

DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

DECEMBER MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

1 December – 17 December 2020

From 1st December, we reverted to Level 3 with the re-introduction of services that has closed during Level 5 as per the framework. This Framework was announced as part of the Government's [Resilience and Recovery 2020 – 2021 Plan for Living with Covid-19](#).

Essential services continued to be provided, while libraries re-opened to the public.

Members of the public were provided with appointments to the relevant department in order to access services within Council buildings.

Updates on services affected, by department are detailed below:

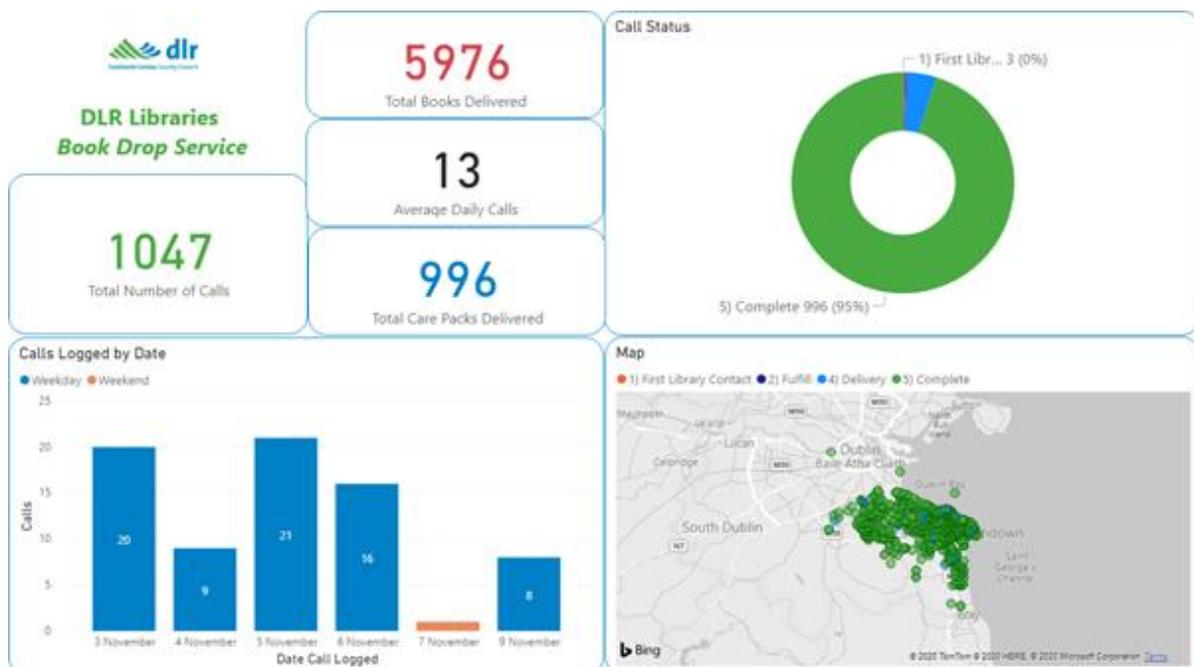
Libraries

1 December: All counties in Ireland moved to **Level 3** of the Plan for Living with COVID-19. This meant that our library spaces were once again open for quick browsing, printing or photocopying, our Bag a Book Contact & Collect service was re-instated, and the national reserves system was available again.

In line with Government guidelines, we are unable to provide any service which involves seating including PC access, general seating, study spaces or live events in our spaces.

Community Call Book Drop

Staff in dlr LexIcon remain available to deal with requests received by the Book Drop service. For more information on how to avail of this service, please contact the dlr Community Call helpline on Freephone 1800 804535, 01 2713199 or email covidsupport@dlrcoco.ie. Alternatively, you can contact dlr LexIcon staff directly on 01 2801147 or via email at dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie.



The Community response to Covid-19 is being led and coordinated by **Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council** in collaboration with a wide-range of stakeholders in the Community Response Forum, supported by a wide range of community and volunteer groups.

Community Response to Covid 19:

- Helpline and email address set up and promoted across all communication channels
- Operates 7 days a week from 9 am to 5 pm
- The Community Call Helpline has dealt with over 4000 calls since it commenced on 30 March and issues range from shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation
- 14 calls were received in December and issues range from information requests on Covid-19, requests for updates on Council services during the levels of the Plan for Living with Covid, also requests for library books
- The Community Response Forum is meeting on a fortnightly basis at present to support in coordinating the provision of a multi-agency response to the individuals in the community that are negatively impacted arising from the measures implemented by the Government to stem the spread of Covid 19.

Health & Wellbeing Initiatives:

- Against the background of the Covid Restrictions, it was necessary to develop a range of initiatives to support health and wellbeing in our communities. The priority was to encourage communities to keep fit and active, stay connected and support them in looking after their mental health. Initiatives were rolled out across Libraries, Sports and Physical Fitness, Arts, Heritage and Biodiversity. The Council also partnered with Making Connections, that primarily looks after the elderly, in delivering a range of individual initiatives, in the community to help isolated individuals to connect with their neighbours. To view dlr's health and wellbeing initiatives page under the 'Keep Well' Campaign see <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/keep-well-campaign-2020>

Heritage

Video piece up online on the heritage of *Travelling to Take the Sea Air* – as part of the dlr Libraries Kingstown/Dún Laoghaire centenary commemorations. Includes piece on the coastal mobility route as part of timeline of transport innovation in Dún Laoghaire. The Nasc folk and traditional Irish music festival was hosted in Marlay House and Marlay and Cabinteely Houses were lit up for Christmas as part of a county wide lighting up.

Municipal Services

All sections are working closely with the Gardaí to assist in social distancing in public areas, including parks, open spaces, beaches, harbours and piers.

Water Services: all essential services continue to be provided, including water supply, drainage services including surface water management and flood management. All essential repairs, operational and maintenance works are continuing, routine and other works have resumed.

Road maintenance: the level of activity is at normal service with the majority of outdoor staff in operation. Essential operations including emergency repairs and upkeep, winter maintenance, responses to Gardaí and traffic accidents continue to be dealt with, and Road Resurfacing & Footpath upgrade programmes are in progress.

Cleansing/Street cleaning: all Service are resumed, including litter removal, street sweeping/cleansing and litter bin emptying. Level of activity has increased with all outdoor staff back in operation.

Traffic: During the Covid 19 pandemic, the Council carried out a number of interventions to improve facilities for pedestrians and cyclists. This included the provision of cycle lane protection at a number of junctions and routes and the provision of wider footpaths using bollards and cones to facilitate physical distancing in towns and villages. In addition, village improvement schemes were carried out at Blackrock, Dundrum, Glasthule and Dalkey.

In July, as part of a Stimulus package, the Government announced total package of just over €100m to support sustainable mobility. As part of this, about €9.0 million was allocated to Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council for 65 schemes. This funding will be used for such interventions as cycle lane protection schemes, improved footpaths and road surfaces, and improved cycle links through parks.

Beaches/Harbours/Piers: All services have resumed.

Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit

Covid-19 has resulted in a huge increase in support provided by the Local Enterprise Office with many new schemes being introduced to support businesses in these challenging times. The key to a strong economic recovery is to keep businesses alive. The new schemes include;

- After a significant staff effort we have successfully completed the administration of the Business continuity Voucher Scheme. We received **462** applications. **335** were approved to a value of **€699,527.50**.
- The Trading Online Voucher scheme has proven extremely successful. We have put in special measures to ensure this scheme which is close to 700 applicants is administered as efficiently as possible. These numbers are fifteen times higher than 2019.
- Mentoring - the office has provided significantly increased numbers of mentoring sessions, at no cost to clients, in response to Covid 19.
- General Supports – There has been an increase of at least 50% in general support queries, and requests for client meetings.

A special page has been setup for the specialised [LEO Covid supports](#) which has details of all the government supports for businesses in these difficult times.

In addition to helping companies adopt best practices in dealing with crisis, the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) is continuing to provide a full range of training supports, details of which are available [here](#).

The Street Furniture Grant, introduced to support food service-based businesses, has been extended to December 2021, and will be extensively promoted in the new year, along with the Shopfront Improvement Scheme, which has seen a substantially increased uptake in 2020.

The impact of the Covid Seasonal Fund which was introduced this year to support towns and villages across the County during the festive period has been seen in recent weeks. A total of just over €125,000 has been granted to thirteen representative groups which

has been used to light and decorate commercial areas, making them attractive spaces for customers to visit and shop locally.

The Economic Development Unit's Shop Local campaign received substantial support from business organisations across Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, encouraging shoppers to shop locally and safely online where possible. This has been complemented by the nationwide #LookforLocal campaign run through Local Enterprise Offices.

Infrastructure and Climate Change:

The Directorate is continuing its work on the following CoVid19 interventions and Active travel programme.

- Active Travel Programme for Schools Reopening
- Priority works on strategic sections of cycle/walking network for return to schools
- Covid-19 interventions: Coastal Mobility Route, Dundrum, Dalkey, Glasthule & Blackrock

Regular briefing sessions with the Elected Members on these works are continuing.

- The Directorate continues to respond to environmental, waste and litter pollution incidents, as needed, and such incidents are recorded and managed as usual through the Civic Hub and the CRM system.
- The Council's waste recycling facilities remain open (at Ballyogan, Eden Park and Shanganagh) with social distancing and other HSE recommended protocols in place and the Council-operated Bring Banks continue to be serviced and made available for use by the public. Activity at these sites during Covid 19 has increased compared to the same months last year.

Forward Planning Infrastructure

- The Directorate continue to engage with applicants, their representatives and other state agencies as part of on-line systems to include tele / video conferencing to facilitate workshops and reporting in the assessment of the Cherrywood Planning Scheme.
- Work continues in progressing the project designs and tender documentation of the Cherrywood Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URFD) - Parks, Greenways and Attenuation project, as well as the Cherrywood LIHAF project for the Druid's Glen Road.

Architectural Services

- Services have resumed for everything except on-site work for bathroom upgrades in occupied homes.

Housing

- The Housing Department, as an essential service, continues to operate although with some additional health and safety restrictions, due to Covid-19. All housing services including Homeless & Welfare, Allocations, HAP and essential Housing Maintenance works are being progressed with additional supports provided as required to the vulnerable including the Travelling Community. Social Housing Construction projects and Part V negotiations continue uninterrupted and applications for Housing Adaptation Grants for Older Persons and People with a Disability continue to be processed.
- Staff continue to engage with home loan borrowers and tenants who have been affected by a loss of or reduced income as a result of the pandemic.

Finance

Rates Waiver: Ratepayers were written to advising them that the 9 month waiver had been applied to their account. They were also advised of the business supports available to them by the Council.

Restart Grant: We have received 3,775 completed applications, declaration forms and RG1 appeal emails to 16th December 2020, with an estimated value of €25.9m. We rejected a total of 579 ineligible applications and have 13 appeals.

We are currently completing processing appeals for rejected applications. The total approved applications are 3,183, with a value of €25.9m to 16th December 2020.

Accounts Payable: Accounts payable are continuing to work to ensure suppliers are paid as quickly as possible to assist with their cash flow requirements.

Financial Management: The impact of Covid-19 on the Council's financial position has stabilised since the receipt of the rates wavier support from the Department. Budgets and cash flow continue to be monitored closely.

Budget 2021: Adoption of Budget - The Council's 2021 Budget was adopted by Members at the Budget Meeting held on the 24th November 2020. The ARV for 2020 and the Vacant Property Rates Refund Rate were also determined by Members at the Budget Meeting.

Overdraft Facility: The overdraft facility for 2020 was €10m. This was utilised on one occasion as a result of a banking technical failure that disrupted services across Europe. We were not penalised as this was outside of our control. Council approval to continue the €10m facility for 2021 was granted at a meeting held on 14th September 2020

Planning:

- The Planning Department is operating in accordance with the revised time frames set out by the Ministerial Orders. The Orders disregard the period from the 29 March 2020 to the 23 May 2020 (inclusive), 56 days/8 weeks, when calculating statutory timeframes.

Corporate Affairs:

- The monthly December Council meeting took place in the Ferry Terminal where social distancing and public health procedures could be implemented to create a safe environment. In addition to this meeting, four meetings were held to discuss the Draft County Development Plan. The Members completed their consideration which will go on public display in January
- Councillors and officials were surveyed during December on the dlrMeetingPoint system and as a result we will continue to develop training options for all users.
- Group Leaders' meetings are now being held on a monthly basis and one was held during December.
- The Communications Unit continue to be very busy ensuring the provision of information on the many initiatives being undertaken including Shop Local and Keep Well. Information in relation to our services during Covid continue to be provided on all our media platforms.

- The meetings of all staff Covid reps within the organisation continue, these meetings keep staff fully informed in order to put in place arrangements to ensure the continued provision of services in a safe workplace environment.

Circulars and Relevant Documents

[Planning and Development during the Covid 19 Emergency Circular PL 02/2020](#)

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/4v03i3z3flprs9i/AAA9a0nV_0rE8rLp5_kgxBuCa?dl=0



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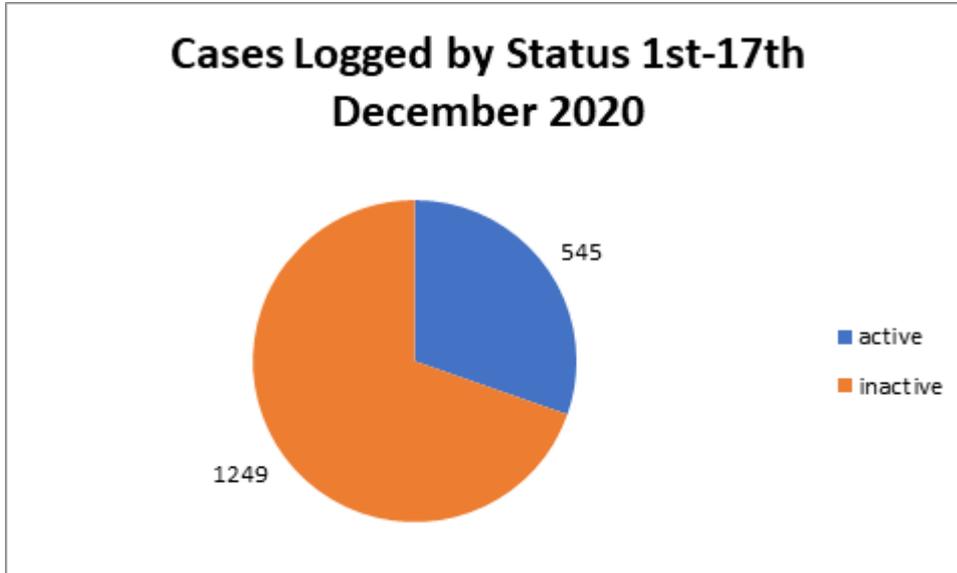
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Cases logged from 1st-17th December 2020

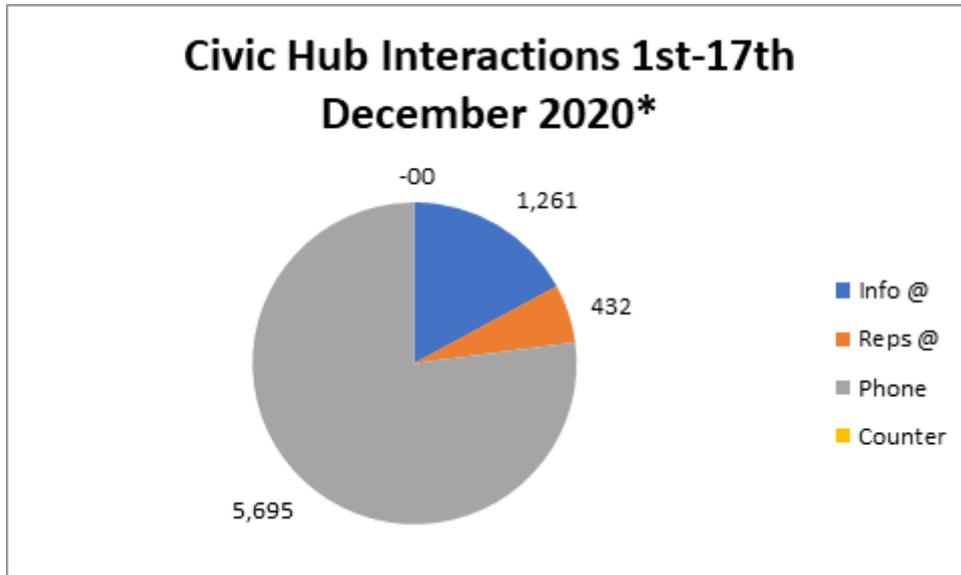


Open	545
Closed	1,249

Cases Logged from 1st-17th December 2020, by Section:

Section/Dept	Open	Closed	Total
Architects	2	2	4
CoCo		1	1
Comms & Civic Hub	22	316	338
Community	1	1	2
Corporate Services	3	2	5
dlrcoco	3	1	4
Environment	167	289	456
Finance	22	190	212
Housing	25	43	68
HR		2	2
Parks	71	88	159
Planning	7	14	21
Property	5	3	8
Transportation	213	250	463
Waste Enforcement	1	38	39
Water Services	3	9	12
Grand Total	545	1249	1794

Civic Hub Activities:



Cases logged in November 2020 * Pie chart excludes abandoned calls

Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	3,904	1,791

Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	1,261	432	1,693

Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	0	0	0

No of users on dlrcoco.ie

30,028 (average 1,766 users per day) highest peak of users during the month is **2,611**

Press Queries

10 press queries in December (1-17 December)

Freedom of Information

There were 8 FOI requests received in December.

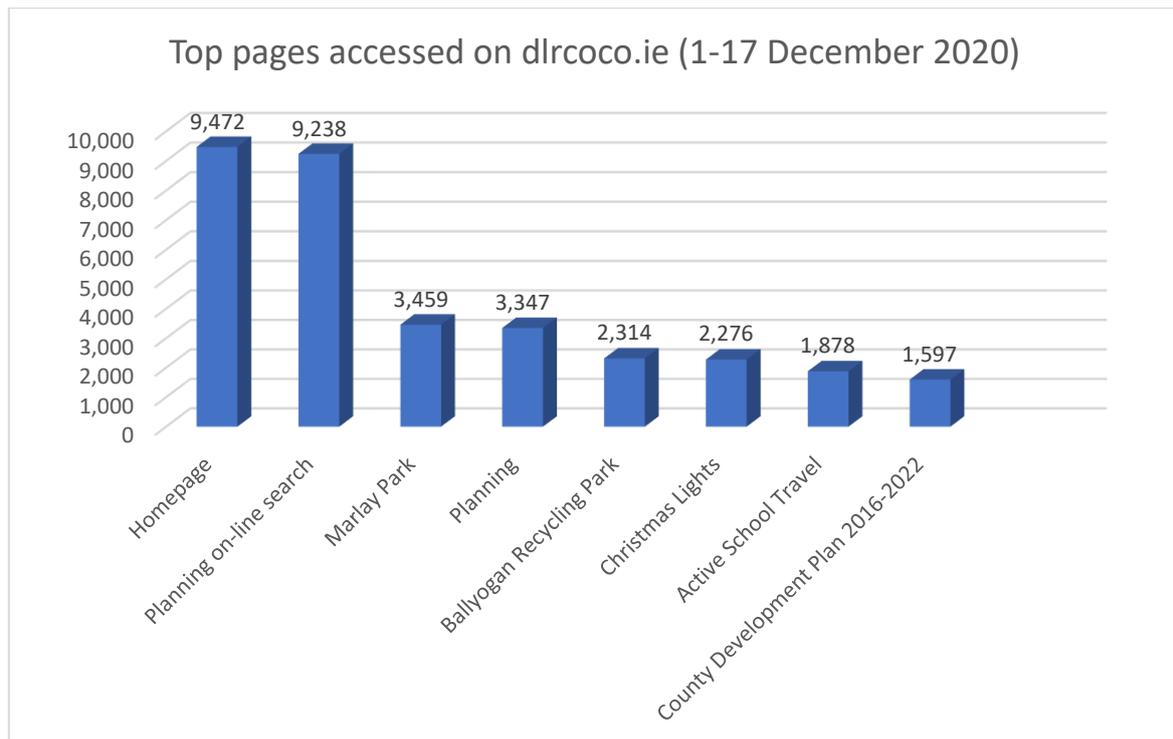
Social Media Activity – December 2020 (1-17)

Profile ^	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)
Reporting Period	57,691	881	462	935,483	52,424	5.6%
Dec 1, 2020 - Dec 17, 2020	↗ 35.1%	↗ 267%	↗ 36.7%	↗ 81.9%	↗ 124%	↗ 23.2%
Compare to	42,700	240	338	514,394	23,392	4.5%
Nov 14, 2020 - Nov 30, 2020						
dlr Arts Office	2,449	-	35	5,956	135	2.3%
dlr Heritage	3,539	-	4	-	-	-
dlr Libraries	8,113	-	79	12,573	284	2.3%
dlrevents	10,271	595	75	286,432	21,262	7.4%
Dún Laoghaire-Ra...	2,911	78	58	48,270	1,240	2.6%
Dún Laoghaire-Ra...	11,629	131	91	200,413	14,790	7.4%
Dún Laoghaire-Ra...	16,489	75	107	377,977	14,635	3.9%
Dún Laoghaire-Ra...	2,290	2	13	3,862	78	2%

Website Activity – December (1-17) 2020

Page views

dlrcoco.ie	97,028
dlrevents.ie	6,968
dlrlibraries.ie	32,613



1. Road Maintenance Management Report - December 2020						
Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RRP Major	Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works					
1	Nutgrove Avenue				✓	
2	Ballinteer Avenue				✓	Partly complete
3	Kilmacud Road Lower				✓	
4	Green Route				✓	
5	Sydenhnam Road				✓	
12	Adelaide Road				✓	
13	Castle Park Road				✓	
14	Ballinlea Road	✓				
15	Corrig Road		✓			
16	Rathsallagh Estate				✓	
17	Ashlawn Estate	✓				
18	Rochestown Avenue		✓			On site in 2021
19	Saval Park Road			✓		to complete in Q1 2021
RRP Minor	Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')					
1	Broadford Road				✓	
2	Woodpark - The Drive				✓	
3	Stillorgan Road (old N11)	✓				
4	Upper Kilmacud Road	✓				
5	Ticknock Road Edges		✓			
6	Ballyedmunduff/Ballybetagh Road Edges		✓			
7	Heidelberg		✓			
8	Sandyford Village	✓				
22	Dalkey Avenue				✓	
23	Georges Place		✓			
24	Patricks Square		✓			
25	Casement Villas				✓	
26	Temple Crescent				✓	
27	Monkstown Farm	✓				

28	Georges Street Lower		✓		
29	Grotto Avenue/Grotto Place				✓
30	Barnaslingan Lane				✓
31	Shanganagh Terrace		✓		
32	Dublin Road (from old Conn Ave north to Circe K)		✓		
FP	Footpath Upgrade Programme				
1	Pine Valley				✓
2	Sandyford Business District				✓
3	Kerrymount Ave	✓			
4	Westminster Road				✓
5	Enniskerry Road				✓
6	Cabinteely Close		✓		
7	Eden Park/Slieve Rua/Dale Road			✓	Q1 2021 to complete
8	The Park, Cabinteely			✓	on site in Dec
17	Dún Laoghaire Town				✓
18	Blackrock Town				✓
19	Dalkey Village			✓	on site in Dec
20	Glasthule Village				✓
21	Ashlawn Park/Coolevin	✓			
22	Wynberg Park	✓			
23	Watsons Estate	✓			
24	Woodbrook Glen				✓
25	Glenavon Park	✓			
26	Ballybride Road			✓	
27	Ballycorous Road				✓
28	Patrician Villas				✓
29	Eaton Brae			✓	
BSP	Bridges & Structures Programme				
1	Blue Light Wall Repair		✓		
2	Woodside Road Retaining Wall	✓			
3	Belfield Flyover	✓			
4	Glenalua Wall Repair		✓		
	Category 3 Bridges	✓			
DGRP	Drainage / Gully Repair Programme				
1	Oakdown Road, Churchtown				✓
2	De La Salle College, Churchtown				✓
3	End of Old Bray Road, Cabinteely	✓			

4	Whitethorn Road, Clonskeagh	✓				
5	Woodside Road	✓				
6	Beech Lawn, Dundrum	✓				
7	Mine Hill Lane				✓	
8	Bridesglen Road				✓	
9	Rathmichael Road				✓	
10	Clonkeen Road (At South Park)	✓				
11	Woodbine Park	✓				
12	Seafield Road Killiney			✓		
13	Ruby Hall	✓				
NRP	National Roads Programme					
1	N31 Crofton Road	✓				
2	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing Programme	✓				
AWP	Accessibility Works Programme					
1	Lynnwood to Ballinteer				✓	
2	Loreto Park	✓				
3	Mount Anville Road at Deerpark				✓	
4	Castlebyrne Park				✓	
5	Mt Albany Estate		✓			
6	Coolevin				✓	
7	Cloister Estate		✓			
8	O'Rourke Park				✓	
9	Laneway from Gleann na Smól to Stradbrook Road (part of)				✓	
CMP	Cycleway Maintenance Programme					
1	Brehonfield Road			✓		30% complete in Dec
2	Churchtown Road Upper			✓		to complete in Dec
3	Kill Lane (sections from Foxrock to Deansgrange jnct)				✓	outstanding snagging items
4	Baker's Corner's junction				✓	outstanding snagging items
EMP	Estate Management Programme					
1	Kilcross Estate		✓			Deferred to Jan 2021
2	Rathsallagh Estate				✓	
TICP	Taking in Charge Programme*					
1	The Rise Mount Merrion	✓				
2	Redesdale estate - certain laneways	✓				
5	Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway			✓		

	<i>*Subject to investigation and clarification of ownership, assessment of works and costs needed to bring these roads/laneways up to taking in charge standard, and no commitment can be made at this stage as completing such works would be dependent on available funding and resources.</i>					
RCRP	Roads Control Reinstatement Programme					
1	Proby Square (South)		✓			on site Jan 2021
2	Marine Court and assoc. Laneways		✓			on site Jan 2021
3	Devitt Villas			✓		Anti-skid surfacing outstanding

2. Traffic & Road Safety

	Preliminary Design Stage	Public Consultation	Detailed Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comment
NTA Schemes							
N11 Brewery Road Safety Improvement Scheme			✓				Design work is ongoing by Barry Transportation
Sandyford Cycle Route (Drummartin Link Road / Rotary)					✓		Works 50% complete. Estimated completion date of Summer 2021.
Sandyford Cycle Route (UCD to Clonskeagh) Phase 3		✓					A public consultation report was presented to the Dundrum Area Committee on December 7 th , 2020. Detailed design is being prepared by CSEA.
Stillorgan Road Cycle Route (UCD accessibility at Nova)					✓		Works 70% complete. Estimated completion date of Summer 2021.
Sandyford Business District walking and cycling improvements			✓				Design work is ongoing by Barry Transportation on three routes in the Sandyford Business District; Carmanhall Road, Blackthorn Road and Burton Hall Road.
Stillorgan Park Road cycle scheme	✓						Consultant CSEA appointed to carry out the detailed design work of the scheme.
Wyattville Road Cycle route – Stage 2			✓				Preliminary Design was presented to Councillors at DL Municipal Services Meeting on 23 Nov. We have now progressed to detailed design.
East Coast Trail (Merrion Gates to Seapoint)	✓						Review with DCC and NTA underway in the context of the coastal cycle route
Nutgrove Avenue Cycle Route						✓	Cycle improvements on Nutgrove Avenue from the Bottle Tower to the church are complete.
Dodder Greenway	✓						Work on the design of preferred option is being progressed by DCC

Cycle Parking						✓	190 cycle stands have been installed in 2020 (380 spaces).
Protected cycle route on Goatstown Road						✓	Works are substantially complete and a review is now underway
Cherrywood Cycle Links	✓						Part 8 public consultation documentation being prepared for a network of cycle routes
Walkability Audits	✓						Works to be carried out at 3 locations to improve facilities for pedestrians
Covid19 cycle Temporary Schemes							
Blackrock to Sandycove Coastal cycle route - two way-cycle track						✓	Works substantially complete
Carysfort Avenue - two way-cycle track						✓	Works substantially complete
Newtownpark Avenue cycle track on both sides						✓	Works ongoing
Cross Avenue, Blackrock, cycle track on one side						✓	Works complete
Blackrock Village Improvement Scheme with contra flow cycle route						✓	Works substantially complete
Dundrum Village Improvement Scheme with contra flow cycle route and new cycle track on Dundrum Road						✓	Works substantially complete
Dalkey Village Improvement Scheme						✓	Works ongoing
Glasthule Village Improvement Scheme						✓	Works complete
Roebuck Road cycle lane protection near St Killian's German School						✓	Works substantially complete
Enniskerry Road cycle lane protection near St Marys National school						✓	Works complete
July Stimulus Package 2020							
Cruagh Wood Extension						✓	Works 50% complete
Meadowbrook Car Park						✓	Works complete
Belarmine zebra crossings						✓	Works substantially complete
Junction, Rosemount, Dundrum Road table top ramp						✓	Works complete
Springfield Park, Foxrock, traffic calming -						✓	Works complete
Glenamuck Road South traffic calming				✓			Design work ongoing
Castlepark Road Pedestrian improvements						✓	Works commencing week of the 14/12/2020
Silchester Road Pedestrian improvements						✓	Works substantially complete
Shanganagh Road signalised Pedestrian Crossing adjacent to Abberley/Norwood						✓	Under construction
Hudson Road - Zebra Crossing adjacent to the new park						✓	Works substantially complete

Wyvern-Zebra Crossing adjacent to the school						✓	Works substantially complete
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Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan

Phase 2-Lower Kilmacud Road from 100m east of the junction with Upper Kilmacud Road to the access road into Kilmacud Crokes GAA Club. Works are 90% complete and landscaping works to commence in January 2021.

Phase 3 – Lower Kilmacud Road from Kilmacud Crokes to the N11. Proposed design nearing completion but need to reach agreement with private landowners to determine site extents.

Road Safety and Sustainable Travel

A Cycle Forum meeting took place on Tuesday December 8, 2020

A Road Safety Working Together group meeting took place on Wednesday December 16, 2020

The Transportation and Marine SPC meeting took place on Tuesday December 8, 2020 with presentations made or organised by the Traffic & Road Safety

NTA Bus Connects Presentation –John Fleming

Active Mobility Presentation - Séan McGrath

Neighbourhood Traffic Management Guidelines – Gerry Flaherty

Neighbourhood Traffic Management Guidelines were also presented to the Dundrum Area Committee on December 7th, 2020 and the SPC

Children’s High viz vests were provided for a Montessori School in Ballybrack

TAG

There was a TAG meeting in December on the Tuesday 14th of December 2020 at which 27 items were dealt with.

BusConnects Dublin Update

The BusConnects Dublin - Core Bus Corridors Infrastructure Works is running a third non-statutory public consultation, commenced during the first week of November 2020. This will then be followed by the finalisation of the preferred routes and the preparation of planning applications for submission to ABP towards the end of Q1 2021.

3. Water & Drainage

Drainage and Flood Alleviation

Engineering and Environmental Consultants were appointed in Dec 2019 for Flood Risk Management works on the Deansgrange Stream. This is a 4 to 5 year project. Activities completed to date include additional survey work, CCTV surveys, a Constraints study, Hydrological analysis and hydraulic modelling. Initial Public Consultation is now complete.

The next stages include optioneering and engagement with stakeholders.

Contractors have been appointed to construct the new screen/flood storage structure in Kilbogget Park. Work is well underway on site with the structure approximately 50% completed. Completion of the structure and viewing platform is planned for April 2021.

Engineering and Environmental Consultants have been appointed for Flood Risk Management Works on the Carrickmines/Shanganagh Rivers. This is a 5+ year project.

Data gathering is underway and tenders will be issued shortly for flow/rainfall surveys and topographical surveys.

Drainage Section is working closely with the OPW as they commence the update process of the published flood maps as required by the EU Floods Directive.

Hydraulic modelling of the Dundrum Slang Stream is complete. Flood maps have been completed and will be uploaded shortly by the OPW to their website.

Tender documents are completed for consultants to prepare detailed flood risk maps for the Monkstown environs streams. The OPW have recently confirmed 90% funding and the project has now been awarded. Commencement of the project will be early January 2021.

Draft Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs)

The Flood Risk Management Plans were launched on 3rd May 2018 and these were adopted by the Council at the Council Meeting on the 10th September.

All three Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs) in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council area (Deansgrange/Loughlinstown/Shanganagh, Carysfort-Maretimo and Old Connaught Wilford) have been included in the Ten-Year €1 billion Programme of Investment in Flood Relief Measures with Deansgrange/Loughlinstown/Shanganagh included in the first tranche of €257 million in funding for 50 new flood relief schemes to proceed to detailed design.

The OPW have asked DLR to project manage the scheme and have agreed to fund the necessary in-house project management personnel.

4.Roads Control Unit December 2020

Reinstatement works

Roads Control Unit is continuing to carry out permanent reinstatements on behalf of Water Services Section as agreed under the Service Level Agreement with Irish Water. The total of 737 no. locations have been received and issued to the Contractor for reinstatement between 1st January and 17th December 2020.

Restoration works

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RCRP	Roads Control Restoration Programme 2020					
1	Proby Square (South)			07.12.2020		Part of works postponed to Jan 2021
2	Marine Court and assoc. Laneways			Start date not confirmed yet		On site Jan 2021
3	Devitt Villas				Road Surfacing completed	Anti-Skid surface treatment not yet scheduled

5. Cleansing & Beaches Section Statistics: June 2020 – November 2020

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	June 2020	July 2020	Aug 2020	Sept 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2020
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	253	286	250	296	321	410
Clean-Ups Assisted	43	46	52	62	46	49
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	12	24	12	30	14	30
Bathing Water Samples Taken	46	37	49	28	18	18
Gullies Cleaned	1779	1415	889	744	737	1653
Dumping Incidents Managed	99	78	70	71	91	69
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	0	0	5	1	0	0
Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	8	5	31	11	16	6
Street Bin Collections	4253	4091	3983	4275	5043	4858

* Statistics available up to the end of November 2020.

Cleansing & Beaches Project Updates – December 2020

- Cleansing works on the Wyatville Road and Church Road are complete
- 3 new mini sweepers purchased and funded via the NTA to facilitate cycle lane sweeping across the county and in particular the newly installed segregated cycle tracks.
- DLR's Cleansing & Road Maintenance Sections are leading on critical enhancement works at Killiney Beach as part of the NTA stimulus funding. Works are anticipated to be complete in early 2021.
- Deep Clean completed in Sandyford Village and Shankill Village.
- Cleansing Gully and Sweeping crews proactively addressing hotspot flooding and leaf fall related cleansing across the county in the busy Winter season.
- Coliemore Harbour repair conceptualisation study completed by Arup and cost estimation exercise and programme/planning process currently being explored.

6. Relevant Statistics

There were 1601 Fixed charge notices/fines issued at 17th December 2020 a breakdown of which is as follows:

Violation	Tickets
Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging	2
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	1
OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	1
OVERSTAYING 3 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	39
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	10
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	245
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	2
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	26
Parking a vehicle in such a position that interferes with other car park users or obstructing the entrance	1
Parking a vehicle interfering with other traffic	1

Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	2
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	14
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	54
Parking a vehicle on a footway	190
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	51
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	9
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side	4
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	3
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of exit side of traffic lights	1
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	21
Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay	1
Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles	4
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	35
Parking or stopping a vehicle on a clearway	6
Parking out of the limits of a bay	5
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	30
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	125
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	718
Total tickets issued between 1st and 17th December 2020	1601

There were no convictions secured in December 2020, as the District Court is closed due to Covid-19 restrictions in place.

Public Lighting

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

Public Lighting Maintenance

Number of repairs carried out in Dec 2020:	283
Percentage of lights out at the end of Dec 2020:	0.65%
Pole replacement carried out in Dec 2020:	25
Bracket replacements:	0
Tree trimming:	32
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	12
LED Upgrades	41

LED Upgrading Program

A list of these can be found on www.dlrcoco.ie

Planning and Building Control

Applications analysed	39
Inspections completed	1

Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	2
Alterations:	5
Legal requests:	1

Road Opening Licences November 2020

Road Opening Licences received from 1 st January to 30 November 2020 via Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System	
Applications Received	1952
Applications Granted	1755
Applications Withdrawn/Refused	117
Applications being processed	80

Road Closures, Street Furniture, event signage and filming applications

In December there were:

- 1 application for Road Closures
- 1 application for Street Furniture.
- 2 Filming applications on the public road sent in.

7.Dún Laoghaire Harbour

COVID-19 Measures

- Social Distancing reminders have been sprayed at the East and West Piers and the Marina Breakwater.
- Food vendors on the Pier and in the Battery have reopened with Social Distancing measures in place.
- Solar bin handles and handrails generally are being regularly disinfected.

Harbour Activities:

- The Marina has reopened fully to boat owners.
- The Yacht Club dining rooms have reopened in line with Government guidelines for Level 3 restrictions.
- Sailing schools have reopened on a limited basis with social distancing measures in place.

Filming

Some tentative enquiries have been received from Film Companies recently, and filming is permitted to continue in Level 5, however few of the enquiries are translating into actual bookings.

Christmas lighting

Christmas lighting has been installed and switched on at the Bandstand on the East Pier, and the roof of the Victoria Fountain. The new boat light sculpture has been installed at the roundabout on Harbour Road.

Projects

Berth 2 Fenders

A project to replace the Berth 2 fenders has been given approval to proceed to design / tender stage. Tenders have been received for an engineering consultancy firm and are being assessed at present.

Berth 4 Fenders

A project to repair and re-secure the berthing fenders on Berth 4, St. Michael's Pier has been given approval to proceed. LCF Marine have been appointed to carry out the works. Some preparatory works have commenced, and we await the delivery of components to complete by year end.

Real Estate Negotiations

- The 1st Floor of Block 2, Harbour Square is vacant and advertised for lease.
- The DMYC lease was presented to the DL Area Committee in December with a view to progressing to Full Council in Jan 2021
- Negotiations have been postponed with the INSS on renewal of their lease due to the COVID-19 situation.

Ferry Terminal

Planning Permission was granted for the ferry terminal project on the 7th February 2020. A planning appeal was lodged to An Bord Pleanála and is currently being determined. A business briefing on the ferry terminal proposal was delivered to the elected members by Hilary Haydon on the 25th February 2020. This matter will be brought to Council later for disposal pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.

Dun Laoghaire Harbour and Town Studies

Work has commenced on developing the Economic Plans for Dun Laoghaire Harbour and Dun Laoghaire Town. The Stakeholder Engagement Campaign underpins both plans that will generate new ideas for the sustainable regeneration of the Town and the Harbour. The intention is that this exercise is undertaken across four phases:

- Inform: Initial Workshop/Meeting and Exploratory Interviews with key stakeholders that will inform key stakeholders of the project objectives
- Invitation for submissions
- Consultation: Preparation of detailed surveys
- Structured interviews

Arising from the restrictions introduced to stem the spread of Covid-19, the Council had delayed this process to date. It has however recommenced now and various stakeholder engagements are expected in the coming weeks. The Harbour Stakeholder consultation was issued to clubs and businesses within the Harbour on 9th December.

Social Media Platforms

Twitter – 4,546 followers

Facebook – 2,698 followers



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Finance and Economic Development Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit

Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date		
	Total approved Jan-Dec 2020	Enterprise Ireland target to December 2020
Feasibility Study	17	14
Business Priming	10	16
Business Expansion	13	10
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	15	18
Trading Online Vouchers ¹	689	50
Microfinance Ireland	22	20
Business Continuity Vouchers ²	335	N/A
Total Approvals	1101³	

Note 1: The qualifying criteria for Trading Online Vouchers was expanded in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 situation, allowing previous recipients to avail of the scheme.

Note 2: The Business Continuity Voucher was available during March and April as a specific measure to assist businesses by providing access to specialist advice.

Note 3: The Evaluation and Approvals Committee met on December 18th 2020 – further approvals for financial assistance at this meeting are outside the timeframe of this report.

Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance	
	Jan-Dec 2020
No of jobs created	47.5

Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2020

	Total Jan-Dec 2020
Clients approved for Financial Assistance	1101
Clients attending Networking Events	552
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	4584
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	266
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	422
Total No of Clients Assisted	6925

DLR Economic Development Supports

	Total Jan-Dec 2020
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	4
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	21
Business Promotion Grants	17
Street Furniture Grant ⁴	6
Covid Seasonal Fund ⁵	13

Note 4: The Street Furniture Grant was introduced in May 2020 to encourage the provision of additional outdoor seating by food businesses.

Note 5: The Covid Seasonal Fund was introduced in September 2020 to provide assistance to towns and villages in decorating and lighting their areas for the festive season.

Enterprise Promotion activities in December 2020

DLR Enterprise News	Local Enterprise Brexit Information Workshop (sent 04/12/2020) Open rate 40.8%, 2,280 recipients. Local Enterprise Brexit Information Workshop (sent 07/12/20) Open rate 38.5%, 2,285 recipients Open rate Industry average 11%
One-to-One Business Advice Sessions	Remote sessions throughout December
Facebook Advertising Workshop	December 1 st 2020
Trading Online Voucher Webinar	December 10 th 2020
Customs Import & Export Procedures Workshops	December 14 th 2020
Brexit Information Webinar	December 16 th 2020

Tourism Development

The Tourism sector continues to be severely affected by the Covid 19 pandemic. On December 1st Level 3 restrictions were applied nationally.

DLR Tourist Information Kiosk

Implementation of Level 3 restrictions meant that from December 2nd the DLR Tourist Information Kiosk was reopened.

Destination Towns Fund "Dun Laoghaire"

Installation of the 3D lighting element of the Destination Town project was concluded in November. The new Lighting is now in place and a photo Call with An Cathaoirleach took place on Nov 24th. This has received very positive feedback from members of the public and the Town Team.

Element two of this project to "light up significant buildings" is currently open to tender. This project will be implemented in Q2 2021.

URBACT Tourism Friendly Cities Network

An online meeting of the TFC Local Group took place on December 15th. This meeting was a webinar on Coastal Projects currently underway. The next session is planned for February on the topic of Mobility & Accessible Tourism.

Tourism Promotion

We are in the process of developing a new Dún Laoghaire Town Map for visitors. We are also developing out stock of imagery to assist with future promotions and campaigns.

DLR Tourism Social Media analysis December

Social Media Analysis: December 2020				
Facebook	No of followers	No of New followers	no of posts	Impressions
dlr Tourism	5,623	142	11	45,418
Twitter	No of followers	No of New followers	no of posts	Impressions
dlr Tourism	3,089	3	13	11,800

DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/11/2020
91.67%

SERVICE DIVISION	EXPENDITURE			
	Expenditure	Adopted Full Year Budget	Exp as % of Budget	
	€	€		
A	Housing & Building	44,409,909	49,324,900	90.04%
B	Road Transport & Safety	31,606,946	30,748,700	102.79%
C	Water Services	11,068,602	12,388,600	89.35%
D	Development Management	43,245,952	21,872,800	197.72%
E	Environmental Services	28,374,675	30,671,800	92.51%
F	Recreation & Amenity	29,842,985	34,532,100	86.42%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	5,204,176	4,748,900	109.59%
H	Miscellaneous Services	55,815,495	8,207,900	680.02%
Total Expenditure		249,568,740	192,495,700	129.65%

SERVICE DIVISION	INCOME			
	Income	Adopted Full year Budget	Inc as % of Budget	
	€	€		
A	Housing & Building	39,191,254	42,936,600	91.28%
B	Road Transport & Safety	17,128,674	13,492,400	126.95%
C	Water Services	7,781,960	8,557,300	90.94%
D	Development Management	29,038,098	5,360,400	541.72%
E	Environmental Services	5,389,613	5,627,200	95.78%
F	Recreation & Amenity	4,343,232	5,551,400	78.24%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	3,747,178	3,934,400	95.24%
H	Miscellaneous Services	49,957,293	6,617,300	754.95%
Sub Total		156,577,302	92,077,000	170.05%

LPT	Local Property Tax	9,963,712	10,869,500	91.67%
RA	Rates	81,721,847	89,549,200	91.26%
Total Income		248,262,861	192,495,700	128.97%

Deficit as 30/11/2020 €1,305,879

**DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/11/2020**

SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2020 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 30/11/2020 €
A Total Housing & Building	-11,150,942	37,049,128	-34,738,122	-8,839,935
B Total Road Transport & Safety	-9,485,702	16,117,147	-5,811,849	819,597
C Total Water Services	-3,339,681	531,968	508,932	-2,298,782
D Total Development Management	-58,562,198	5,191,929	-47,613,322	-100,983,591
E Total Environmental Services	-8,557,016	8,316,411	-488,475	-729,080
F Total Recreation & Amenity	-14,795,623	8,001,000	-5,790,576	-12,585,199
G Total Agriculture, Education, Health&Safety	-4,029,685	87,345	0	-3,942,340
H Total Miscellaneous Services	-37,024,959	25,079,135	-4,001,200	-15,947,024
Grand Total	-146,945,806	100,374,064	-97,934,612	-144,506,354

SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 30/11/2020

	Balance at 01/01/2020 €	Balance at 30/11/2020 €	Arrears from current year debit	Arrears >1 year
RATES	14,468,049	10,090,286	- 2,518,757	12,609,044

Planning Applications – monthly statistics

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	0	104	104
Decision Deferred	0	26	26
Decision to Grant**	0	69	69
Decision to Refuse**	0	6	6
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	56	56
Invalid Applications	0	22	22

*Includes 7 Applications for Retention

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

0 Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse)

Strategic Housing Development (SHD) Applications:

Planning Applications received under section 4 of the P&D (Housing) & Residential Tenancies Act 2016

Case No	Applicant's Name & Brief Description of Development	Date Application Received	Last Day for Submissions / Observations	Application Website	Due to be decided by ABP
No SHD lodged					

<http://www.pleanala.ie/shd/applications/index.htm>

Planning Counter Figures 1st December to 17th December

Customers Served	15
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*Planning counter is by appointment only from Monday the 21st September.

Building Control

Fire Safety Certs applications received	10
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted	8*
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn	0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received	16
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused	2/0
Commencement Notices Validated	22
7 Day Notices received	3
Completion Certs Validated	10

*Granted Fire Cert, 7 Day, Reg Cert & Rev Cert



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Infrastructure and Climate Change

Environmental Enforcement Section - Waste Enforcement, Air, Noise

Complaints received	21
Complaints closed	31

Litter and Waste Fines

December 2020	Number	Comment
Litter Fines issued (Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws)	93	
Presentation of Waste (Waste Bye-laws) fines	2	Waste Bye-laws
Legal proceedings initiated	13	
Cases opened (Dumping/Litter)	110	Litter Section
Cases closed (Dumping/Litter)	120	Litter Section

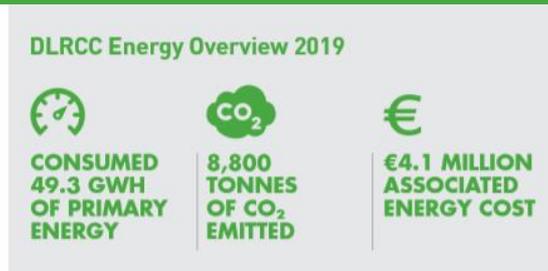
Architects

Energy & Emissions

The final scorecard for Local Authorities for Energy Performance results for 2019 for each public body in the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI)'s annual report, shows that Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council ranks 8th in Local Authorities in the country. The 33% improved energy performance target for 2020 has been exceeded one year ahead of target. The 2030 target is likely to be 50% in line with the new EU Green Deal.

These energy and emissions targets relate to energy used by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council – public lighting, fleet and in buildings where energy is in our control. It excludes social housing.

The 2019 dlr Energy Review identifies the Significant Energy Users as follows;



From 2021 onwards, the new statutory targets will require that carbon emissions are also reported annually to the SEAI. The Climate Action Plan 2019 to Tackle Climate Breakdown set out a requirement for all public buildings to achieve a minimum Building Energy Rating (BER) of B by 2030. Two-thirds of carbon emissions in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown relate to buildings.



Dangerous Buildings: 1st Dec –17th Dec

Dangerous	0
Potentially Dangerous	2
Not Dangerous	2
Total	4

Community and Cultural Development

Comhairle na nÓg

Dlr Comhairle na nÓg participated in the 2020 Comhairle National Showcase in early December. National Showcase, which took place as a live virtual event, is a biannual event that celebrates the work of members of Comhairle na nÓg. Dlr Comhairle Members took part in a photoshoot with Minister Roderic O’Gorman to publicise the National Showcase.

dlr CE Programme

DLRCC have been approved for another 3-year contract with the Department of Social Protection to continue to run the dlr scheme.

DLR Children and Young Persons Plan

The community Department is engaging with departments across the Council to implement the plan to ensure that children and young people’s needs are represented across the Council’s functions and policies.

Community Facility Network

The community facilities network met on the 1st December and there was strong attendance of community facilities managers and board members. A facilitator is working with the group around governance and an end of year reporting template has been agreed to capture the outputs across facilities for 2020.

Management Assistance Grants

Management Assistance grant applications were all successfully assessed and €135,200 allocated to community facilities across the County to support them with costs associated with running the centres and keeping them open for the public.

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

No LCDC meetings were held in December.

2nd Round of Covid-19 Emergency Funding

A second round of funding has been made available by the Department of Rural and Community Development for the COVID-19 Emergency Fund. The total amount allocated to DLR is €52,001.

The scheme will provide grants to community groups to assist them to adapt their services and operations to fit the new COVID-19 reality or to become more involved in the Government's 'Keep Well' campaign.

The grants may also be provided to support groups (including those involved in the community call) with day to day running costs if needed.

The deadline for applications is 12 February 2021

Community Resilience Fund

The Department of Health, through the Health Ireland Fund (HIF) has allocated funding to Local Authorities for a new initiative called the “Community Resilience Fund” to support the Keep Well Campaign. It has a budget €107,560. An application has been submitted to Pobal to deliver actions under the headings 1) Your County 2) Switching Off and Being Creative and 3) Staying Connected.

Age Friendly

The Age Friendly Alliance met on 9 December.

The Age Friendly magazine was launched on 9 December. The digital version can be found [here](https://online.flippingbook.com/view/523290/).

The Age Friendly Strategy 2021-26 Consultation Questionnaire remained open for the month of December. The deadline for completion is 19 January 2021. The online questionnaire can be found [here](https://dlrcoco.citizenspace.com/community/dlr-age-friendly-strategy-2021-2026/), <https://dlrcoco.citizenspace.com/community/dlr-age-friendly-strategy-2021-2026/>

Community Response to Covid 19:

- Helpline and email address set up and promoted across all communication channels
- Operates 7 days a week from 9 am to 5 pm
- The Community Call Helpline has dealt with over 4,000 calls since it commenced on 30 March and issues range from shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation
- 14 calls were received in December and issues range from information requests on Covid-19, requests for updates on Council services during the levels of the Plan for Living with Covid, also requests for library books
- The Community Response Forum is meeting on a fortnightly basis at present to support in coordinating the provision of a multi-agency response to the individuals in the community that are negatively impacted arising from the measures implemented by the Government to stem the spread of Covid 19.
- 1 Stakeholder Forum Multi Agency meeting was held in December.

Cultural Development

Arts

Artworks Home

This project involves craft designer-makers from the County creating artworks which will be gifted to members of our local community cocooning at this time. The current strand of projects are supported by Creative Ireland funding and the craft designer-makers participating are Cathy Burke, Lorna Donlon, Trudy Feighery, Elaine Harrington, Alison Kay, Fiona Mulholland, Tara Ní Nualláin and Kate O'Kelly.

A specially packaged box of artworks was distributed to all the residential care settings for older people in the County. Blackrock and LauraLynn Hospices received boxes for each of their different units, and Beaufort Services are distributing a decoration for each older person living in their independent living unit, as well as a package of artwork cards for 60 clients of their Meals on Wheels service. Additional artwork cards were distributed via the Library Book Drop Service.

Municipal Gallery Programme

On Tuesday 1st December, the exhibition UNFOLDING – an exhibition of contemporary Irish craft, opened to the public in the Municipal Gallery, dlr LexIcon. This was originally scheduled to open in September but had to be postponed due to lockdown. It is curated by Angela O'Kelly and features the work of 9 Irish designer-makers, focuses on revealing the design and making process. The designer-makers all have a connection to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County. It is also supported by Design & Crafts Council Ireland (DCCI). The exhibition run will be extended well into Q1 2021.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/municipal-gallery-dlr-lexicon/unfolding-exhibition-contemporary-irish-craft>

Online Dementia Inclusive Tours

Our popular Dementia Inclusive Gallery Tours continued for December, they have been adapted to an online version for Winter 2020. People living with dementia and their loved ones are now able to access these interactive art looking sessions online. Every Monday and Tuesday in December older people from the County in residential care

settings and living at home are exploring and discussing a selection of artworks from our County Collection in these specially created online tours that are easily joined using a mobile phone, tablet or computer. These tours are free and funded by the HSE/dlr County Council Arts and Health Partnership and supported by the Azure network.

The tours have been oversubscribed with queries from all over Dublin to participate in the tours.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts-community/dementia-inclusive-gallery-tours-go-online>

Online Gallery Learning Programme for Winter 2020

The online Gallery Learning Programme continued in December to make sure that everyone can still access lots of opportunities to get creative at home. The programme is packed with talks, conversations, demonstrations and art making workshops. From Meet the Artist in the Studio Conversations, workshops for children, adults and families ranging from seasonal art making to colour mixing, a range of online workshops is available through the Winter weeks. The What's On section of the Arts Office website is updated on a weekly basis and bookings are via Eventbrite.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/whats-latest-news>

Cuairt agus Cultúr 2020: Pre Recorded Workshops

This is the 3rd year of Cuairt agus Cultúr a cultural programme managed by dlr Arts Office and dlr Libraries and based in residential care settings for older people in the County. The programme in 2020 has been adapted to an online programme and is based in 5 care settings in the County with a total of 42 'live' interactive events and workshops taking place through November and December.

The programme also features a range of pre-recorded workshops and cultural events, available to all residential care settings for older people in the County. Care settings can access these pre recorded workshops from the arts and library services free of charge and use them between December 2020 and March 2021 as many times as they wish.

Cuairt agus Cultúr is generously funded by Creative Ireland and supported by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts-community/cuairt-agus-cult%C3%BAr>

Musicians in Residence

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and Music Network will present an online performance by dlr's Musicians-in-Residence 2020. Kevin Brady and the Tommy Halferty Trio will perform a programme of new music, *Tudo é Som*, on the County Council and Music Network's social channels on Friday, 21 December at 7pm.

Libraries

1 December: All counties in Ireland moved to **Level 3** of the Plan for Living with COVID-19. This meant that our library spaces were once again open for quick browsing, printing or photocopying, our Bag a Book Contact & Collect service was re-instated, and the national reserves system was available again.

In line with Government guidelines, we are unable to provide any service which involves seating including PC access, general seating, study spaces or live events in our spaces.

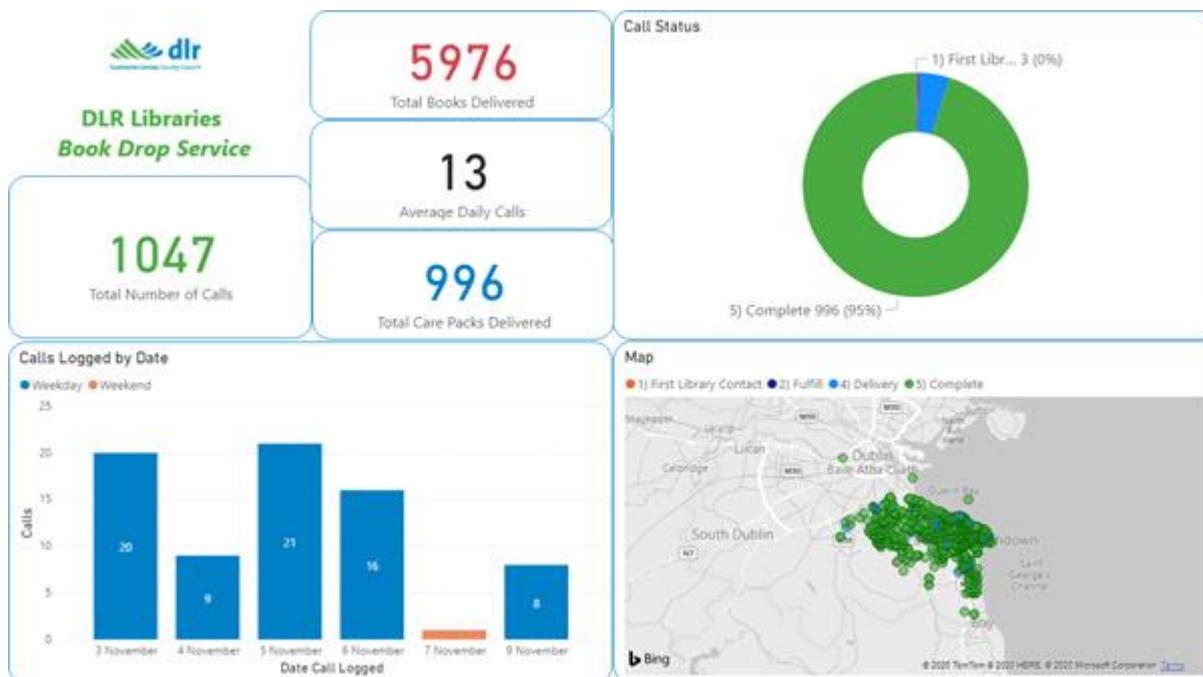
Community Call Book Drop

Staff in dlr LexIcon remain available to deal with requests received by the Book Drop service. For more information on how to avail of this service, please contact the dlr Community Call helpline on Freephone 1800 804535, 01 2713199 or



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email covidsupport@dlrcoco.ie. Alternatively, you can contact dlr LexIcon staff directly on 01 2801147 or via email at dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie.



dlr Libraries Online

We continue to adapt our usual events programme to an online environment where possible to offer a hybrid physical and online service to our users. This includes social media posts promoting local and national well-being initiatives and keeping our users abreast of updated public health advice.

All our online services/resources are available in Levels 1-5. You just need your library card number and your PIN, and it's all free!

Borrowbox & Overdrive - download eBooks and eAudiobooks

PressReader - read newspapers

RBDigital - read magazines & comics

Transparent Language Online - learn a language

Universal Class - take a course

Freegal - stream or download music

Listen to one our recorded podcasts or look at one of our exhibitions online.

Events for Adults

Cuairt & Cultúr programme

Our Cuairt & Cultúr cultural programme based in residential care settings for older people around the County continued with lots of events taking place in December. There are 5 care settings involved with a total of 42 'live' online workshops and events taking place. From dancing, storytelling, singing to art workshops there's plenty for everyone to join in and enjoy. As well as the 5 selected nursing homes, we were also able to offer a wonderful selection of online cultural activities for all care settings in the County with pre-recorded workshops and singalongs especially created for care settings for older people. This programme is supported by the Creative Ireland Programme. The final Cuairt & Cultúr session took place on Saturday 12 December, and the feedback from residents, their families and nursing home staff has been tremendously positive. This programme has received funding to continue in 2021.

Winter Warmers: Online events programme for adults

Keep warm, busy and connected over the coming months with some wonderful winter events from dlr Libraries!

Christmas Card workshops with Jason Deans (2 sessions)

Fireside stories for deep winter with Helena Byrne (2 sessions)

Scandinavian Style Wreathmaking classes with Aoife Munn (7 workshops)

Creative Writing course with Leo Cullen (2 courses – 6 sessions per course)

All of these sessions were delivered online via Zoom and supported by the Creative Ireland Programme.

What's in a Name? Dun Leary – Kingstown – Dún Laoghaire

As a tie-in to our current exhibition of the same name, Dr. Seamus Cannon gave an online talk on local placenames on 3 December.

Music with Tim Thurston

Normally at this time of year, we would be welcoming broadcaster and classical music lover Tim Thurston to the Studio Theatre in dlr LexIcon to share his favourite music for Advent. As we still can't hold live events, we are thrilled to be able to share Tim's music recommendations for the season on our website.

<https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/Tim%20Thurston%20Advent%20Christmas%20List.pdf>

Regular events for adults

We're continuing with our online quizzes, book-related discussions and local history posts to encourage our users to engage with us and to stimulate memories and discussion via our social media platforms.

Online Book Clubs

The popular online book club with Mary Burnham will meet on Wednesday 30 December at 7.30pm via Zoom to discuss *The Paper Lovers* by Gerard Woodward. The club continues to attract new members each month. Physical copies of the chosen titles for discussion are available in advance from dlr LexIcon with some titles also available online on our e-book platforms Overdrive and Borrowbox.

The December meeting of the new **dlr Staff Online Book Club** will take place on Monday 14 December at 7pm to discuss *The Keeper of Lost Things* by Ruth Hogan.

Exhibition Programme

What's in a Name? Dun Leary – Kingstown – Dún Laoghaire: A Visual History

2 November – 31 January (Online)

In 1821 the name Dunleary or Dun Leary was changed to Kingstown in honour of King George IV's visit to this bustling and rapidly developing town. In 1920 it was officially given the name Dún Laoghaire, referring back to the original Irish name for Dunleary. It was a deliberate political act during the War of Independence, an act of defiance against the old order in Ireland. In the years following the establishment of the Irish Free State, the use of Kingstown gradually diminished and was replaced in the consciousness of visitors and residents of the town by variants of the name – Dunleary, Dun Laoire and Dún Laoghaire. See the exhibition here:

<https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/Dun%20Leary%20Kingstown%20D%C3%BAAn%20Laoghaire%20-%20What%27s%20in%20a%20Name%20Exhibition.pdf>

The Glass Room: Misinformation Edition

A new exhibition on data and privacy created by **Tactical Tech** and promoted by **The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions**. It explores how social media and the web have changed the way we read information and react to it. The plan was to host the exhibition at dlr LexIcon from mid-October – mid-December but while Covid-19 restrictions continue, you can visit it online

at: <https://tacticaltech.org/news/glass-room-misinformation-edition>

To accompany the exhibition, we also had a series of webinars, workshops and videos, led by Ricardo Castellini da Silva and curated by Jake Rowan Byrne @MetaTech – EdTech Solutions. See the videos here: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/event-calendar/media-literacy-series-5-fighting-disinformationfake-news>. This initiative is supported by the Creative Ireland Programme. For more information on all our exhibitions, both onsite and online, please visit:

<https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/exhibitions>

Events for Children

Scéal Trail

As part of the accompanying programme for this innovative reading initiative, we held live readings and drawing workshops online for local primary schools, hosted by author Sadhbh Devlin and illustrator Roisin Hahessy. Family reading and drawing sessions also took place.

Christmas crafts

We held Christmas cardmaking and natural crafts workshops via Zoom with horticulturist Aoife Munn. There were also knitting workshops with Olanmor.

Family Park Rambles

As part of our Decidedly December events, we were delighted to have Dale Treadwell from Naturally Wild join us for Family Rambles, a great way to get all the family together outdoors. Wrap up warm and while away an hour with Dale as he brings you on a journey around our 6 parks during December. This initiative was supported by the Creative Ireland Programme.

Family Quizzes

Our Quiz Nights continued in December with Family Quizzes every Friday night, and quizzes for adults on Saturday nights. We also included a Staff Trivia Night for dlr Staff on 5 December with 39 staff taking part. These quizzes take place via Crowdpuir and have proven a popular addition to our online schedule with an average of 85 families taking part every Friday night.

Musical Storytime

We've partnered again with our colleagues in Music Generation dlr to curate a series of online musical storytimes, with library staff and musicians from local music schools. These sessions are pre-recorded safely in library spaces for posting on our Facebook page for families to access until the end of December.

Junior Online Book Club

Join library staff online on 16 December at 4.00pm for this new book club especially for younger readers.

Book Drop Service for primary schools

In November we started a book drop service for local primary schools who've been missing their class visits to our library spaces. This request and delivery service is operated from Dundrum Library.

Planned events 18 – 31 December

dlr Concert of Light

Monday 21 December, 8.00pm via DLR YouTube Channel

Take a well-deserved break from all the Christmas preparations, and join us online on the evening of Monday 21 December to celebrate the Winter Solstice with a free concert of stunning music and songs of joy, hope and light. The Winter Solstice falls on the shortest day of the year and is considered a turning point by many, a time of reflection but also of looking ahead. We wish to invite all residents of DLR, whether at home or abroad, to light a candle during this time to remember those we have lost in 2020, and to look ahead with hope to 2021. #ToBeIrish

Stories of Old Ireland with Candlelit Tales

Monday 21 December – Thursday 31 December available via DLR YouTube Channel.

Join us to hear some epic stories from the Ulster cycle, *The Champion's Portion*, one of the many great Cúchulainn myths, as he claims the much-contested position of Ulster's Champion. Although he is the greatest warrior, it takes more than strength to be a great champion. #ToBeIrish

Irish Diaspora Christmas Quiz

Saturday 26 December, 9.00pm via CrowdPurr

Wherever you are in the world, join with family and friends online for a fun evening of Irish trivia. #ToBeIrish

Online Book Club with Mary Burnham

Wednesday 30 December, 7.30pm

For those who wish to continue reading and connecting over the Christmas holidays, the popular online book club will meet on Wednesday 30 December at 7.30pm via Zoom to discuss *The Paper Lovers* by Gerard Woodward.

Further info:

Keep up with what's happening in dlr Libraries by signing up for our fortnightly ebulletin: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/dlr-libraries-ebulletin> and by following us on social media.

Statistics

Social media (December 2020)

Facebook	6,584 followers
Twitter	8,100 followers
Instagram	2,694 followers
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	6,576 subscribers

Online resources (December 2020)

Resource	Description	Checkouts up to 12/12/20
Overdrive	e-Audio	693
Overdrive	e-Book	735
Borrowbox	e-Audio	1787
Borrowbox	e-Book	1281
RB Digital	Comics	19
RB Magazines	Magazines	1249
Freegal	Streaming + Download	676
Press Reader	Newspapers	7265
Total		13,705

Parks

Parks & Landscape Services:

- Landscape maintenance – Ongoing
- Direct labour and contract tree works ongoing
- COVID-19 protocols for staff being implemented
- Due to the large volumes of people in parks there is a significant increase in litter to be picked up and bins to be emptied.
- NTA funded cycleway improvements and new cycleways have now been completed in the following locations: Blackrock Park, Clonkeen Park (inclusive of Bridge upgrade), Shanganagh Park, St Helen's Wood, Slang Greenway, Marlay Park (Section of Cycle way), Fernhill and Blackthorn Park. Loughlinstown Linear Park is about 50% complete and there is a gate outstanding on Eden Terrace Park.
- Fernhill Park & Gardens: planting underway
- The Maples Tennis Courts – fencing and resurfacing works underway and will be substantially complete by Christmas
- Tenders issued for purchase of trees for planting for early 2021
- Kilbogget Park – drainage of dogs off-leash area underway
- Ballinlea Heights – wall repairs underway
- Park signage units will be installed in the following parks by end of December: Rockfield Park, Corke Abbey Park, Sorento Park, Dillons Park, Carysfort Park, Clonmore Park and Loreto Park
- Bulb planting is underway in the following locations: Belarmine (Playground) area, Ballawley Park, Patrick Doyle Rd, Deerpark, Bearna Park, Woodpark, Dunedin Park, Vesey Park, Loughlinstown Linear Park, Otranto, Blackrock Park, Frascattii Rd and Kilbogget Park
- Replacement of decking at the Viewing Point in Marlay is scheduled for implementation before end of month

Biodiversity:

- Benefits of Biodiversity Tools for Schools project continues.
- Bird video for public and schools in progress will be ready in December.
- Giant Hogweed Survey for Brides Glen River and Loughlinstown River Catchment completed and shared with our staff.

- Grey Squirrel Management of Killiney Hill and Fernhill survey completed and trapping commenced.
- Dalkey Island Rabbit Management to commence in Dec.
- Invasive Species County Map – Phase I completed.
- Biodiversity Officer presentation to LAWPRO SUDs Webinar on implementation by Local Authorities.
- Biodiversity Officer presentation to UCD on universities engagement with Local Authorities.
- Biodiversity Officer presentation to CIEEM on Putting Pollinators Measures in Planning Developments.
- Hedgehog Awareness campaign commenced with DLR staff and will be extended to the public in December.

Heritage

- Interpretation and Communication plans for Carrickmines Castle completed – these are actions of the Carrickmines Castle Conservation Plan 2015-2025 and 75% funded by the Heritage Council
- Outline Interpretation plans for Marlay and Cabinteely Houses complete – 75% funded by the Heritage Council
- Hosted the Nasc online folk and traditional Irish music festival in Marlay House
- Video online - *Travelling to Take the Sea Air* as part of Dunleary/Kingstown/Dún Laoghaire centenary, celebrating the heritage of transport innovation and sea recreation in Dún Laoghaire
- Ongoing engagement with community groups, historic societies
- Progressing of Deansgrange cemetery integrated Management Framework
- Heritage Plan research and one-to-one consultation ongoing

CoCo Markets

During the month of December, we received 4 applications. These applications fell under the following categories:

2 Winter Seasonal Applications for Dun Laoghaire and Marlay (1 Non-Food 1 Craft/Non Food)

2 Permanent Applications for Marlay Park (2 Non-Food/Craft)

Council Staff have been working with the Market Managers and have put in place a range of extra measures aimed at ensuring effective social distancing which allowed the safe reopening of the Markets in the lead up to Christmas.

Sports Development

dlr Leisure:

Set up and completed the following activities in December

- Met Claire from Balally family resource centre about setting up programmes in the new year. Finalising programme details in January.
- Met with Louise from Rosemount family resource centre Dundrum about setting up programmes in the new year sent on a list of what we offer.
- Phone meeting with David community guard in Blackrock garda station about working with community groups in the area, will send on group contacts to me
- Phone meeting with Ivan Dundrum community guard to go through what we offer to groups, he sent on list of groups that would be interested
- Contacted and emailed our 12 dheis schools exercise programme sessions teachers can do in their pe sessions. I will contact again in January to get update on programmes going forward.

Leinster Rugby:

Leinster Rugby Schools Touch Rugby Program

JS:

Primary Schools x 3 – 187 males, 196 females = 383 in total.

Secondary Schools x 2 – 54 males, 35 females = 89 in total.

EMcK:

Primary Schools x 3 - 52 males, 231 females = 283 in total.

Secondary Schools x 3 - 35 males, 137 females = 172 in total.

AE (Leinster Rugby Club & Community Rugby Officer for Old Wesley RFC):

Primary Schools x 5 – 296 males, 154 females = 450 in total.

Club Workshops/Coaching Sessions/Club Open Days:

Newpark Comprehensive School – JCT training session – 14 players – 1st of December 2020.

Newpark Comprehensive School – JCT training session – 10 players – 8th of December 2020.

Old Wesley RFC U12s – 22 players (broken into 2 pods of 11 players) – 2nd of December 2020.

Old Wesley RFC Female Rugby – 7 players – 6th of December 2020.

Blackrock College RFC Female Rugby, recruitment day – 11 new players (25 players in total) – 6th December 2020

St Andrew's College After School Program – 6-week program = 18 females (4th years) – runs weekly.

Holy Child CS Sallynoggin Mixed Ability Rugby – 6-week program = 3 males, 4 females = 7 players in total.

School in House Events:

No events hosted in December 2020.

AOB:

The 14th of December will see the cup draw taking place & for the first time ever the development rugby schools (Division 3A) will be included. This season with regard to cup rugby, only a knock out format will be run so once a team loses, they are out of their cup section.

From the schools we work with, the following are entering JCT & SCT teams:

- De La Salle College
- St Benildus College
- Woodbrook College
- Newpark Comprehensive School

Oatlands College & Clonkeen College are not taking part due to protocols in their school for the remainder of the school year.

In 2021, we have been granted permission to again host workshops in clubs but under strict guidelines. This is to support the 500 coaches that have been part of the online coaching process this season. The workshops must only be hosted for a single club & 13 club coaches in attendance with 2 Leinster Rugby tutors. The workshops will take place outdoors.

The Leinster Rugby staff are busy taking bookings for next year & with a hope that we will be able to run some of our contact programs in 2021 (all depending on the government guidelines in place).

FAI:

- Safeguarding Club Audit – continue to work with the 19 junior clubs to complete their FAI Child Welfare/Safeguarding requirements. Ongoing.
- Club Mark – Continuing to contact clubs that have signed up to the Club Mark Award to discuss criteria needed and timeframes. Ongoing.
- Coach Education - Further Online Tutor Training course attended. Thirty coaches attended online PDP 1 course.

Leinster Cricket:

- In contact with several schools about return to coaching for 2021 which is well on course for increased participation from February onwards.
- Continuing coaching program at St. Anne's, Shankill - 3 x 3rd class (40 boys, 44 girls).
- Provided schools with Return to Training Protocols tailored specifically for schools.
- Working with dlr Cricket Club to develop junior section and to improve playing facilities through meetings with DLR Parks section. Increasing involvement with local primary and secondary
- Distribution of 'Let's Play Cricket' video has been well received by local school teachers. We are also working on a teacher's guide to games and coaching tips to accompany this video.

Sports Partnership:

- **Club Participation Grants Scheme** – administering 21 club grants across Women In Sport, Disability Inclusion and Volunteer Training (Sport Ireland fund of €25,000).
- **Child Safeguarding in Sport** – delivered 2 x Safeguarding training workshops online (25 coaches/volunteers).
- **Couch To 5K** – DLR Staff programme is continuing (71 participants) and public 9-week programme now complete (57 participants).
- **Active Dublin** – beginning initial consultations and awareness raising for this key initiative, including setting desired outcomes, KPIs and evaluation metrics. .
- **The Governance Code** – the Board of DLR Sports Partnership are working through the various Principles set out for Type C organisations with the objective of full compliance in late 2021 (required as a Sport Ireland funded body).
- **Operation Transformation** – once again linking into the National TV programme with a range of physical activity programmes starting in January.
- **Schools** - promoting The Daily Mile and Skipping programmes in local primary schools with medals and certs presented to pupils that take part.
- **Activity at Home Brochures** – circulating our printed older adult and disability inclusion user-friendly brochures throughout the community.
- **Men On the Move** – November national initiative now complete, but continuing weekly online activity programme (22 participants).
- **Woodlands For Health** – delivering this weekly walking programme with Cluaain Mhuire for 6 adults with mental health difficulties.
- **Children on the Autism Spectrum** – athletics programme in Marlay Park continuing. Working with Open Spectrum to organise a series of outdoor adventure activities for teenagers in 2021.
- **Disability Sports Inclusion** – providing supports and advice to disability services, agencies and Special Schools as well as
- **Ballyogan Sports Hub** – Dormant Accounts funding secured for 2021 and working with local partners to develop a targeted action plan for the year.