

# **DUN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN**

## **OCTOBER to DECEMBER QUARTERLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

**1 October – 17 December 2020**

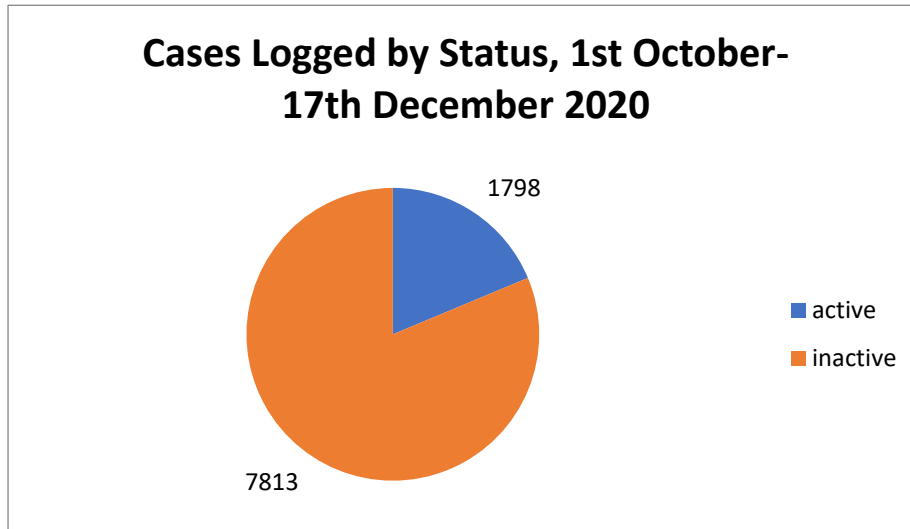
## **CONTENT DIRECTORATES**

<b>CORPORATE AFFAIRS</b> A/Director: Leonora Earls	<b>Page 3</b>
<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES *</b> Deputy Chief Executive and Director: Tom McHugh	<b>See note below</b>
<b>FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b> Director: Helena Cunningham	<b>Page 5</b>
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\*Included in Monthly Management Report

## 1. CRM Statistics

### Cases logged



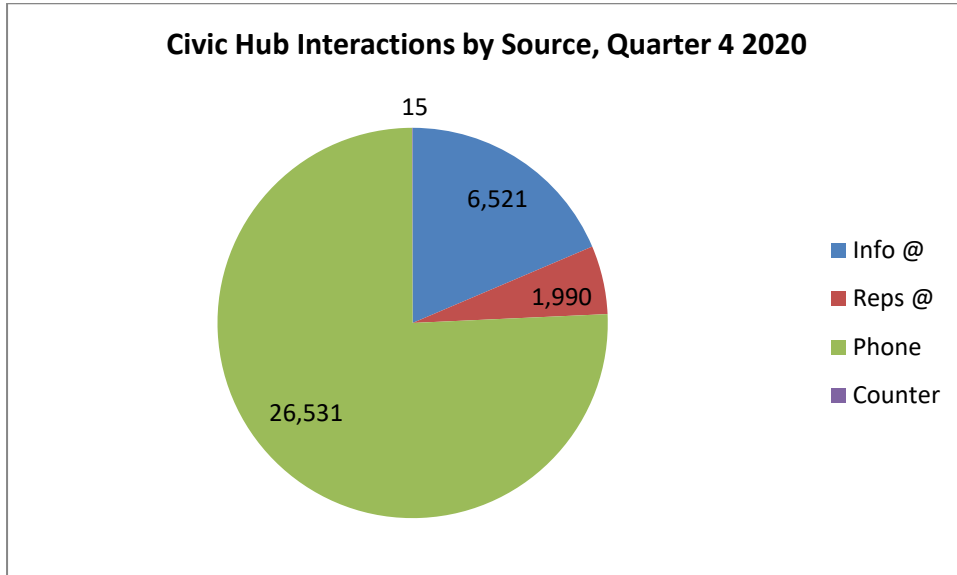
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Closed	7,813

### Case logged by section

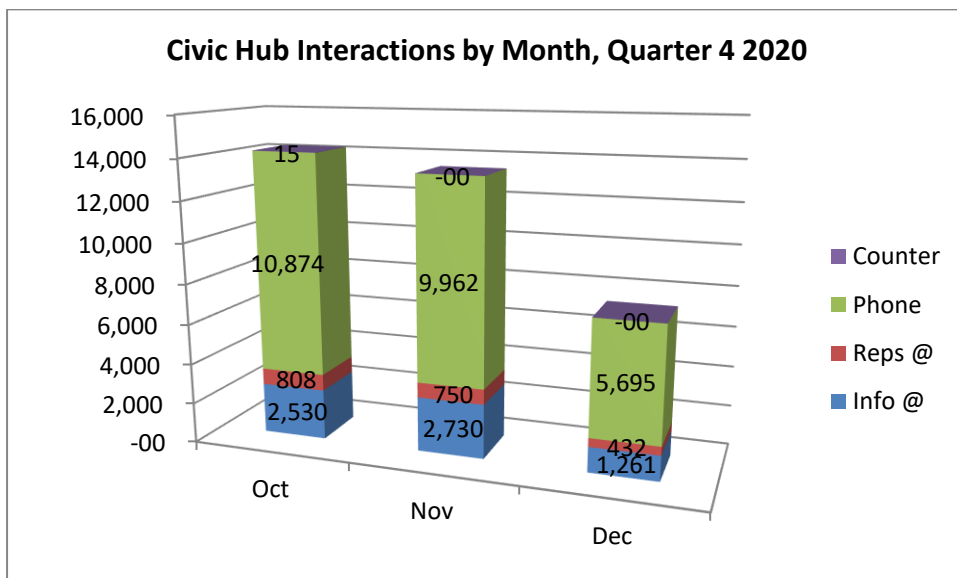
Section/Dept	Active	Inactive	Total
Architects	6	15	21
Ballyogan Depot		10	10
CoCo	5	5	10
Comms & Civic Hub	77	2054	2131
Community	8	7	15
Corporate Services	12	4	16
DEACTIVATED USERS		1	1
dlrcoco	13	17	30
Enterprise		1	1
Environment	542	1609	2151
Finance	131	794	925
Housing	81	341	422
HR		3	3
IT		3	3
Parks	341	808	1149
Planning	15	81	96
Property	34	342	376
Sports	1		1
Transportation	525	1511	2036
Waste Enforcement	4	151	155
Water Services	3	56	59
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1798</b>	<b>7813</b>	<b>9611</b>

## 2. Dlr Civic Hub:

In Quarter 4 of 2020, the Civic Hub has dealt with over 35,057 customer interactions.



Over the past 3 months the figures break down monthly as follows:



## Finance and Economic Development

### FINANCE

#### COVID 19

##### Rates

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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### Local Enterprise and Economic Development

##### Covid Seasonal Fund

At the September Council meeting, members agreed to introduce a new fund for the 2020 festive season. Introduced in recognition of the increased difficulties faced by business as a result of Covid-19, uptake of the fund was strong. Thirteen business representative organisations applied for and were granted funding to assist in lighting up towns and villages across the county, with a total of just over €125,000 issued by the Economic Development Unit.



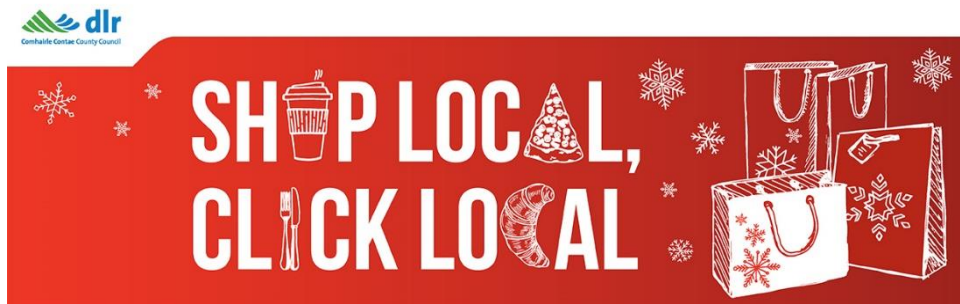
*Glasthule was one of the areas that benefited from the Covid Seasonal Fund*

### **Brexit Support for Business**

The Local Enterprise Office continues to provide a range of supports for businesses facing the impact of Brexit. The [Brexit Scorecard](#), [Readiness Checker](#) and one to one mentoring form part of the supports available, full details of which are available [here](#). A number of workshops and seminars have been arranged to take place in December, all of which have been heavily subscribed.

### **Shop Local Campaign**

A Shop Local campaign is being led by the Economic Development Unit, supported by local business organisations, and complemented by the Local Enterprise Offices national "Look for Local" campaign. A banner campaign in towns and villages across the county encourages shoppers to think local, backed up by an online social media campaign and a dedicated webpage providing links to local businesses, as well as a virtual marketplace to allow businesses to showcase their products and services online. This campaign will continue in 2021.



**Local Enterprise Covid Business Supports**

Direct financial support provided by the Local Enterprise Office increased significantly in 2020 in response to Covid-19. A number of supports were expanded, and new initiatives introduced. The Trading Online Voucher provided support to over 700 businesses by assisting them in developing or expanding their online presence. The last quarter of 2020 saw a continuation of these supports, along with an expanded range of training programmes delivered online.

**Public Realm Works**

A proposal for works at St Michael’s Church, Dún Laoghaire, which seeks to provide improved public space for locals and visitors to the town, will be opened to public consultation in early 2021. The plans, if adopted, will transform the current space into an open, welcoming focal point at the junction between Marine Road and George’s Street. The public consultation on the proposed Myrtle Square development at George’s Street Lower and Convent Lane, has closed and a report has been prepared for Council.

**Tourism Development**

The Tourism sector continues to be affected by the Covid 19 pandemic. All tourism providers are operating at a much reduced capacity in order to comply with social distancing requirements. Level 5 lockdown in October and November has severely impacted on local tourism businesses.

**DLR Tourism Information Kiosk.**

The DLR Tourist Kiosk was closed during Level 5 restrictions and re-opened on December 2nd. This service is now operated in collaboration with The Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Chamber of Commerce.

**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 Caoirleach took place on Nov 24th. This has received very positive feedback form members of the public and the Town Team.

**Dublin Coastal Trail**

Final locations for signage have been agreed. Content development for each location has been reviewed and agreed. The installation process for these signs is due to take place in February 2021.

**URBACT Tourism Friendly Cities Network**

An online meeting of the TFC Local Group took place on November 5<sup>th</sup> to consider the proposed Road Map for the implementation of the project. The first webinar on Coastal Projects took place on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Q4 October, November, December 2020				
dlr Tourism Facebook	No of followers	No of New followers	no of posts	Impressions
October	5,428	22	14	19,500
November	5,481	53	11	13,099
December	5,623	142	11	45,418
Total Q4	16,532	217	36	78,017

**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%
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>249,568,740</b>	<b>192,495,700</b>	<b>129.65%</b>

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%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>156,577,302</b>	<b>92,077,000</b>	<b>170.05%</b>

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

<b>Deficit as 30/11/2020</b>	<b>€1,305,879</b>
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**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 €
<b>A Total Housing &amp; Building</b>	-11,150,942	37,049,128	-34,738,122	-8,839,935
<b>B Total Road Transport &amp; Safety</b>	-9,485,702	16,117,147	-5,811,849	819,597
<b>C Total Water Services</b>	-3,339,681	531,968	508,932	-2,298,782
<b>D Total Development Management</b>	-58,562,198	5,191,929	-47,613,322	-100,983,591
<b>E Total Environmental Services</b>	-8,557,016	8,316,411	-488,475	-729,080
<b>F Total Recreation &amp; Amenity</b>	-14,795,623	8,001,000	-5,790,576	-12,585,199
<b>G Total Agriculture, Education, Health&amp;Safety</b>	-4,029,685	87,345	0	-3,942,340
<b>H Total Miscellaneous Services</b>	-37,024,959	25,079,135	-4,001,200	-15,947,024
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>-146,945,806</b>	<b>100,374,064</b>	<b>-97,934,612</b>	<b>-144,506,354</b>

**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
<b>RATES</b>	<b>14,468,049</b>	<b>10,090,286</b>	<b>- 2,518,757</b>	<b>12,609,044</b>

## 1. Executive Summary

### 1.1 **Overview**

In accordance with Guidelines issued by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Council's Corporate Plan, this Report is produced to give an overview of the Social Housing portfolio at Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. The Report covers the provision, maintenance and management of social housing stock, implementation progress across the 5 Pillars identified in 'Rebuilding Ireland – An Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness' and the housing supports available for those who need them.

**Data included in this Q3 Report covers the period from 19<sup>th</sup> September to 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 inclusive. Data regarding the activity of the Department prior to this report can be found at <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/how-we-deliver-our-homes/housing-statistics>**

It should be noted that while the majority of housing services continued during the period of restrictions introduced by the Government to contain and control the spread of Covid-19, some services were impacted, such as construction and private rented standards inspections. Housing Adaptation grants were accepted and processed during the period of restriction, but the completion of works by private contractors was delayed with a consequential reduction in the drawdown of grants.

This Report considers the following areas:

#### ***Housing Delivery***

- Build
- Acquisition
- Part V
- Social Leasing
- Traveller Specific Accommodation
- HAP / RAS
- Cost Rental

#### ***Support***

- Management, Maintenance and Improvement of Housing Stock
- Retrofits
- Housing Adaptation Grants
- Allocations & Assessments
- Choice Based Letting
- Homeless Services
  
- Private Rented Housing Standards
- Tenancy Management & Anti-Social Behaviour
- Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan
- Tenant Purchase Scheme

## 2. Housing Delivery

### 2.1 Overview

The **Social Housing Target 2018-2021** for delivery by this Council is **1,563 homes**.

**Table 1: Homes Delivered per Quarter during 2020**

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Target
DLR Build	0	0	0	0	0	
DLR Part V	0	1	9	4	14	
AHB Build	0	0	7	11	18	
AHB Part V	0	0	5	8	13	
DLR Acquisition	2	2	0	1	5	
AHB Acquisition	5	10	1	0	16	
DLR Lease	0	0	1	2	3	
AHB Lease	0	0	1	2	3	
<b>Total Build, Acquisition &amp; Leasing</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>72</b>	

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Target
RAS	5	2	9	4	20	16
HAP - Standard	46	57	61	64	228	240
HAP - Homeless	46	42	47	70	205	
<b>Total RAS &amp; HAP</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>453</b>	

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Target
<b>Total Delivery</b> All Social Housing delivery streams exc. bad relets	<b>104</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>525</b>	

**Table 2: Traveller Specific Accommodation 2020**

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Refurbishment Works and New Sites	1	0	0	1	2
Casual Vacancies	0	2	0	0	2
Standard Housing	0	0	2	0	2

## 2.2 Housing Construction

The Housing Department recognises the importance of managing the development process in order to achieve the targets set out in the Delivery Programme 2018-2021. To this extent, the schemes are closely monitored from inception through to completion.

### **DLRCC CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME 2018 – 2021**

#### **Includes SHIP, Major Refurbishments and AHB New Build**

The following tables provide an overview of the different schemes under the Housing Construction Capital Programme, their current status and estimated completion date. It should be noted that dates indicated for handover are estimates and are subject to change.

**Table 3: Schemes on Site**

Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
<b>Abbey View House (AHB)</b>	11	Completed	Q2 2019	<b>Delivered</b>
<b>Broadford Rise</b>	21	Construction in progress	Q3 2017	Q1 2021
<b>Enniskerry Road (AHB)</b>	155	Construction in progress	Q2 2019	Q3 2021
<b>Ballyogan Ave (New Homes)</b>	2	Construction in progress	Q4 2019	Q1 2021
<b>Ballyogan Square</b>	67	Enabling works complete, tendering for main contractor	Q1 2021	Q4 2022
<b>Rockville Green</b>	13	Tendered, contract to be awarded	Q1 2021	Q4 2021
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>269</b>			

**Table 4: Schemes with Part 8 Planning Approval**

Site Name	No. Units (estimated)	Status Detail	On Site Date (estimated)	Handover (estimated)
<b>Moyola Court (infill)</b>	4	Part 8 approved 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2020	Q2 2021	Q2 2022
<b>Ballyogan Rise</b>	52	Enabling works complete, tendering for main contractor	Q1 2021	Q4 2022
<b>Shanganagh</b>	597 (200 social)	Part X approved	Q3 2021	Phased delivery 2024
<b>Total</b>	<b>653</b>			

**Table 5: Schemes at Design/Tender Stage**

Site Name	No. Units (estimated)	Status Detail	On Site Date (estimated)	Handover (estimated)
<b>St. Laurence's Park</b>	88	Part 8 – December Council	Q3 2021	Q3 2023
<b>Loughlinstown Wood</b>	42	Contract Negotiations	Q1 2021	Q2 2022
<b>Roebuck Road Infill</b>	4	Stage 1 Approval received	Q3 2021	Q2 2022
<b>37a Rollins Villas (infill)</b>	1	Stage 1 Approval received	Q3 2021	Q2 2022
<b>Coastguard Cottages</b>	4	Stage 1 Approval received	Q1 2021	Q4 2021

**Total** 139  
**OVERALL TOTAL** **1,061**

### 3. Housing Support

#### 3.1 Management, Maintenance and Improvement of Housing Stock

**Table 6: Retrofits 2020**

<b>Retrofits</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>Total</b>
Voids	0	0	0	6	6
Relets	15	15	13	17	60
Energy upgrade works	0	0	0	1	1
Traveller Specific Accommodation	4	0	0	0	4

**Table 7: Maintenance Requests 2020**

<b>Routine Maintenance</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>Total</b>
Requests received	1897	991	1464	1951	6,303
Requests in process	467	240	565	1574	2,846
Requests completed	1430	751	899	377	3,457

**Table 8: Disabled Persons Alteration Scheme 2020**

	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>Total</b>
Works on Hand at beginning of Quarter	129	130	126	108	
Requests Received	24	8	24	24	80
Works Completed	14	2	3	26	45

#### 3.2 Allocations

**Table 9: Allocations 2020**

<b>Allocations</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>Total</b>
Social Housing List	78	25	26	41	170
Transfer List	19	12	10	17	58
<b>Total Allocations</b>	97	37	36	58	228

### 3.3 Choice Based Letting (CBL)

**Table 10: CBL Adverts by Area of Choice in 2020**

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Dún Laoghaire/Dalkey	0	5	0	15
Blackrock/Stillorgan	0	2	1	1
Ballybrack/Shankill	1	3	7	6
Ballinteer/Ballyogan	8	5	3	5
<b>Total</b>	9	15	11	27

**Note:** Figures shown are cumulative from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 and the number of adverts put on CBL. Some adverts represent multiple properties.

### 3.4 Homeless Services

**Table 11: Homeless Services 2020**

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
No. of Homeless Families	87	72	73	66
No. of Homeless Individuals	177	190	214	202
No. of Allocations to homeless individuals/families	17	9	5	11
No. of SHS offers currently accepted by homeless individuals/families	5	1	4	12*

\*figure includes those who may have signed for a tenancy but have yet to move out of homeless services/awaiting move-in grant

### 3.5 Housing and Disability Steering Group

The Council continues to work with the Steering Group on implementing the Terms of Reference. Final meeting of year - 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020. To date, 26% of allocations were made to people with disabilities.

### 3.6 Grant Assistance to Older Persons and People with Disabilities

**Table 12: Breakdown of Grant Assistance to Older Persons and People with Disabilities 2020**

#### Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
No. of Applications received	17	23	46	68	154
Provisional approvals issued	32	12	36	29	109

Grants paid	39	9	31	22	101
Value of Grants paid	€293,135	€110,733	€277,035	€152,625	€833,528

#### Housing Aid for Older Persons

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
No. of Applications received	6	3	5	0	14
Provisional approvals issued	1	0	3	7	11
Grants paid	2	0	1	2	5
Value of Grants paid	€9,660	€0	€7,105	€5,749	€22,514

#### Mobility Aids Grant

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
No. of Applications received	10	6	3	9	28
Provisional approvals issued	6	3	7	6	22
Grants paid	12	3	6	4	25
Value of Grants paid	€46,611	€11,253	€31,187	€12,400	€101,451

<b>Budget Provision (3 Schemes)</b>	€1,550,000
<b>Budget Spent</b>	€957,493
<b>Budget % Spent</b>	61.8%

**Note:** Some applications may be received in one year and processed in the following year, as it can take some time before full documentation is submitted by the applicant.

### 3.7 Rent Arrears

Table 13: Rents 2020

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Accrued Rent Arrears	€4,327,673.03	€248,077	-€57,658	€146,251	€4,664,343
Rental Income	€3,893,283.96	€3,897,640	€4,210,059	€3,674,970	€15,595,953

### 3.8 Private Rented Housing Standards

Table 14: Private Rented Housing Standards 2020

Private Rental Inspections	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Inspections Carried Out	305	100	485	227	1,117

\* Q2 and Q4 inspection figures are impacted by Covid-19 restrictions. Inspections were not permitted in the first lock down (Q2) and in the level 5 restrictions in November\*

### 3.9 Tenancy Management and Anti-Social Behaviour

**Table 15: Estate Management 2020**

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Pre-tenancy training	54	0*	0*	0*	54

\*Figures at 0 due to COVID-19 restrictions\*

**Table 16: Anti-Social Behaviour 2020**

Anti-Social Complaints	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Received	15	29	30	23	97
Completed	10	15	41	22	88
On-going	5	14	8	1	9
Tenancy Warning	2	3	3	1	9
Tenancy Notification	1	2	3	1	7
Verbal Warning	1	1	3	0	5
Advice Given	2	3	24	9	38
Refer to Other Depts	4	10	5	2	21
Court Case	1	1	1	2	2

**Table 17: Tenancy Management Interviews 2020**

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Tenancy Management Interviews	10	0*	8	17	35

\*Figures at 0 due to Covid-19 restrictions\*

### 3.10 Loans

**Table 18: Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan 2020**

Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Applications received	15	7	10	15	47
Applications approved in principle	6	0	5	0	11
Loan Drawdowns	2	0	1	3	6





## Planning

### Section 48 and Glenamuck Scheme:

1/10/2020 – 17/12/2020 Invoiced = €3,773,991.70 Received = €6,283,153.90

1/10/2019 - 17/12/2019 Invoiced = €4,225,923.40 Received = €5,229,086.67

1/10/2018 - 17/12/2018 Invoiced = €11,120,509.56 Received = €8,252,691.01

### Strategic Housing Development (SHD) Applications:

Planning Applications received under section 4 of the P&D (Housing) & Residential Tenancies Act 2016  
The Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Government have made orders which have the effect of freezing all current time limits on planning matters including planning appeals and submissions on appeals and on strategic housing and strategic infrastructure applications. You can read the [Minister's press statement](#) and these orders announcing this extension on the Department's website [www.housing.gov.ie](http://www.housing.gov.ie).

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
ABP 30835320	Vector Motors, Goatstown Road Orchid Residential Ltd 239 student bedspace	07/10/20	10/11/20	<a href="http://www.goatstownroadshd.ie">www.goatstownroadshd.ie</a>	04/02/21
ABP 30841820	"Abingdon", Shanganagh Road, Shankill, Dublin 18. ES Shan Limited BTR 193 Apartments	14/10/20	13/11/20	<a href="http://www.abingdonshd.ie">www.abingdonshd.ie</a>	11/02/21
ABP 30843220	Lands formerly known as Richmond Cheshire Home, Richmond Park, Monkstown, Co. Dublin Randalswood Construction Limited; 122 apartments	16/10/20	19/11/20	<a href="http://www.monkstownshd.ie">www.monkstownshd.ie</a>	15/02/21

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

### Planning Statistics:

1st Oct 2019 – 31st Dec 2019 / 1st Oct 2020 – 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020

	Outline Permission		Permission		Total	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
New application Received*	0	1	398	372	398	373
Decision Deferred	0	0	86	88	86	88
Decisions to Grant**	0	0	265	247	265	247
Decision to Refuse**	0	1	34	39	34	40
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	1	201	194	201	195
Invalid Applications	0	0	68	69	68	69

\*Includes 36 Applications for Retention in 2019 and 27 in 2020

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

3 Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse) in 2019 and 2 in 2020

<b>Building Control</b>	Oct-Dec 2020
Fire Safety Certs applications received	28
Fire Safety Certs Applications Granted	37*
Fire Safety Certs Applications Refused	0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received	35
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted/Refused	18
Commencement Notices Validated	109
7 Day Notices received	8
Completion Certs Validated	63

\*Includes FSCs, Reg Certs, 7 Day Notices & Rev Fire Certs

Customers to Planning Counter; 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct-17 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2020	130 Customers
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## Active Land Management – DLR Q2 2020

The primary 'performance' indicator available to actively assess the issue of housing supply is the Dublin Housing Supply Coordination Taskforce (DHSCT) data - of which DLR contributes on a quarterly basis. The data utilised within the Household Taskforce is focused to capturing developments with planning permission for 10 or more units across the Dublin Region.

**Please note that due to delays arising from Covid-19, the DHSCT 'Red Book' compilation of the four Dublin Authorities data sets for Q3 2020 has not yet been posted on the DHPLG website and is currently unavailable. As the information is not available for the other 3 no. Dublin Local Authorities, it is not presently possible to provide a comparison between DLR and the other 3 no. Dublin Local Authorities for Q3 2020. The data below, as a consequence, relates to Q2 2020.**

**Below, is a comparison of the Q2 2020 HTF Returns which was not available at the time of preparation of the previous Quarterly report.**

The most significant performance indicators - within DLR- are based on growth rates between **Q2 2019 and Q2 2020**. This includes:

- 10% increase in the **number of sites with planning permission** from 113 to 124 sites.
- 26% increase in the total **number of units with planning permission** from 12,878 to 16,184 units.
- No change in the **number of active sites**, at 41 sites.
- 74% increase in the **number of units under construction** from 1,551 to 2,691.
- 92% decrease in the **number of completions** in this quarter from 335 to 27.

This section presents a comparison of DLR's HTF Q2 2020 data with that from the other 3 no. Dublin Local Authorities. The most salient performance indicators are as follows:

- 26% of all **units with planning permission within the Dublin Region**. (No change from Q1 2020).
- 19% of all **Active Sites within the Dublin Region**. (No change from Q1 2020).
- 22% of all **units under construction within the Dublin Region**. (No change from Q1 2020).
- 13% of all **units currently being processed in the planning system within the Dublin Region**. (Decrease of 13% from Q1 2020).
- 27% of all **units permitted but not commenced within the Dublin Region**. (No change from Q1 2020).

Please see below for some trends and Regional comparisons

**Q2 2020:**

<b>Dublin Authorities – Q2 2020 Data</b>	<b>% of Residential Units with planning permission</b>	<b>% of Residential Units within the planning system - awaiting final determination</b>	<b>% of Residential Units permitted but not commenced</b>	<b>% of Residential Units under construction</b>	<b>% of Active Sites</b>	<b>% of Residential Units completed in completed developments</b>
<b>Dublin City</b>	31%	56%	33%	41%	30%	0%
<b>DLR</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>South Dublin</b>	17%	12%	17%	17%	15%	0%
<b>Fingal</b>	26%	18s%	23%	20%	36%	97%
<b>Total (Figure)</b>	<b>63,463</b>	<b>8,681</b>	<b>40,757</b>	<b>12,370</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>605</b>

## Forward Planning Infrastructure

### (Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund (LIHAF) and Cherrywood Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF) - Progress Report

#### LIHAF

The Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government (DHP&LG) as part of their 'Rebuilding Ireland' programme announced on 28th March 2017 that DLR were successful in their LIHAF application in respect of 4 projects, for which final approval for 3 of these projects was received in March 2018.

The underlying principle of LIHAF is to provide public off-site infrastructure to relieve critical infrastructure blockages which have been identified as one of the main impediments to the development of key sites for housing, thus enabling the accelerated delivery of residential units on these sites in both Dublin and urban areas of high demand for housing.

The residential development for all 3 DLR LIHAF sites will progress as and when developers obtain their required planning consents.

An overview of these infrastructure projects is as follows; -

Project Name	Detail of Infrastructure	Total LIHAF allocation €M	Amount to be funded by DHPLG €M (75%)	Amount to be funded by DLR €M (25%)
Clay Farm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of 600m of Loop Distributor Road</li> </ul>	€4.7	€3.5	€1.2
Woodbrook/Shanganagh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revision of the Woodbrook roundabout on the old N11;</li> <li>Road improvements to support housing development;</li> <li>Access to the future DART station.</li> </ul>	€4.16	€3.12	€1.04
Cherrywood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Druid's Glen Road (road only);</li> <li>Druid's Glen bridge - (short bridge structure transversing valley);</li> <li>New N11 junction 'Q' at Druid Glen Road;</li> <li>Druid's Glen Road (bridge feature)</li> </ul>	€15.19	€11.39	€3.80

A table of summary details was published by the Minister on 28th March 2018 for all 30 LIHAF sites across the State.

[http://www.housing.gov.ie/sites/default/files/publications/files/lihaf\\_information\\_table\\_-\\_march\\_2018.pdf](http://www.housing.gov.ie/sites/default/files/publications/files/lihaf_information_table_-_march_2018.pdf)

DLR will deliver and administer an Affordable Housing scheme to the value of the LIHAF. Forward Planning Infrastructure and Housing Departments will work together in preparation for the LIHAF sites. Guidance on the criteria selection for house owners will be informed by, Circular APH 01/2019 dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019, Affordable Housing (Part

5) Regulations 2019 made under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2009 (S.I. No. 381 of 2019) with further regulations awaited from the DHPLG.

The Council will continue to work with the Department and the Landowners in addressing infrastructure deficits required in opening up land for development, particularly for housing.

A status of each projects is as follows:

- **Clay Farm – Construction of 600m of Loop Distributor Road**

dlr convened meetings with the respective Landowners and acted as a facilitator between a set of private landowners to see if an agreement can be reached to allow for the commencement of a process of taking – in – charge of a section of the constructed section of the Clay Farm Distributor Road.

Despite considerable efforts to progress the matter with all concerned, dlr issued written correspondence to the Department in October 2020 advising that the delivery of the Clay Farm LIHAF infrastructure could not be achieved within the lifetime of the current Grant Agreement. This was acknowledged by the Department.

- **Woodbrook Shanganagh - Preliminary Design Stage**

Forward Planning Infrastructure Department has convened meetings with all key stakeholders to include the National Transport Authority (NTA) to provide for the management and delivery of the LIHAF infrastructural elements and to provide oversight in the opening of lands for housing development.

The access (avenue) road design to support housing development and access to the future DART station has advanced as part of the Landowners' master planning for the site and formed part of a Strategic Housing Development planning application lodged to ABP on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019. This application was granted on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 by ABP and includes for 685 residential units. dlr continues to engage with the developer in relation to updated construction and delivery schedules following this decision. There is also close engagement with the DHPLG with regard to assessing suitable infrastructure delivery options noting the road infrastructure and housing development may be delivered in tandem.

The BusConnects programme has informed the design on the Old Dublin Road and at the Wilford Roundabout. These designs are being progressed by the dlr Road Projects Office. A third round of public consultation commenced in November 2020 and closed in December 2020.

Irish Rail submitted a planning application for a new Dart Station at Woodbrook on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 for which a Request for Further Information issued by dlr on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

- **Cherrywood**

The Cherrywood Development Agency Project Team (DAPT) is actively managing the delivery of the Cherrywood LIHAF.

Within Cherrywood SDZ, grants of planning have been secured by developers for approximately 2,406 residential units. Construction has been ongoing on the Town Centre development which includes 1,316 residential units with the nearby residential site at Domville coming onstream, a Commencement Notice for which was lodged recently.

Construction activity has been ongoing at the sites in the SDZ, however, it is not possible to say at this stage how the Coronavirus (COVID19) restrictions have impacted on developer timelines, if at all.

The commencement of the remaining units granted will be dependent on developer construction programmes, but it is envisaged that the momentum of development that has accrued on the site will continue and these developers will commence as soon as practicable.

## **LIHAF Infrastructure**

### **Phase 1 – Complete**

Construction works on Phase 1 of this project comprising Junction Q (a new signalised junction on the N11) and part of the Druid's Glen Road (130m in length) is complete.

### **Phase 2 – at Detailed Design Stage**

The next section of road (circa 315m of road and a 40m short bridge spanning the Cabinteely Stream) is in design stage and forms part of a grant of planning application (to include housing development). This is the subject of Judicial Review proceedings which has recently being fast tracked to the Commercial Court. No decision is expected until the end of January 2021. dlr in tandem is advancing the detailed design, tender documentation, pre-commencement surveys and land acquisition to complete the final section of the Phase 2 infrastructure, with a view to an immediate commencement on site following the conclusion of the Judicial Review process.

### **Phase 3 – at Preliminary Design Stage**

The final section of the road comprises of (circa 55m of road and a 120m bridge spanning the Carrickmines River). An updated infrastructure delivery timeline, cost estimates and a business case for approval for additional funds were submitted by dlr to the Department's LIHAF Management Committee in March 2020 following a meeting with dlr and the Department on the 9th January 2020. As part of this cost review, dlr appointed a consultant following a tender competition to prepare Concept Design Photomontages, preliminary land acquisition drawings and cost estimates to better inform the design. This information has been submitted to the Department and is under review and it is dlr's intention to re-engage with the Department on this matter in the new year.

## **Cherrywood URDF Infrastructure**

The URDF 2018 (first call) was established to support more compact and sustainable development, through the regeneration and rejuvenation of Ireland's five cities and other large towns, in line with the objectives of the National Planning Framework and National Development Plan (NDP). This is to enable a greater proportion of residential and mixed-use development to be delivered within the existing built-up footprints of our cities and towns and to ensure that more parts of our urban areas can become attractive and vibrant places in which people choose to live and work, as well as to invest and to visit.

DLR was successful in obtaining funding under the URDF in respect of the Category A Cherrywood Parks, Greenways and Attenuation Project, the total cost of which is estimated at €17.8M, formal approval of which issued from the Minister in early 2019. Confirmation of funding was received in respect of €870,000 for 2019 with confirmation of funding approval for the total project received in June 2020. As with LIHAF, this funding is by way of 75% direct government funding and 25% funded by DLR (separate Section 48 Cherrywood Development Contributions). The Department has undertaken to recompense local authorities in respect of 100% expenditure under the Fund as a temporary measure to the end of 2020, to assist with alleviating any cash flow issues being experienced by local authorities in progressing the projects.

This will see the development of 4 distinct sub-projects comprising the Linear Park, surface water attenuation ponds 2a and 5a and completion of Tully Park Phase 2. Recent Government correspondence has reaffirmed the DHPLG's objective to maintain the continuity and momentum of the URDF supported programme.

A brief update on the current status of each sub-project is as follows:

- **Linear Park – at Preliminary Design Stage**

The consultant was appointed following a competitive tendering process to develop the preliminary design for the supporting greenway infrastructure to include the Linear Park within the SDZ area. This is nearing completion and will be advancing to the statutory Part 8 stage in Q3 2021. This project is being advanced in collaboration with the NTA.

- **Pond 2a – at Preliminary Design Stage**

Preliminary design is nearing completion. The project is to proceed to the formal Part 8 stage in January 2021.

- **Pond 5a – at Detailed Design Stage**

Following a competitive tendering process, a consultant has been appointed to undertake costings, contractor procurement and construction supervision. Construction is due to commence in 2021 once land title has been secured from the respective landowner.

- **Tully Park Phase 2 – at Construction Appointment Stage**

Construction on the Park is due to commence early in Q1 2021. A headed item Section 138 Report is being brought to the Members at the January 2021 Council meeting.

## **URDF Call 2**

A second call for proposals under the URDF 2020 was advertised in January 2020 and had an advertised closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 for local authorities to submit suitable applications, which was subsequently revised to 12 noon on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

A MS Teams briefing was delivered to the Elected Members on all the dlr applications on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

dlr submitted 5 applications for consideration under this Call 2, listed in their ranked order as follows:

1. Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Amenity
2. Dundrum – Civic & Community Centre
3. Dún Laoghaire Greening Project
4. Sandyford Green Infrastructure
5. Shanganagh Park

In addition a standalone request to initiate a study for Blackrock Village has also been submitted.

The Department requested dlr make a presentation to them on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 on 2 of the 5 submitted projects; Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Amenity project and Project 2 – Dundrum – Civic & Community Centre.



Similar to the first call under the URDF Call 1 (in 2018), the Fund sought applications that will support the aim of compact growth as set out in Project Ireland 2040 whilst stimulating new residential and commercial development in our larger cities and towns.

It is expected that an announcement of the successful projects under this Call 2 is imminent.

More details on the URDF can be found by accessing the following link:

<https://www.housing.gov.ie/planning/national-planning-framework/urban-regeneration-and-development-fund-urdf>

### **Cherrywood SDZ – Progress Report.**

The **current Main Work Streams** include:

- Cherrywood LIHAF - as reported above;
- URDF Call 1 Projects (2018) - Cherrywood Parks, Greenways and Attenuation – as reported above;
- URDF Call 2 Project (2020) – Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Amenity application submitted to DHPLG by the deadline of 12pm on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020, - as reported above
- Bride’s Glen to Shankill pedestrian / cycle Scheme - Dlr Road Projects continue to engage with the HSE Estates office/Loughlinstown Hospital to agree the more desirable route for the Greenway. Design consultants have been appointed and are currently examining all options in order to recommend the preferred route. Topographical surveys are underway to inform the route design. The Planning process will follow. The NTA remain committed to the delivery and funding of this project.
- The Cherrywood Steering Group, comprising the Chief Executive and Directors of Services in key service departments met 15 times since it was established in 2017. The Steering Group has been convened to provide oversight in all key aspects of the delivery of the Cherrywood SDZ that cover multi – disciplinary themes;
- Development of a Common Infrastructure Agreement with supporting Project Management Protocols for the provision of the common infrastructure required for the build out of Cherrywood SDZ is being progressed by the Development Agency Project Team (DAPT) with oversight by the Cherrywood SDZ Steering Group;
- A review of the Scheme, arising from the requirement for same as set out in the recently published 'Urban Development and Building Heights Guidelines for Planning Authorities' (December 2018) is nearing completion by DAPT and will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála imminently.
- The DAPT prepared Amendment No. 7 to the Cherrywood SDZ Planning Scheme in relation to a re-alignment of the Beckett Road from that as shown in the approved Planning Scheme. The re-alignment relates primarily to the southern portion of Beckett Road and to the underpass with the Wyattville Link Road (WLR). This was submitted in October 2020 by the dlr Planning Authority to An Bord Pleanála for their determination as the competent authority to make this assessment;
- The DAPT is currently finalising a Wayfinding and Directional Signage Strategy for Cherrywood SDZ, the principal aim of which is to ensure a consistent and appropriate approach to signage and naming in the SDZ area; and
- The DAPT has established a cycling review group to draw from the expertise of the NTA and the dlr Sustainable Mobility Group to scope out enhancements to what has been provided in the area and explore new experiences in cycling (including technology). It is intended to bring a Report on findings and recommendations of this group to a future Area Committee meeting.

### **Planning Applications – FOR NOTING**

The following major infrastructural projects have been granted permission, with substantial completion on site achieved within the main Landowner lands. DZ15A/0813 – Tully Park; DZ15A/0814 – Beckett Park; DZ16A/0570 – Ticknick Park and DZ15A/0758 – Roads and Infrastructure – Phase 1.

The Status of other applications from 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 to 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 inclusive is as follows -

- DZ20A/0052 - 198 Build to rent apartments, TC3 – Further Information received 27/11/2020, Decision Due 04/01/2021.
- DZ20A/0399 – Permission & works for 136 residential units, Laughanstown & Brennanstown – Request for Clarification of Further Information issued 13/10/2020.
- DZ20A/0478 – Temporary Car Park, Cherrywood – Grant of Permission issued on 30/11/2020.
- DZ20A/0491 – Amendment to permitted residential scheme, Beechpark – Grant of Permission issued 20/10/2020
- DZ20A/0552 – 163 residential units, Cherrywood – Request for Further information issued 02/10/2020
- DZ20A/0585 – Temp Marketing Suite, Cherrywood – Request for Further information issued 15/10/2020
- DZ20A/0611 – Change of use, Cherrywood Business Park – Decision to Grant issued 28/10/2020
- DZ20A/0690 – Residential Development 152 units, Laughanstown – Application withdrawn 28/10/2020
- DZ20A/0824 - Block F2 changes to Façade/elevations, Cherrywood – Decision due 12/01/2021
- DZ20A/0877 - a single story Gas District Regulator Installation (DRI) building, Bishop Street – Decision due 29/01/2021

There are currently 3 SDZ applications for which reports are being prepared.

To date the total no. of residential units permitted is 2,406. A further 497 units are at Further Information Stage. The total amount of non-residential development permitted is circa 104,719sq.m of Mixed use (retail/non-retail/commercial) and circa 47,406 sq.m of High Intensity Employment (HIE).

### **Stakeholder Engagement**

The delivery of the Scheme is complex requiring a number of stakeholders to engage and DLR as Development Agency continues to actively promote the implementation of the objectives of the approved Planning Scheme through collaboration and engagement with all relevant stakeholders.

With Government's focus on the housing crisis the DHPLG has taken specific interest in progressing the Cherrywood Planning Scheme and has designated it 1 of 23 key strategic national Major Urban Housing Delivery Sites (MUHDS). Meetings with all key stakeholders are on-going with the Development Agency facilitating progress meetings on key issues, as they arise, that require a coordinated approach from a number of state agencies and service providers including high-level engagement with the DHPLG on the main issues.

### **Funding**

The Cherrywood Planning Scheme Development Contribution Scheme 2017 – 2020, [http://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/20170613\\_cherrywood\\_planning\\_scheme\\_development\\_contribution\\_scheme\\_2017-2020\\_adopted.pdf](http://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/20170613_cherrywood_planning_scheme_development_contribution_scheme_2017-2020_adopted.pdf) was adopted at the June Council Meeting 2017 and all decisions to grant planning permission relative to the

Cherrywood SDZ area, made on or after 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017, are subject to the Conditions of this Scheme.

The common infrastructure elements include for a road network in the order of 10km, storm water infrastructure in the order of 3.8ha and the delivery of amenity open space – Class 1, new parks, neighbourhood plazas, natural greenspace and greenways (as per Appendix III Cherrywood Planning Scheme Projects List of the Cherrywood Planning Scheme Development Contribution Scheme (DCS) 2017-2020). The current order of magnitude cost (OMC) exercise is guiding that the cost of providing the common infrastructure to open up land for development to support the development of Cherrywood is in the order of €200M for construction.

The Cherrywood Planning Scheme DSC provides for the conditioning of development contributions, and within the DSC under the Exemptions and Reductions section, provision has been made for development contribution offset of certain development contributions payable against costs for common infrastructure works constructed by the landowners.

The current Section 48 Cherrywood Planning Scheme Contribution Scheme 2017 – 2020 states that *‘the Council will endeavour to make a new Scheme prior to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 but this Scheme will continue in full force and effect until a Scheme comes into effect, whether before or after that date’*.

Dlr has progressed the review of the current Schemes as stated in both Development Contribution Schemes and intends to commence the statutory consultation process in the New Year.

In addition to the DCS, government funding, Local Property Tax Income, LIHAF and URDF has been secured and contributes to the funding of common infrastructure. However there still remains a funding gap in relation to the provision of the entire common infrastructure (i.e. the projects that are not LIHAF and URDF funded). The Report indicating the Programme of Capital Projects 2020 – 2022 presented under Item 12 of the 8th June 2020 Council Meeting provides further detail.

dlr lodged an application for Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Access under the URDF Call 2 on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020 relating to projects that align with the requirements of the Fund for submission. This application has been acknowledged and the DHPLG have advised the assessment process will commence in the coming weeks. As outlined in the foregoing report, a presentation was made to the Department by dlr in relation to the top 2 ranked projects on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Discussions will continue with all relevant stakeholders to ensure the funding is in place to enable the infrastructure to be delivered.

dlr has concluded a confidential conciliation process with a main landowner in Cherrywood which arose due to a dispute in relation to the entitlement to offset development contributions payable in respect of common infrastructure provided. This landowner has issued High Court proceedings seeking a declaration that it is entitled to offset the costs incurred by it in constructing common infrastructure against development contributions. The claim also includes other related reliefs. Dlr has passed the proceedings to its solicitors who will defend the Council’s position in the proceedings.

## Infrastructure and Climate Change

### Climate Change Action

- As required by the Department of Environment, Climate & Communications (DECC), the Council has reported back to the Department on its progress on the dlr Climate Change Action Plan.
- An Annual Progress Report 2020 on dlr Climate Change Action Plan has been presented to the SPC and is now before Council for Noting. The report is included in the pack.
- A number of the temporary CoVid19 measures and the projects in the July stimulus package will also support the reduction of CO2 emissions and support sustainable travel.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/travel-transport/roads/covid-19-public-realm-works>

### Climate Change Advisory Council

- The Climate Change Advisory Council issued its 2020 annual review  
[http://www.climatecouncil.ie/media/CCAC\\_AnnualReview2020FINALWEB.pdf](http://www.climatecouncil.ie/media/CCAC_AnnualReview2020FINALWEB.pdf)

### Waste Action Plan

- The Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy plan was launched by the Department of Communication Climate Action and Environment in September 2020  
<https://www.dccae.gov.ie/en-ie/environment/publications/Pages/Waste-Action-Plan-for-a-Circular-Economy.aspx>

### New proposed Safe Walking and cycle routes

- As part of the Active School Travel initiative, the Council has launched public engagement on three new pilot routes, to upgrade and connect the existing walking and cycling network in the County. These new, consolidated routes totalling approximately 20 kilometres in length, are aimed at encouraging increased walking and cycling to school, and for wider use by the general public.

### Climate Action Fund 2020 – Expressions of Interest Call

- The Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment opened a call for Expressions of Interest from public and private sector bodies, as well as non-governmental organisations, for the Government's Climate Action Fund. This council submitted 5 Expressions of Interest relating to Local Authority work areas. We are awaiting update from the Department on the next stage.

### Activities

#### Climate Action Training for Local Authorities

The CAROs are currently finalising content for a 3-day Climate Action Training course to take place in partnership with key stakeholders including the Local Authority Environmental Services Training Group (ESTG), Climate Ireland, Energy Agencies, DCCAE, Met Éireann, SEAI and the Institute of Public Administration (IPA). It was intended to undertake the pilot training programme in in late March/early April 2020 but has been postponed.

Trainers are currently being procured for a ½ day training programme for Elected Members & senior management and online training material is currently being prepared by CARO and other training partners. Further information on training courses including revised dates for this pilot will be communicated in the coming weeks.

## EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 and associated Action Plan

The European Commission has adopted this new Plan - a comprehensive, ambitious, long-term plan for protecting nature and reversing the degradation of ecosystems.

It aims to put Europe's biodiversity on a path to recovery by 2030 with benefits for people, the climate and the planet. It is also the proposal for the EU contribution to the upcoming international negotiations on the global post-2020 biodiversity framework.

### Environmental Awareness

- Continued management of Green-Schools programme for dlr schools.
- Continued management of the dlr Environment and Climate Action Grant Scheme.
- Continued Management of Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Fund.
- Continued Management of the Community Environmental Grant Scheme (Local Agenda 21).
- Publication of Environmental Awareness Autumn Newsletter.
- Organisation of the Relove Fashion programme for secondary schools and pilot 'Picker Pals' programmes for primary schools.
- Organisation and completion of the Recycled Decoration Competition.
- Organisation and completion of a 'Recycled Christmas Garden in Dundrum Library' project.
- Organisation and completion of a Festive Stop Food Waste Campaign with Catherine Fulvio.
- Promotion of the Regional Waste Office Waste Prevention Christmas Campaign, National Upcycle Competition and National Waste Campaign.

### Environmental Enforcement Section - Waste Enforcement, Air, Noise

Complaints received 119  
Complaints closed 138

### Litter and Waste Fines

October – December 2020	Number	Comment
Litter Fines issued (Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws)	220	
Presentation of Waste (Waste Bye-laws) fines	4	Waste Bye-laws
Legal proceedings initiated	34	
Cases opened (Dumping/Litter)	612	Litter Section
Cases closed (Dumping/Litter)	631	Litter Section

## Capital Projects

### 1. Blackglan Road/Harold's Grange Road Improvement Scheme

Notice to Treat CPO documents were served on owners, occupiers and lessees on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 and ongoing discussions are taking place with residents, business owners and their Valuers, and other parties associated with the scheme. These negotiations are being affected by Covid Level 5 restrictions.

Tenders for the construction contract were received at the end of February 2021 and are currently being assessed.

Subject to the necessary approvals, construction is programmed to commence on site in Q3 2021.

## **2. aGlenalbyn Pool**

Discussions are still on-going with Kilmacud Crokes to address the impacts of a pool rebuilding project on the club facilities in Glenalbyn in a comprehensive way.

The Council applied for funding for the Glenalbyn Pool under the Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund scheme - Stream One funding.

The Department advised that the standard of applications was very high and that, given the level of demand the amount of funding available under the LSSIF programme, it was only possible to allocate a grant to the top 19% of applications by assessment score. The Glenalbyn Pool project progressed through the pre-qualification stage and for the Criteria Scoring Stage, the project received a score of 1,290. The lowest scoring project which received funding scored 3,796, thus, the Glenalbyn application was not successful in obtaining funding under this scheme.

## **3. M50 Junction 14 Link Road**

Provision of a new road link between the existing signalised roundabout at M50 Junction 14 and Blackthorn Road. Due to lack of development levies and Covid 19, DLRCC are not going to progress this project in the short term. But if ESB proceed with a start then DLRCC will assist with the Road Project.

## **4. Enniskerry Road/Glenamuck Road Junction Upgrade (Golden Ball)**

Part 8 approved in September 2017. Detailed design is being progressed and it is now intended to include these works within the tender for the Glenamuck District Roads Scheme.

## **5. Glenamuck District Roads Scheme (GDRS)**

Glenamuck District Roads Scheme (GDRS) consisting of GDDR (Glenamuck District Distributor Road) and GLDR (Glenamuck Local Distributor Road). Approval of the scheme and confirmation of the Compulsory Purchase Order was received from An Bórd Pleanála on 18/12/19. Notice of the confirmation of the CPO was advertised on the 7th of February 2020. The detailed design of the scheme is nearing completion, and tender documents are being prepared, and it is intended to progress to tender stage in **Q3** 2021.

## **6. Druids Glen Road Q -P\*.**

The first 135m of Druids Glen Road was completed in mid-November 2019 having overcome unexpected archaeology and underground services issues.

## **7. Druids Glen Road P\*-P3.**

This provides the next 275m of road including the 40m span bridge at Cabinteely stream. Detailed design is underway, and this will be followed by a contractor procurement process scheduled to commence in Q1 2021. The project is currently subject to a Judicial Review which is expected to be concluded in Q1 2021.

## **8. Dún Laoghaire Baths**

Construction on the Baths Project is continuing. Progress on the project is significantly behind programme and has been further impacted by the site closure caused by the Covid-19 Pandemic. The project is now scheduled by the Contractor to be complete by August 2021.

## **9. dlr LexIcon Environs**

Construction on this project along with greening projects along George's Street is now substantially complete; the overall outcome has been to upgrade the streetscape by using high quality hard and soft landscaping and street furniture to match the works completed by DLR along Marine Road, Queens Road and the Metals. The project is due to be fully completed in early 2021.

#### **10. Samuel Beckett Phase 2**

The report on the Three Year Capital Programme 2020 - 2022 includes provision for the completion of the Samuel Beckett Civic Campus and lists it as a committed project.

The Council submitted the Samuel Beckett Civic Campus Phase 2 project to the Department for a grant from the Large-Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF). A grant of €13,901,372 had been sought. The Department has allocated a grant of €5m.

Following on from the Department's review (Stage 7 - Due Diligence) of the grant application, the Council is preparing to submit additional information and clarifications. The Main Contract's Tender documents are currently being submitted to the Council.

With regard to the current COVID-19 situation and subsequent changes in work practices, at both the Council and its Consultants, the Project's programme timelines are currently under review.

#### **11. Rochestown Road Improvement Scheme**

The NRH's contractor has finalised the works to the public side with the commission of the signalised pedestrian crossing.

DLR and the NRH hospital are agreeing to the ceding of land associated with the hospital Development, in which the Council will receive the area in front of the newly constructed boundary wall, allowing for the implementation of the scheme.

DLR is seeking funding from the NTA for 2021 and progress with the Scheme. Senior management checks available budgets and commits to phasing delivery.

#### **12. New Crematorium at Shanganagh**

Detailed design work has been substantially completed and progression of the proposal to tender can be considered.

#### **13. Dublin Bay Trail / S2S**

The environmental consultant has concluded the majority of the surveys, with a few breeding bird surveys to take place in spring 2021.

The NTA has agreed to increase on the scope of surveys and includes bird surveys and walk-over surveys / scoping for ecological surveys from the East Pier to the Forty Foot, in light of the Coastal Mobility Route.

The restriction on movement associated with Covid affected the breeding birds survey, which might need further expanded next breeding Season.

The appointment of the design consultant is on hold following instructions from the funding authority.

#### **14. Bray Woodbrook Landfill Remediation Project**

Provision of coastal protection for the cliffs at the old landfill north of Bray. The tender has been awarded and works are due to commence in January 2021.

## Architects

### Energy

Certification Europe, Energy Audit assessor has determined that DLR's Energy Management System which is managed by the dlr Energy Team continues to meet the needs of the organisation and conforms to the requirements of ISO 50001:2018.

Dún Laoghaire- Rathdown County Council achieved 37.2% improved energy performance based on 2019 data and therefore exceed the 2020 target of 33%.

<https://www.seai.ie/publications/Public-Sector-Annual-Report-2019.pdf>

<b>Dangerous Buildings - 1<sup>st</sup> Oct- 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020</b>	
Dangerous	0
Potentially Dangerous	12
Not Dangerous	7
Total	19



## Community and Cultural Development

### Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP)

- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) held 2 meetings in Q4- 21<sup>st</sup> October and 18<sup>th</sup> November. Meetings of the LCDC and Sub Groups were held online.
- The Healthy Ireland Steering Committee met on 14<sup>th</sup> October.
- The Community Enhancement Programme (Round 1) closed for applications on 10<sup>th</sup> September. This programme, funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development, is administered by the LCDC and provides capital funding for community groups to enhance community facilities in disadvantaged areas. The LCDC approved 24 applications, with grant funding totalling €62,318, under this round in Q4. The Community Enhancement Programme – Community Centres and Buildings (Round 2) closed for applications on 30<sup>th</sup> September. The LCDC approved 31 applications, with grant funding totalling €153,971, under this round in Q4
- The Joint Policing Committee held a meeting on 25 November online
- The DLR Rural Taskforce met on 6 October
- Dlr nominated 2 groups to the National Pride of Place event and both groups received runner up awards in their respective categories (Airfield: Wellbeing Category and Patrician Communities: Best Housing Category).
- The Community Facility Network has met monthly and has had strong participation from across community facilities managers and boards of management.
- DLRCC was issued with another 3-year contract by Department of Social Protection to continue to run the dlr Council Community Employment Scheme which employs over 100 participants.
- Management Assistance grant applications assessed and €135,200 allocated to community facilities to assist them with the cost of running centres and keeping them open for the public.
- DLR is an Age Friendly County, and work is ongoing to implement [DLR's Age Friendly Strategy 2016-20](#) working with dlr's Age Friendly Alliance Partners. The Alliance held a meeting on 9 December. The Age Friendly Strategy 2021-26 Consultation Questionnaire went live on citizen space in November. The deadline for completion is 19 January 2021. The online questionnaire can be found [here](#) or at <https://dlrcoco.citizenspace.com/community/dlr-age-friendly-strategy-2021-2026/>
- The dlr Age friendly magazine for Winter 2020 was launched on 9 December. A digital version of the magazine can be found [here](#), <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/523290/>.

### Comhairle na nÓg

- Comhairle na nÓg held their AGM on the 10<sup>th</sup> November with over 30 young people in attendance.
- Dlr Comhairle na nÓg participated in the 2020 Comhairle National Showcase in early December.

### Capital Projects

#### Dundrum Carnegie Library

Work has been completed to provide a new roof at Dundrum Library. This work is supported by grant funding from Historic Structures Funding.

**Parks**

Parks Capital Projects – Q4 2020 Progress							
	On Hold	(I) Preliminary	(II) Design	(III) Tender	(IV) Construction	(V) Complete	Comment
Fernhill Park & Gardens – Phase 2						✓	Planting works to take place in early 2021
Hudson Road Park						✓	Application for Sports Capital Grant to be made for the changing pavilion
Colaiste Eoin/Iosaigain All-Weather Pitch						✓	Complete and operational in Nov 2020
Blackthorn Park, Sandyford						✓	Minor finishing works and planting taking place
Metals Phase 3 Public Realm - Peoples Park Boundary						✓	
Stonebridge Road Changing Rooms (temporary)					✓		Awaiting final connection of services
Grass Pitches – Performance Quality Standard					✓		Surveys complete – performance testing to commence in early 2021
Pavement Improvement Programme				✓	✓		Works and procurements on-going
dIr Leisure Monkstown All Weather Pitches				✓			Tenders due in late Jan 2021
Rosemont School Pitches				✓			Contractor to be appointed
Myrtle Square & Convent Lane Greening			✓				Part 8 being carried forward to Jan 2021 meeting
Mounttown Boxing Facility			✓				Public consultation on-going
Hyde Park Multi-Use Building			✓				Public consultation to commence in early 2021
Blackrock Park Masterplan			✓				Masterplan adopted at the Oct 2020 Council meeting
Multi-Use Campus at St. Thomas Estate			✓				Finalising legal documentation and phasing
Killiney Hill/Dalkey Quarry Phase II Improvements			✓				Design on-going
Woodbrook College All-Weather Pitch		✓					Design being progressed
Jamestown Park Masterplan		✓					Feasibility report complete
Marlay Golf Redevelopment		✓					Considering options following expressions of interest process.
Finsbury Park		✓					Design to commence
Shanganagh Park Masterplan	✓						Considering options for progressing in phases
Kilbogget Park Community Sports Centre	✓						Clubs to re-convene to establish agreement
Shanganagh Crematorium	✓						Considering options for DBO contract

July Stimulus Package (NTA) – Parks Projects							
	On Hold	(i) Preliminary	(ii) Design	(iii) Tender	(iv) Construction	(v) Complete	Comment
Blackrock Park – Phase 1						✓	1.25km of pedestrian and cycle paths.
Shanganagh Park						✓	0.9km of shared surface
Kilbogget Park						✓	1.9km of shared surface paths
Clonkeen Park						✓	1.8km of shared surface paths and new bridge
Eden Park						✓	Re-surfacing works and paths
St. Helens Wood						✓	Surfacing of existing stone paths
Marlay Park Cycle Way						✓	Re-surfacing
Slang Greenway						✓	Re-surfacing
Blackthorn Park						✓	Perimeter paths
Fernhill Park & Gardens						✓	Paths in rear fields with extensive links
Loughlinstown Linear Park					✓		1.3km of shared surface
Parks Entrances					✓		Barriers being removed where appropriate
Marlay Park Pedestrian Entrance					✓		New pedestrian entrance
Killiney Hill - Pedestrian Entrance					✓		New pedestrian entrance
Blackrock Park – Phase 2				✓			Additional pedestrian paths and works to the Booterstown entrance

## Cultural Development

DLR Libraries, Music Generation, Arts and cultural programming is ongoing in support of delivering on the objectives in the DLR Council approved plans (below) which support cultural development, connect, empower and support community potential in DLR.

- DLR Libraries Library Development Plan 2016-2020  
<https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/files/using-your-library/Library%20Development%20Plan%20English%20version%20Final.pdf>
- DLR Arts Development Plan 2016 -22  
[https://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/arts\\_development\\_plan\\_eng\\_.pdf](https://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/arts_development_plan_eng_.pdf)
- DLR Cultural and Creative Strategy 2018 – 22  
<https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/creative-communities/dun-laoghaire-rathdown>
- What's On Guide (Oct-Dec) and (Jan-Mar) provides information on events and services from DLR Libraries. <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/event-calendar>  
[https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/whatson\\_janmar2020\\_web\\_friendly\\_pdf\\_0.pdf](https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/whatson_janmar2020_web_friendly_pdf_0.pdf)

- [My Open Library Deansgrange](#) marked its first anniversary with 1700 members having signed up for the service. The most frequent users are second-level students, many returning as third level the following year and a steady cohort of Internet users. Figures peaked during June Bank Holiday-before Leaving Certificate exams at 514 on Monday, 460 on Sunday, 429 on Saturday. Reservation pick-up and Sunday newspapers now available during MOL hours. There are increasing number of parents and children coming in on Sundays and older regular newspaper readers also. It opened over Christmas 2019 with 31 unique users on Christmas Eve, 9 on Christmas Day and 17 on Stephen's Day.

MOL emails received contained the following comments:

*'Peaceful'*

*"I find the facility excellent, thanks to all concerned"*

*"I think the open library is such a great service. For my it's so important as I don't get any peace at home with two small boys to do my college work."*

### **COVID-19 Community Call Helpline**

The Community response to Covid-19 is being led and co-ordinated 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
- Operated 7 days a week from 9am to 5pm. Responded to over 4,000 calls since established in March.
- Issues range from transport, shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation
- A stakeholder forum established providing 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.
- 5 stakeholder meetings held
- Health & Wellbeing Initiatives:
  - Against the background of the Covid Restrictions, a range of initiatives have been developed to support health and wellbeing in our communities. The priority is 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.
- To view dlr's health and wellbeing initiatives page under the 'Keep Well' Campaign see <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/keep-well-campaign-2020>

### **Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)**

The LCDC held two meetings in this quarter, the 21<sup>st</sup> October and 18<sup>th</sup> November.

3 rounds of funding were approved in this quarter.

#### CEP Grants (Round 1)

- Payments of €62,318 in grant funding through the CEP programme for 2020 (Round 1) were approved at the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown LCDC meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> October with grants being awarded to 24 different groups. The funding is provided by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

#### CEP Grants (Round 2)

- Payments of €153,971 in grant funding through the CEP programme for 2020 (Round 2) were approved at the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown LCDC meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> November with grants being awarded to 29 different groups. The funding is provided by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

#### Healthy Ireland Community Mental Health Fund (CMHF) Small Grants Scheme

- Payments of €30,000 in grant funding through the Healthy Ireland CMHF Small Grants Scheme were approved at the LCDC meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020 with grants being awarded for 8 projects in line with the Mental Health theme of Healthy Ireland Round 3.

#### COVID 19 Emergency Fund Round 2

The COVID 19 Emergency Fund Round 2 was announced on 7<sup>th</sup> December. The scheme is administered by the LCDC and is now open for applications with a closing date of 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

#### **Rural Task Force**

A Rural Task Force Meeting was held on 6<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **Joint Policing Committee**

There was one JPC meeting in this quarter.

The Committee noted the joint bicycle security project between An Garda Síochána and the County Council. The Council is assisting with the purchase of bicycle engraving machines. The Gardai will then run roadshows at a number of venues throughout the County advising on bicycle security matters and offering cyclists the chance to have their bicycle engraved.

#### **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.

#### **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 was submitted to Pobal to deliver actions under the headings 1) Your County 2) Switching Off and Being Creative and 3) Staying Connected.