries	777,210	771,207
Other items	0.3	87,964	136,363
<b>Percentage of libraries that offer internet access to the public</b>	100 None in part-time library centre Glencullen	100 No internet access in part time branch Glencullen	100 No internet access in part time branch in Glencullen
<b>Library Services</b>			

# SERVICE INDICATORS

## Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

	2005	2006	2007
<b>Number of internet sessions provided</b>	288* * Per 1,000 population	54,428	50,437 All full time branches are Wifi Enabled. Statistics not kept at the moment for Wifi users.
<b>PLANNING APPLICATIONS – DECISION MAKING</b>			
<b>Individual Houses</b>			
Number of applications decided	312	356	389
Number of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	183	227	286
Number of decisions which required the submission of further information	127	129	103
Number of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000	1	0	0
Average length of time taken (in days) to decide a case where further information was sought	84	83	82
Percentage of grants	68.58	60.4	49.6
Percentage of refusals	31.42	39.6	50.4
Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanála	62.82	66.66	60.44
Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanála	37.18	33.34	39.56
<b>New Housing Development</b>			
Number of applications decided	129	133	203
Number of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	64	73	143
Number of decisions which required the submission of further information	65	59	60

# SERVICE INDICATORS

## Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

	2005	2006	2007
Number of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000	0	1	0
Average length of time taken (in days) to decide a case where further information was sought	86	94	87
Percentage of grants	67.44	54.89	38.92
Percentage of refusals	32.56	45.11	61.08
Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanála	69.56	46.42	78.12
Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanála	30.44	53.58	21.88
<b>Other: not requiring EIA</b>			
Number of applications decided	1,705	1,885	2,188
Number of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	1,403	1,536	1,901
Number of decisions which required the submission of further information	285	349	286
Number of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000	4	0	1
Average length of time taken (in days) to decide a case where further information was sought	81	86	80
Percentage of grants	91.29	87.86	81.62
Percentage of refusals	8.71	12.14	18.38
Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanála	80.62	77.68	68.96

# SERVICE INDICATORS

## Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

	2005	2006	2007
Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanála	19.38	22.32	31.04
<b>Other: requiring EIA</b>			
Number of applications decided	9	4	4
Number of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	2	0	2
Number of decisions which required the submission of further information	7	2	2
Number of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000	0	2	0
Average length of time taken (in days) to decide a case where further information was sought	98	72	119
Percentage of grants	88.88	25	75
Percentage of refusals	11.12	75	25
Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanála	25	100	0
Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanála	75	0	None appealed to ABP
<b>PLANNING ENFORCEMENT</b>			
Total number of cases subject to complaints that are investigated	277	429	501
Total number of cases subject to complaints that are dismissed	146	126	72
Total number of cases subject to complaints that were resolved through negotiations	247	249	178



# SERVICE INDICATORS

## Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

	2005	2006	2007
Number of enforcement procedures taken through warning letters Number of enforcement procedures taken through enforcement notices Number of prosecutions	260	424	519
	62	146	112
	22	54	45
<b>PUBLIC OPENING HOURS</b>			
Average number of opening hours per week	30	30	30
<b>CONSULTATIONS</b>			
Number of pre-planning consultation meetings held	240	272	213
Average length of time (in days) from request for consultation with local authority planner to actual formal meeting for pre-planning consultation	7	7	12
<b>Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority</b>	12.98	30	16
<b>Recreational Services</b>			
<b>Number of children's playgrounds</b>	Per 1,000 population:		
Directly provided by the local authority	0.06	12	12
Facilitated by the local authority	0.06	3	3
<b>Number of visitors to local authority facilitated swimming facilities</b>	2,232* * Per 1,000 population	468,596	455,271
<b>Revenue Collection</b>			
<b>HOUSE RENT:</b>			
<b>Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due</b>	87.64	88.38	89
<b>Percentage of arrears:</b>			
4-6 weeks old	6.17	8.3	8.9
6-12 weeks old	15.79	18	18.67
More than 12 weeks old	68.39	60.3	58.73

# SERVICE INDICATORS

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

	2005	2006	2007
<b>HOUSING LOANS:</b>			
Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due	100 The actual figure is 120.6%	100.3	106
Percentage of arrears:			
1 month old	11.8	5.63	5.4
2-3 months old	10.04	9.33	3.6
More than 3 months old	74.95	80.46	86.8
<b>COMMERCIAL RATES:</b>			
Amount collected at year-end as a percentage of amount due	93.27	92.98	94.53 Data is based on draft Annual Financial Statement for 2007.
<b>REFUSE CHARGES</b>			
Percentage of households paying refuse charges at year end	34.49 Can't compare a/c system and tag system. Pay By Weight from 1/1/05. Indicator incl. 4 quarter due for 2005 but 4th quarter statement only issued March 06 reducing %.	19.86 DLRCC operates a pay-by-weight system where householders are issued statements, based on weights and lifts, in arrears unlike a tag system where they pay up front. We have included the final statement for 2006, as required. Obviously the final statement for 2006 issued in 2007. This amount, while due for 2006, is not due in 2006.	15.1 The number of households availing of the Council's service has reduced in 2007 as a result of private service providers entering into the market in DLR.
<b>NON-DOMESTIC WATER CHARGES:</b>			
Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due	61.54	51.47	42.75 Data is based on draft Annual Financial Statement for 2007.
Local and regional roads surface dressed per annum (square meters)	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Percentage of local and regional roads surface dressed per annum	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>Roads</b>			

# STAFF PROFILE

## County Manager

Owen P. Keegan

## County Architects Department

### County Architect:

Derek Jago (Retired during 2007)  
Andrée Dargan (Appointed in 2008)

### Senior Architects:

Eugene Gribbin  
Edmund Morris (Acting)

### Senior Executive Quantity Surveyor:

Liam Mc Donagh

### Senior Executive Architects:

Bob Hannon  
Pamela O'Connor  
Andrew Devonport  
Dominic Coyle (Acting)

### Conservation Officer:

Julie Craig (Acting)

## Community & Enterprise Department

### Director:

Mary Mallon

### Senior Executive Officer:

Jim Carson

### Administrative Officers:

Wessel Badenhorst  
Neil Healy

### RAPID Co-ordinator:

Dave Lawless

## Corporate Services Department

### Head of Corporate Services:

Tom Mc Hugh

### Senior Executive Officers:

Rita Flynn  
Tim Hannon

### Administrative Officers:

Carol McLoughlin  
Maura Murphy  
Lynda Fox  
Pat Coffey (Accessibility Officer)

## Culture, Community Development and Amenities

### Director:

Charles Mac Namara

### Senior Executive Officer:

Richard Shakespeare

### Senior Engineer:

Rory O'Sullivan

### Administrative Officer:

Catherine Keenan

### Heritage Officer:

Tim Carey

### Senior Community Officer:

Tom Mowlds

### Acting Sports Development Officer:

Barry Dempsey

### Acting Arts Officer:

Carolyn Brown

### Senior Parks Superintendent:

Leslie Moore

### Senior Executive Parks Superintendents:

Garret Murphy  
Rory O'Sullivan  
Helena Mc Gorman  
Bridget Treacy

### Administrative Officer:

Monica Boyle

### County Librarian:

Muiris Ó'Raghail

### Senior Executive Librarians:

Orla Gallagher  
Kathleen Guinan  
Geraldine McHugh  
Mairead Owens

## Economic Development and Planning

### Director:

Richard Cremins (Acting)

## Economic Development:

### Senior Executive Officer:

Bernie Gilligan

## Planning:

### Senior Executive Officer:

Declan McCulloch

### Administrative Officers:

Anne Hegarty  
Eugene Condon  
Tom Mahon  
Una Campbell

### Senior Planners:

Denise Doherty – *Dundrum*  
Mary Henchy – *Dún Laoghaire West and Sandyford Business Estate*  
Liam Walsh (Acting) – *Dún Laoghaire/Dundrum South*  
David Irvine – *Development Plan*

### Senior Executive Planners:

Rhona Naughton – *Dún Laoghaire/Dundrum South*  
Susan McHugh – *Dundrum*  
Tracy Flanagan – *Dún Laoghaire West and Sandyford Business Estate*  
Julienne Browne (Acting) – *Dún Laoghaire/Dundrum South*  
Naomh Fleming (Acting) – *Dundrum*  
Stephen McDermott (Acting) – *Dún Laoghaire West and Sandyford Business Estate*

### Senior Executive Engineer:

Eugene McDonagh – *Building Control*

## Environmental Services Department:

### Director:

Frank Austin

### Senior Executive Officer:

John Guckian

### Senior Engineers:

Peter Goodwin – *Environment/Waste Management*  
Ger Looney – *Water/Drainage Services*  
Michael Mangan – *Projects Office*

### Senior Executive Engineers:

Ray Hickey – *Project Office*  
Gerry D'Arcy – *Waste Management*  
Michael Whelan – *Waste Management Enforcement*  
Bernard Egan – *Waste Management*  
John Gates – *Mechanical Section*  
Eugene Doran – *Water Supply*  
Terry Rice – *Water and Drainage Design; Drainage Planning*  
Paul Buggy – *Drainage Operations*  
Gerry Concannon – *Water Operations*  
Joe Craig – *Drainage Design*  
Robert Romano – *Projects Office*

### Administrative Officers:

Seamus Ahern  
Aiden Conroy

## Finance Department

### Head of Finance:

Michael V. Hogan

### Senior Executive Officers:

Helena Cunningham (Acting)  
Mary Ruane

### Administrative Officers:

Ciara Farrell  
Seamus O'Connor

## Housing Department

### Director:

Kathleen Holohan

### Senior Executive Officers:

Bernie O'Reilly  
Eugene Vesey  
Grainne O'Mahony

### Administrative Officers:

Maura Hickey  
Liz Clifford  
Marie Egan  
Mary Kennefick  
Marie Cronin

### Housing Maintenance Manager:

Noel Dodd

## Human Resources

### Head of Human Resources:

Gerard Hayden

### Senior Executive Officer:

Martin Allen

### Administrative Officers:

Fanchea Gibson

Ian Smalley

### Partnership Facilitator:

John Murphy

### Staff Welfare Officer:

Mary Hardiman

## IT & Communications:

### Head of Computer Services:

Tony Pluck

### Senior Executive Officer:

Austin Baines

### Systems Analysts:

Kevin Lindsay

Bob Nolan

Stephen Brady

Ronan Barrett

### GIS Officer:

Colette Cronin

### Senior Systems Officer:

Brendan Gillen

Deirdre Darling – *(Assigned to Environment Department)*

## Legal Services Department

### County Law Agent:

Edward Hughes

### Senior Solicitor:

Brendan Rae

### Senior Executive Solicitor:

Bryan Curtin

### Chief Clerk:

Geraldine Condon

## Transportation

### Director:

Tom Loftus

### Senior Executive Officer:

Thérèse Langan

### Administrative Officer:

Dara Breathnach

### Senior Engineers:

Tony Pollins – *Traffic & Forward Planning*

Will Horgan – *Road, Construction & Design*

Anne Devine – *Traffic*

Marc Devereux – *Maintenance/Public Lighting*

### Senior Executive Engineers:

Abe Campbell – *Road Construction & Design*

Tim Furlong – *Road Construction & Design*

Philip Trotter – *Road Construction & Design*

Seamus Moran – *Maintenance*

Brendan Elliot – *Public Lighting*

Eugene Mc Donagh – *Traffic*

John Broderick – *Traffic*

Jim Hayes – *Traffic*

Adrian Thompson – *Traffic & Forward Planning*

### Road Safety Officer:

Ken Fitzsimons