



# **DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN**

## **JANUARY MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

**18 December 2020 – 28 January 2021**

From 1<sup>st</sup> December to 23<sup>rd</sup> December, we reverted to Level 3 with the re-introduction of services that had 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](#).

On the 24<sup>th</sup> December 2020, the country re-entered Level 5 with resulting closure of some services. The public health advice is for people to stay at home and reduce movement for essential reasons only. Revised staff arrangements are in place to have minimum staff numbers attending the office. All staff who can operate remotely, are working from home. The Dundrum Area Office and the libraries are closed to the public. Access to County Hall by members of the public is by appointment only, for urgent business.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021, a Special Meeting of the Council was held to adopt Standing Orders for remote meetings and also approve the holding of Council meetings, remotely while in Level 5 restrictions.

The Council meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 was the first fully remote Council meeting held.

Updates on services affected, by department are detailed below:

### **Libraries**

24 December: Following a Govt. announcement, Ireland moved to **Level 5** of the Govt's [Plan for Living with Covid-19](#) from Thursday 24 December until at least the end of January. As a result, all dlr Library spaces remain closed to the public. This includes the My Open Library service at Deansgrange Library, and Sunday opening at dlr LexIcon.

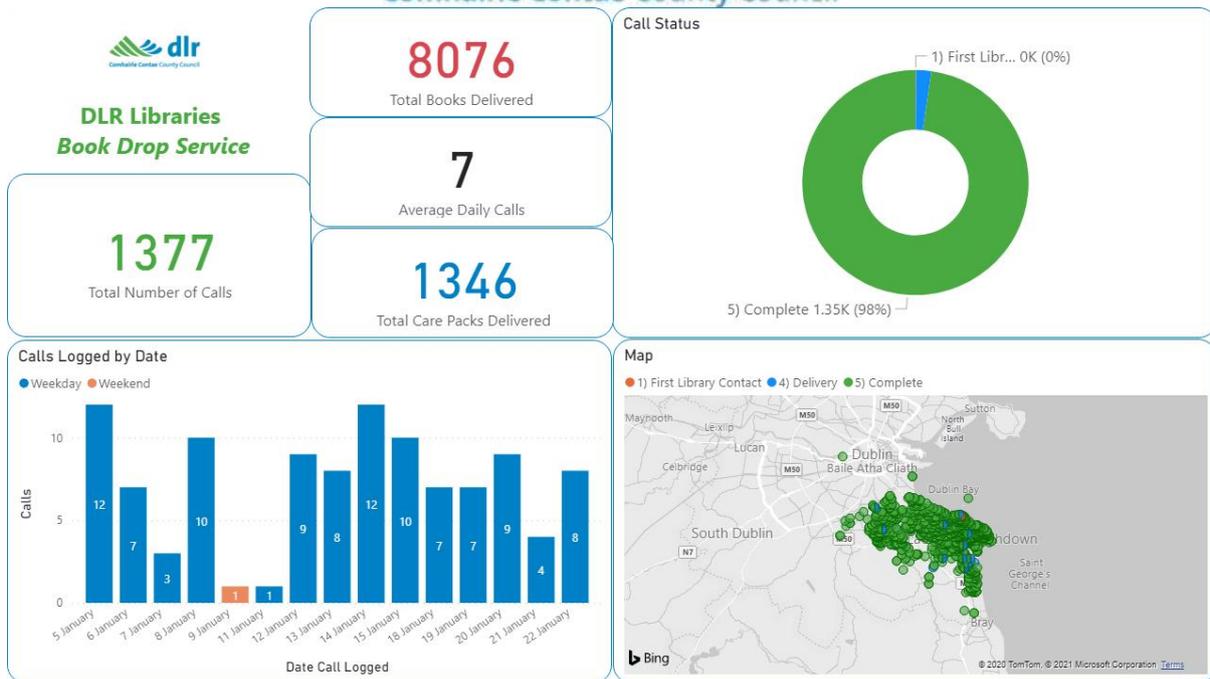
In Level 5, our Contact & Collect service, online reservations and the national delivery system all cease, with online resources and services and online events continuing. Library staff continue to work remotely.

### **Community Call**

In January, staff in Deansgrange Library began taking phone calls and queries as part of the Community Call. They answer the phonenumber on Wednesdays and Thursday while staff in Blackrock Library take calls and queries on Saturdays. Staff from the Community Dept. operate the Community Call helpline/email the remainder of the week. For more information, contact the dlr Community Call phonenumber on Freephone 1800 804535, 01 2713199 or email [covidsupport@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:covidsupport@dlrcoco.ie).

### **Book Drop Service**

Since the Book Drop Service launched on 17 April 2020, **1,377 calls** have been dealt with by library staff, with over **8,000 books issued** to cocooners, the elderly and most vulnerable members of our community. Staff in dlr LexIcon remain available to deal with requests received by the Book Drop service. You can contact dlr LexIcon staff directly on 01 2801147 or via email at [dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto: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
- 218 calls were received in January. The majority of the calls relate to requests for library books. Other issues include information requests on Covid-19 and requests in relation to shopping services.
- 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.

### **Keep Well Campaign 2021**

The Keep Well campaign is a national campaign which the government is promoting to help people stay well through the winter months. The Campaign is focused on 5 themes: Staying Connected, Switching off and Being Creative, Managing your Mood, Keeping Active and Eating Well.

A dedicated Keep Well page is set up on the Councils website to support the national campaign. <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/keep-well-campaign-2021>

The promotion of the Keep Well Campaign began on 11<sup>th</sup> January. The 5 themes of the campaign are being promoted on social media. Each week focuses on a different theme with initiatives from the respective theme promoted. Week 1 focused on general keep well messages, week 2 focused on Staying Connected, week 3 will focus on Switching off and being creative, week 4 will focus on Managing your mood, week 5 will focus on Keeping Active and week 6 will focus on Eating Well.

As part of the Keep Well Campaign funding has been allocated by Creative Ireland and the Department of Health, through the Health Ireland Fund (HIF) to Local Authorities for a new initiative called the "Community Resilience Fund" to support the Keep Well Campaign. 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 in December 2020 and a programme of actions will also be rolled out in Q1 to support health and wellbeing.

Activities include expansion of Making Connections programme, Paperchain project, Festival in a Van events, Mobile Music Network, Creative writing programme, Care packs for vulnerable children

### **Heritage**

All DLR heritage properties sites closed due to Level 5 and filming ceased. 3D Virtual tours of Marlay and Cabinteely Houses, Maritime Museum and Oratory further promoted as Heritage at Home resource. Planning for online approach to much of the 2021 Decade of Centenaries DLR programme.

### **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.

The Roads Control continues to grant and manage road opening licenses and permits for essential utility services, including electricity, water, gas and telecommunications as part of the Council's essential services operations implemented as part of COVID-19 restrictions introduced on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Cleansing/Street cleaning: all Services 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 significant increase in support provided by the Local Enterprise Office in 2020. This support will continue in 2021, and a special page has been set up for the specialised [LEO Covid supports](#) which lists 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 over the coming months, along with the Shopfront Improvement Scheme, which saw 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 was seen in December and continued into January 2021. A total of just over €125,000 was 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. This was supplemented by the feature lighting in Dún Laoghaire which was installed by the Tourism Development section as part of the Destination Towns programme funded by Fáilte Ireland.

The Seasonal Fund linked in with the Economic Development Unit's Shop Local campaign which received substantial support from business organisations across Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, encouraging shoppers to shop locally and safely online where possible. This was 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**

In line with Government guidelines construction sites have closed due to Covid-19 restrictions, with the exception of some housing construction projects.

### **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. Work is continuing on a limited number of social housing sites, which are exempted from the current restrictions on construction activity, and which are due for completion by the end of February. Part V negotiations have continued 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:** The Government announced a waiver of commercial rates for the first quarter of 2021.

This 3 month waiver has modified criteria and accordingly is a separate, standalone waiver scheme. As previously, the waiver will be applied automatically to eligible customers accounts.

**Restart Grant:** We have received 3,780 completed applications, declaration forms and RG1 appeals with a value of €26.1m. We rejected a total of 564 ineligible applications.

The total approved applications are 3,216, with a value of €26.1m. The scheme is closed but there are a small number of residual appeals being processed.

**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 improved since the receipt of the rates wavier support from the Department. Budgets and cash flow continue to be monitored closely.

**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 OP&P met on 4<sup>th</sup> January to consider Standing Orders for remote meetings. A recommendation on these Standing Orders was considered at a Special Meeting of the Council on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The Members adopted the Standing Orders and agreed that Council meetings would be held remotely while in Level 5. Also agreed that Council meetings would revert to 3 hours while remote. The monthly January Council meeting took place remotely on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021. .
- Group Leaders' meetings are now being held on a monthly basis and one was held during December.
- Meetings commenced during January with Members of each ward to seek Members comments, suggestions and opinions in relation to the Customer Relationship Management system, in order to improve its operation. These meetings will be ongoing to keep Members informed of progress and to seek further feedback.
- The Communications Unit continue to provide information in relation to our services during Covid and continue to be active 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](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/4v03i3z3flprs9i/AAA9a0nV_0rE8rLp5_kgxBuCa?dl=0)



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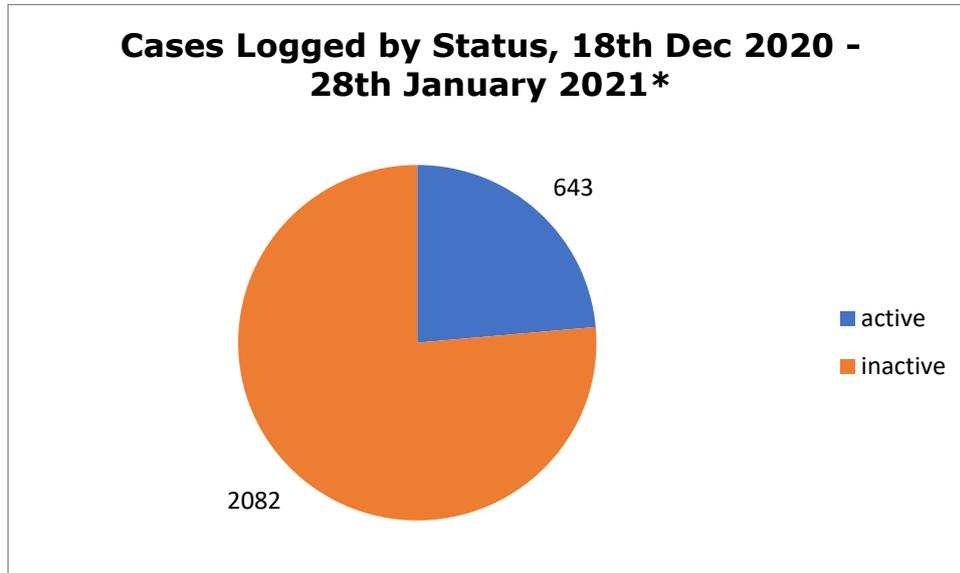
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Cases logged from 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021

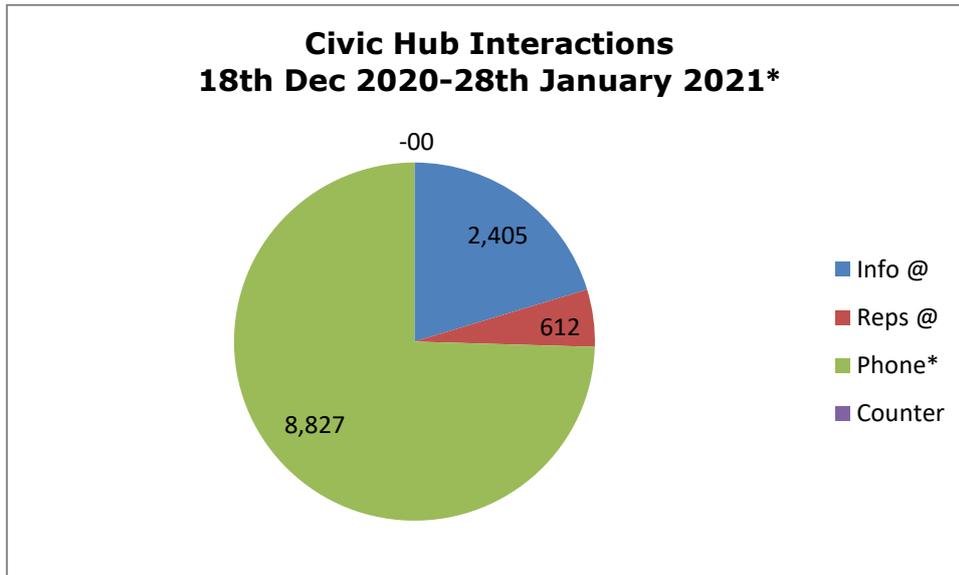


Open	643
Closed	2082

**Cases Logged from 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020 - 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021, by Section:**

Section/Dept	Open	Closed	Total
Architects	1	4	5
CoCo	3		3
Comms & Civic Hub	34	342	376
Community	2	2	4
Corporate Services	4	2	6
DEACTIVATED USERS		1	1
dlrcoco	4	5	9
Environment	122	566	688
Finance	31	314	345
Housing	28	91	119
IT		1	1
Parks	186	212	398
Planning	6	25	31
Property	4	12	16
Transportation	212	422	634
Waste Enforcement	4	55	59
Water Services	2	28	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>2082</b>	<b>2725</b>

**Civic Hub Activities:**



\* Pie chart excludes abandoned calls

**Cases logged from 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

<b>Phone Statistics</b>	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	6,047	2,780

<b>Emails received</b>	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	2,405	612	3,017

<b>Counter Interactions</b>	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	0	0	0

**Freedom of Information**

There were 16 FOI requests received in January.

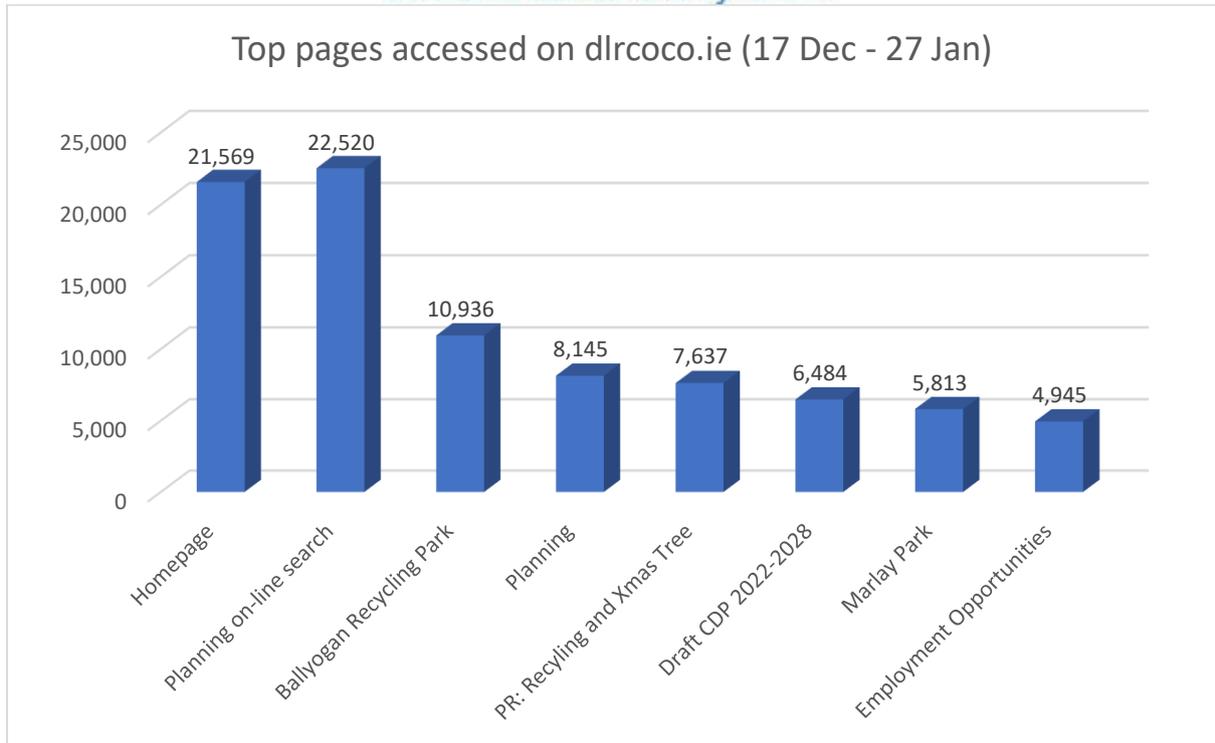
## Social Media Activity – December 17<sup>th</sup> 2020 to January 27<sup>th</sup> 2021

Profile ^	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)
<b>Reporting Period</b> Dec 18, 2020 – Jan 27, 2021	<b>61,718</b> ↗ 7%	<b>780</b> ↘ 36.3%	<b>936</b> ↘ 8.4%	<b>1,926,059</b> ↘ 4.8%	<b>63,030</b> ↘ 33.6%	<b>3.3%</b> ↘ 30.2%
<b>Compare to</b> Nov 7, 2020 – Dec 17, 2020	<b>57,691</b>	<b>1,225</b>	<b>1,022</b>	<b>2,023,056</b>	<b>94,903</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
 <b>dlr Arts Office</b>	-	-	67	0	0	-
 <b>dlr Heritage</b>	3,591	52	13	9,574	269	2.8%
 <b>dlr Libraries</b>	8,145	32	103	213,324	5,649	2.6%
 <b>dlrevents</b>	10,664	236	21	137,150	10,030	7.3%
 <b>Dún Laoghaire-Ra...</b>	3,150	239	190	154,138	2,955	1.9%
 <b>Dún Laoghaire-Ra...</b>	11,736	64	246	487,573	20,201	4.1%
 <b>Dún Laoghaire-Ra...</b>	16,601	119	232	842,984	21,074	2.5%
 <b>Dún Laoghaire-Ra...</b>	2,361	38	39	81,316	2,852	3.5%
 <b>LEO DLR</b>	5,470	-	25	-	-	-

## Website Activity – December 17<sup>th</sup> 2020 to 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### Page views

dlrcoco.ie	258,611
Citizen Space (public consultations)	13,364
dlrevents.ie	6,720
dlrlibraries.ie	46,294



### 1. Road Maintenance Management Report – January 2021

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
<b>RRP Major</b>	<b>Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works</b>					
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	Ballinclea Road		✓			
15	Corrig Road		✓			
16	Rathsallagh Estate				✓	
17	Ashlawn Estate	✓				
18	Rochestown Avenue		✓			On site in 2021
19	Saval Park Road			✓		to completed in 2021
<b>RRP Minor</b>	<b>Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')</b>					
1	Broadford Road				✓	
2	Woodpark - The Drive				✓	
3	Stillorgan Road (old N11)	✓				
4	Upper Kilmacud Road	✓				
5	Ticknock Road Edges		✓			
6	Ballyedmunduff 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				✓	

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
31	Shanganagh Terrace		✓			
32	Dublin Road (from old Conn Ave north to Circe K)		✓			
<b>FP</b>	<b>Footpath Upgrade Programme</b>					
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			✓		to completed in 2021
8	The Park, Cabinteely			✓		on site in Dec
17	Dún Laoghaire Town				✓	
18	Blackrock Town				✓	
19	Dalkey Village				✓	
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			✓		
<b>BSP</b>	<b>Bridges &amp; Structures Programme</b>					
1	Blue Light Wall Repair			✓		
2	Woodside Road Retaining Wall	✓				
3	Belfield Flyover	✓				
4	Glenalua Wall Repair		✓			
	Category 3 Bridges	✓				
<b>DGRP</b>	<b>Drainage / Gully Repair Programme</b>					
1	Oakdown Road, Churchtown				✓	
2	De La Salle College, Churchtown				✓	

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
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	✓				
<b>NRP</b>	<b>National Roads Programme</b>					
1	N31 Crofton Road	✓				
2	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing Programme	✓				
<b>AWP</b>	<b>Accessibility Works Programme</b>					
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 Stradbroke Road (part of)				✓	
<b>CMP</b>	<b>Cycleway Maintenance Programme</b>					
1	Brehonfield Road			✓		
2	Churchtown Road Upper				✓	
3	Kill Lane (sections from Foxrock to Deansgrange jnct)				✓	outstanding snagging items
4	Baker's Corner's junction				✓	outstanding snagging items
<b>EMP</b>	<b>Estate Management Programme</b>					
1	Kilcross Estate		✓			Deferred to 2021

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
2	Rathsallagh Estate				✓	
<b>TICP Taking in Charge Programme*</b>						
1	The Rise Mount Merrion	✓				
2	Redesdale estate - certain laneways	✓				
5	Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway		✓			
	*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.					
<b>RCRP Roads Control Reinstatement Programme</b>						
1	Proby Square (South)					on site Feb 2021
2	Marine Court and assoc. Laneways					on site Jan 2021
3	Devitt Villas				✓	Road Surfacing completed. Anti-skid surface treatment not yet scheduled

## 2. Traffic & Road Safety

	Preliminary Design Stage	Public Consultation	Detailed Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comment
<b>NTA Schemes</b>							
N11 Brewery Road Safety Improvement Scheme			✓				Design work is ongoing by Barry Transportation
Sandyford Cycle Route (Drummartin Link Road / M50 Rotary)					✓		Works due for completion in Summer 2021
Sandyford Cycle Route (UCD to Clonskeagh) Phase 3		✓					Detailed design is being prepared by CSEA following the second public consultation process.

Stillorgan Road Cycle Route (UCD accessibility at Nova)					✓		Works due for completion in Spring 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 design work of the scheme.
Wyattville Road Cycle route – Stage 2			✓				Design work is ongoing by Barry Transportation
Nutgrove Avenue Cycle Route						✓	Cycle improvements on Nutgrove Avenue from the Bottle Tower Pub to the Church are complete. Design of phase 3 west of the shopping centre to commence in 2021.
Dodder Greenway	✓						Work on the design of preferred option is being progressed by Dublin City Council
Cycle Parking						✓	Cycle stands were installed in the Harbour Area (15) and Cumberland Street (5), Dún Laoghaire in January 2021.
Protected cycle route on Goatstown Road					✓		Works are substantially <u>completed</u> and a review is now underway
Walkability Audits	✓						Works to be carried out at 3 locations to improve facilities for pedestrians
<b>July Stimulus Package 2020</b>							
Cruagh Wood Extension					✓		Works 90% complete
Glenamuck Road South traffic calming						✓	Works Complete
Castlepark Road Pedestrian improvements			✓				Tender documents to be issued in January 2021
Hudson Road - Zebra Crossing adjacent to the new park						✓	Works complete
Wyvern-Zebra Crossing adjacent to the school						✓	Works complete
Shanganagh Road signalised Pedestrian Crossing adjacent to Abberley/Norwood					✓		<a href="#">Under construction</a>

### 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 substantially complete and awaiting ESB to underground the overhead cables to allow remaining works to be complete. Landscaping works to commence following lockdown.

Phase 3 – Lower Kilmacud Road from Kilmacud Crokes to the N11. Detailed design works are ongoing

### **Road Safety, Cycling and Sustainable Travel**

The final Neighbourhood Traffic Management Guidelines and Abandoned Bikes Procedures were issued to Councillors in January 2021

### **Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)**

There have been no TAG meetings in the last month due to Covid 19.

### **BusConnects**

Following the third round of public consultation, which closed in December 2020, the Core Bus Corridor (CBC) schemes have now progressed to Final Design stage ahead of planning applications being prepared for submission to An Bord Pleanála (target date - end of Q1). More detailed engagement between the CBC design teams and DLRCC technical staff has commenced for CBC Route 15 - Blackrock to Merrion Gates and is expected to commence in early February for CBC Route 13 - Bray to City Centre.

### **Dundrum ABTA - Area Based Transport Assessment**

The tendering stage has now been completed and a contract is being prepared with the successful consultancy. Work on the project is expected to commence in early February 2021

### **Review of the Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area (GDA)**

A comprehensive submission with strong cross-departmental input was prepared and submitted to the NTA. This will feed into the preparation of the Draft Transport Strategy for the GDA 2022 - 2042, which is due to be published in July 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. Optioneering, environmental surveys and engagement with key stakeholders are underway. Tenders will be issued in February for Initial Site Investigation works at key sites where alleviation measures may be practicable.

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 60% 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. Tenders have been received for a Flow/Rainfall Survey and this is due to commence on site in February. Tenders will be issued shortly for topographical and CCTV 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. Initial data gathering work is underway.

**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 Dún 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 January 2021**

**Reinstatement works**

The reinstatement repair works on behalf of Irish Water are temporarily on hold until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

**Restoration works**

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
<b>RCRP</b>	<b>Roads Control Restoration Programme 2021</b>					
1	Proby Square (South)					On site Feb 2021
2	Marine Court and assoc. Laneways					On site March 2021
3	Devitt Villas				Road Surfacing completed	Anti-Skid surface treatment not yet scheduled

## 5. Cleansing & Beaches & Coastal Protection Section Statistics: June 2020 – December 2020

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	July 2020	August 2020	September 2020	October 2020	November 2020	December 2020
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	286	250	296	321	410	385
Clean-Ups Assisted	46	52	62	46	49	37
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	24	12	30	14	30	16
Bathing Water Samples Taken	37	49	28	18	18	4
Gullies Cleaned	1415	889	744	737	1653	699
Dumping Incidents Managed	78	70	71	91	69	45
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	0	5	1	0	0	0
Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	5	31	11	16	6	23
Street Bin Collections	4091	3983	4275	5043	4858	4297

\* Statistics available up to the end of December 2020.

### Cleansing & Beaches Project Updates – January 2021

- Beaches section successfully managed Forty Foot Christmas day swim through strong social media campaign and introduction of strict traffic management measures
- Reintroduction of Level 5 COVID 19 restrictions has resulted in a return to essential operations within the section whereby staff are operating reduced service levels on rotating roster arrangements.
- DLR's Cleansing & Road Maintenance Sections are leading on critical enhancement works at Killiney Beach. Works currently suspended due to COVID 19 restrictions.
- Coliemore Harbour repair conceptualisation study completed by ARUP and cost estimation exercise and programme/planning reports issued. Engagement ongoing with relevant DLR departments to agree next steps for planning, procurement, detailed design and delivery.

## 6. Relevant Statistics

There were 2719 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 a breakdown of which is as follows:

Violation	Tickets
Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging	4
Overstaying 2 hour parking limit	1
Overstaying 3 hour parking limit	31
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	24
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	325
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	14
Parking a vehicle in a prohibited place	1
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	66
Parking a vehicle in such a position that interferes with other car park users or obstructing the entrance	1

Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	2
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	29
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	102
Parking a vehicle on a footway	259
Parking a vehicle on a grass margin	1
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	125
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	17
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	9
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of exit side of traffic lights	2
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	18
Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay	1
Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles	1
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	50
Parking or stopping a vehicle on a clearway	14
Parking out of the limits of a bay	9
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	33
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	325
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	1255
<b>Total no. of tickets issued between 18/12/20 and 28/01/21</b>	<b>2719</b>

There were no convictions secured in January 2021, 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 Jan 2021:	485
Percentage of lights out at the end of Jan 2021:	0.5%
Pole replacement carried out in Jan 2021:	8
Bracket replacements:	80
Tree trimming:	12
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	11
LED Upgrades	268

### LED Upgrading Program

A list of these can be found on [www.dlrcoco.ie](http://www.dlrcoco.ie)

### Planning and Building Control

Applications analysed	8
Inspections completed	1

**Requests**

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	0
Alterations:	10
Legal requests:	2

**Road Opening Licences January 2021**

Road Opening Licences received from 18 December 2020 – 28 January 2021 via Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System	
Applications Received	164
Applications Granted	111
Applications Withdrawn/Refused	3
Applications being processed	50

**Road Closures and Street Furniture,**

In January 2021 there were:

- 4 applications for Road Closures
- 6 applications for Street Furniture (Tables and Chairs)

**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 restricted opening with pontoon access only.
- The Yacht Clubs have closed again in line with Government guidelines for Level 5 restrictions.

**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**

The new boat light sculpture that was installed prior to Christmas will remain all year round, it can be lit up in appropriate colours for various occasions.

**Projects**

**Berth 2 Fenders**

A project to replace the Berth 2 fenders has been given approval to proceed to design / tender stage. RPS Group have been appointed to carry out the design and procurement for this project.

### **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. Unfortunately, this project is now on hold pending the relaxation of Covid restrictions.

### **West Pier Survey**

Malachy Walshe & Partners have been appointed to carry out a full condition survey of the West Pier and to report on the prioritisation of any repair works deemed necessary. This survey, along with an existing survey of the East Pier will dictate the most urgent infrastructure repairs required on both piers.

### **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 Feb 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 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020. A planning appeal was lodged to An Bord Pleanála. An Bord Pleanála have now granted permission for the development.

A business briefing on the ferry terminal proposal was delivered to the elected members by Hilary Haydon on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020. This matter will be brought to Area Committees and Full Council in the coming months for disposal pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.

### **Dún Laoghaire Harbour and Town Studies**

Work is underway on developing the Economic Plans for Dún Laoghaire Harbour and Dún 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 stakeholder engagement in respect of the Harbour Plan is well under way. Councillors were briefed on 14<sup>th</sup> January and an online public consultation will be launched in the coming weeks.

### **Social Media Platforms**

Twitter – 4,572 followers

Facebook – 2,716 followers



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**Finance and Economic Development  
Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit**

<b>Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date</b>		
	Total approved Jan 2021 <sup>1</sup>	Enterprise Ireland target January 2021
Feasibility Study	3	1
Business Priming	2	1
Business Expansion	0	1
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	2	1
Trading Online Vouchers <sup>2</sup>	212	4
Microfinance Ireland	2	2
<b>Total Approvals</b>	<b>221</b>	

Note 1: Numbers approved include approvals granted on December 18<sup>th</sup> 2020, while the Enterprise Ireland target relates to January 2021 only.

Note 2: 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.

<b>Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance</b>	
	Jan 2021 <sup>3</sup>
No of jobs created	4

Note 3: Includes two jobs created in December 2020

**Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2021**

	<b>Total Jan 2021</b>
Number of applications for Financial Assistance	103
Clients attending Networking Events	36
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	152
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	28
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	20
<b>Total No of Clients Assisted</b>	<b>339</b>

**DLR Economic Development Supports**

	<b>Total Jan 2021</b>
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	1
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	2
Business Promotion Grants	0
Street Furniture Grant	0

**Enterprise Promotion activities in January 2021**

DLR Enterprise News	<u>LEO DLR January Training Courses &amp; Workshops</u> (sent 07/01/21) Open rate 36.2%, 2,314 recipients
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	<a href="#">DLR Enterprise News February 2021</a> (sent 25/01/21) Open rate 30.7%, 2,369 recipients
	Open rate Industry average 11%
One-to-One Business Advice Sessions	Remote sessions throughout January
Trading Online Voucher Information Webinar	8 <sup>th</sup> January
Start Your Own Business Course – 8 week course	14 <sup>th</sup> January
Customs Import & Export Procedures Workshop	14 <sup>th</sup> January
Online Marketing & Social Media – 8 week course	18 <sup>th</sup> January
Enterprising Women Network	19 <sup>th</sup> January
Financial Management for Beginners Workshop	21 <sup>st</sup> January
Instagram for Small Business Workshop	26 <sup>th</sup> January

## Tourism Development

The Tourism sector continues to be affected by the Covid 19 pandemic. Level 5 lockdown has severely impacted on local tourism businesses.

### DLR Tourism Information Kiosk

The DLR Tourist Kiosk is currently closed during Level 5 restrictions and will reopen as soon as it is safe to do so.

### DLR Tourism Steering Committee

The DLR Tourism Steering committee met on January 20<sup>th</sup> to support communication and coordination within the sector during Level 5 restrictions and impacts. Large numbers of domestic visitors are still coming to DLR, especially to the Coast and the Mountains.

### Destination Towns Fund Dún Laoghaire

Installation of the 3D Bauble and Ship had a significant impact in December and January. Over 100 people sent in photos of their interaction with the Bauble on Georges Street. Tenders for the lighting of significant buildings element of this project are currently being assessed.

### URBACT Tourism Friendly Cities Network

The first in a series of four webinars took place on December 15<sup>th</sup> on the theme of "Coastal Capital Projects". A meeting the Tourism Friendly Cities Network took place on Jan 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. Due to Covid this was a series of online meetings.

### Tourism Promotion

All social media campaigns in January were focused on "Explore safely within your 5K" and "Shop Local".

### DLR Tourism Social Media analysis

Social Media Analysis: January 2021				
Facebook	No of followers	No of New followers	no of posts	Impressions
dLr Tourism	5,948	325	13	66,499
Twitter	No of followers	No of New followers	no of posts	Impressions
dLr Tourism	3,136	40	20	18,000

**DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT**

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/12/2020**

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SERVICE DIVISION	EXPENDITURE		
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A Housing & Building	47,562,500	49,324,900	96.43%
B Road Transport & Safety	34,378,600	30,748,700	111.81%
C Water Services	11,891,500	12,388,600	95.99%
D Development Management	49,414,300	21,872,800	225.92%
E Environmental Services	31,365,600	30,671,800	102.26%
F Recreation & Amenity	32,857,900	34,532,100	95.15%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	5,523,900	4,748,900	116.32%
H Miscellaneous Services	53,095,400	8,207,900	646.88%
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>266,089,700</b>	<b>192,495,700</b>	<b>138.23%</b>

SERVICE DIVISION	INCOME		
	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A Housing & Building	42,504,000	42,936,600	98.99%
B Road Transport & Safety	16,364,400	13,492,400	121.29%
C Water Services	8,217,200	8,557,300	96.03%
D Development Management	33,545,400	5,360,400	625.80%
E Environmental Services	5,825,600	5,627,200	103.53%
F Recreation & Amenity	5,182,800	5,551,400	93.36%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	3,793,600	3,934,400	96.42%
H Miscellaneous Services	46,719,900	6,617,300	706.03%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>162,152,900</b>	<b>92,077,000</b>	<b>176.11%</b>

LPT Local Property Tax	10,869,500	10,869,500	100.00%
RA Rates	89,362,900	89,549,200	99.79%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>262,385,300</b>	<b>192,495,700</b>	<b>136.31%</b>

**Deficit as 31/12/2020 €3,704,400**

Note: The above figures are based on projected Outturn Budget for 2020 and are the most up to date figures available, but are subject to change, pending completion of AFS 2020.

**DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT  
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/12/2020**

SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2020 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/12/2020 €
<b>A Total Housing &amp; Building</b>	-11,150,942	46,227,205	-47,952,167	-12,875,903
<b>B Total Road Transport &amp; Safety</b>	-9,485,702	19,537,442	-13,012,280	-2,960,540
<b>C Total Water Services</b>	-3,339,681	1,322,216	228,300	-1,789,166
<b>D Total Development Management</b>	-58,562,198	5,343,086	-63,261,328	-116,480,440
<b>E Total Environmental Services</b>	-8,557,016	8,315,444	-538,700	-780,272
<b>F Total Recreation &amp; Amenity</b>	-14,795,623	9,181,068	-7,175,017	-12,789,573
<b>G Total Agriculture, Education, Health&amp;Safety</b>	-4,029,685	4,979	-370,912	-4,395,618
<b>H Total Miscellaneous Services</b>	-37,024,959	24,890,988	-4,102,743	-16,236,714
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>-146,945,806</b>	<b>114,822,427</b>	<b>-136,184,847</b>	<b>-168,308,225</b>

**SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 31/12/2020**

	Balance at 01/01/2020 €	Balance at 31/12/2020 €	Arrears from current year debit	Arrears >1 year
<b>RATES</b>	<b>14,468,049</b>	<b>7,456,244</b>	<b>- 4,997,621.21</b>	<b>12,453,865</b>

**Planning Applications – monthly statistics**

	<b>Outline Permission</b>	<b>Permission</b>	<b>Total</b>
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 January to 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Customers Served	8
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\*Planning counter is by appointment only from Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> September.

**Building Control**

Fire Safety Certs applications received	13
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted	7*
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn	3
Disability Access Cert Applications Received	7
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused	5/0
Commencement Notices Validated	22
7 Day Notices received	1
Completion Certs Validated	23

\*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 38

Complaints closed 41

### Litter and Waste Fines

<b>December 2020</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Litter Fines issued (Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws)	24	
Presentation of Waste (Waste Bye-laws) fines	0	Waste Bye-laws
Legal proceedings initiated	5	
Cases opened (Dumping/Litter)	262	Litter Section
Cases closed (Dumping/Litter)	263	Litter Section

**Conservation**

The closing date for accepting applications for funding under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2021 and the Historic Structures Fund has been extended until Monday 22 February. This is due to Covid-19 and the temporary suspension of the construction industry. <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/conservation/conservation-grants-2021>

**Energy & Emissions**

DLR Leisure has successfully completed the tender process and is preparing to enter into an Energy Performance Contract (EPC). It will improve energy performance at the three leisure centres at Loughlinstown, Meadowbrook and Monkstown. DLR Leisure’s buildings are owned by DLR and accountable in the public sector energy and carbon targets. The EPC will assist DLR in meeting its Public Sector Energy and Carbon Reduction compliance targets of 50% improvement in energy efficiency by 2030 and help towards achieving Carbon Neutrality by 2050. Total savings forecast of 1.3 GWhs per year (550,155 kWh electrical and 761,700 thermal) and 362 tonnes of CO2 per year.

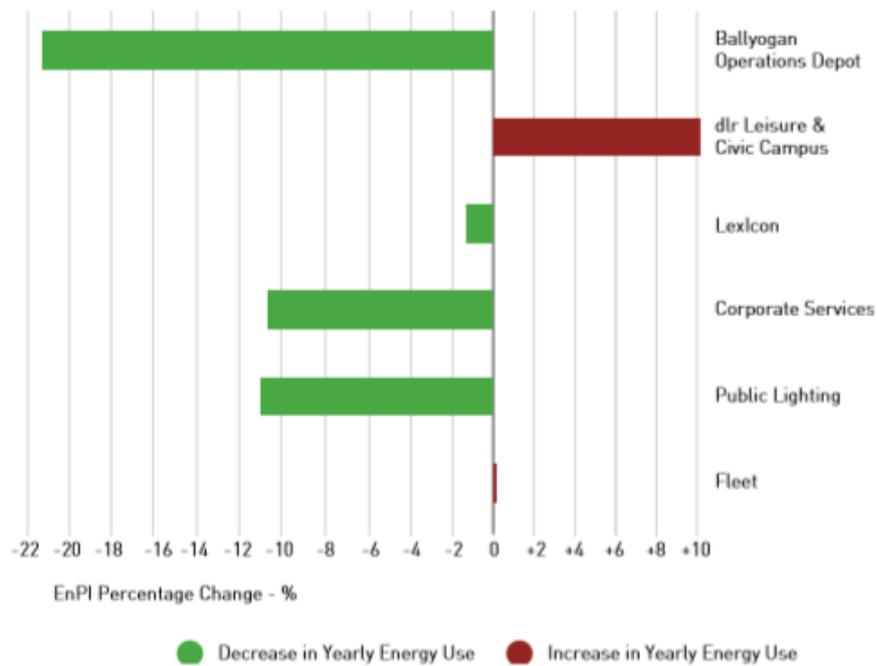


Figure 6: SEU Performance Change Between 2018 & 2019

**Dangerous Buildings: 18<sup>st</sup> Dec –28<sup>th</sup> Jan**

Dangerous	0
Potentially Dangerous	2
Not Dangerous	0
Total	2

## Community and Cultural Development

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 meeting was held in December 2020. The LCDC meeting was held online on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown LCDC Annual Report 2020 was approved at the LCDC meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and the committee has referred the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown LCDC Annual Report 2020 to the March Council meeting under Section 128B of the Local Government Act 2001 for NOTING.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Covid-19 Emergency Funding**

Applications are open for 2<sup>nd</sup> round of Covid 19 Emergency funding. The deadline for applications is 12 February 2021. Further information is available at <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/community-funding-support/covid-19-emergency-fund-round-2>. Two applications were considered and approved by the LCDC on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

### **PPN**

The dlr PPN in conjunction with DLRCC have put together a few short training videos on the use of Zoom for beginners. The tutorials cover topics such as how to set up the account and basic use of zoom. The videos are available on the Council's youtube channel at <http://bit.ly/dlrZoomVids>

### **Age Friendly**

The Age Friendly magazine, launched on 9 December, was made available as widely as possible in residential care homes, and with the help of the library service, pharmacies and the Community Gardaí.

The digital version can be found [here](https://online.flippingbook.com/view/523290/). <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/523290/>.

The online Age Friendly Strategy 2021-26 Consultation Questionnaire closing date has been extended to 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021. The data will be analysed and will inform the review of the Age Friendly Strategy.

### **Community Response to Covid 19:**

- Helpline and email address set up and being 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
- 218 calls were received in January. The majority of the calls relate to requests for library books. Other issues include information requests on Covid-19 and requests in relation to shopping services.
- 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.
- 2 Stakeholder Forum Multi Agency meetings were held in January.

## **Cultural Development**

### **Arts**

#### **Common Ground – Rewilding the Garden**

Common Ground- Rewilding the Garden is a new report from Voluntary Arts based on an ambitious programme of work investigating how creative activity is supported in areas of socio-economic deprivation across the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Exit 15 features in this report. Exit 15 was a partnership programme between Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and Voluntary Arts Ireland working with people and organisations living, working and based in the Ballyogan area from 2016-2020.

<https://www.voluntaryarts.org/news/commonground>

#### **Online Gallery Learning Programme for 2021**

The online Gallery Learning Programme continues this January 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**

Online workshops for Residential Care for Older People

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.

As a response to Covid 19, the programme was delivered online in 2020 and in addition a range of pre-recorded workshops and cultural events are currently being made 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 until the end of March 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>

### **Exploring and Thinking Bursaries**

There were 22 applications for the Exploring and Thinking Bursaries. Exploring and Thinking is a partnership framework between the 4 Dublin Local Authority Arts Offices to develop the specialist area of Early Childhood Arts. This funding offers a range of supports for artists specialising in this area of arts provision for 0-4 year olds such as postgraduate studies, development of an educational resource, practice based research and workshops and reimagining their practices within current Public Health Guidelines. Assessment will be made in January.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/funding-opportunities/exploring-and-thinking-bursary-2020>

### **Musicians in Residence**

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

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/music/online-performance-kevin-brady-tommy-halferty-trio>

### **Municipal Gallery Programme**

The exhibition UNFOLDING – an exhibition of contemporary Irish craft, will be extended to end April 2021. 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). During current restrictions, there is an online presence for the exhibition including photographs and a video interview with the curator.

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

### **Writer in Residence – Online Author Interviews**

Writer in residence Sara Keating met local authors Liz Nugent and Caelainn Hogan to discuss their work and how the area has impacted upon their writing. Interviewed at sites significant to the setting of the author's work the aim was to further illuminate the relationship between place and literary inspiration.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/artist-residencies/writer-residence>

### **Creative Ireland Bursaries**

The Arts office is delighted to invite applications for the artists' professional development and mentorship bursaries which will offer the opportunity to support and invest in the capacity of professional artists in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

It is also delighted to invite applications for dlr Creative Ireland Arts Organisation Bursaries which focus on supporting cultural organisations and institutions in dlr in delivering new and existing programmes or initiatives to artists and the general public.

The closing date for both opportunities is the 17<sup>th</sup> of Feb.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/funding-opportunities/creative-ireland-bursaries>

## Libraries

24 December: Following a Govt. announcement, Ireland moved to **Level 5** of the Govt's Plan for Living with Covid-19 from Thursday 24 December until at least the end of January. As a result, all dlr Library spaces remain closed to the public. This includes the My Open Library service at Deansgrange Library, and Sunday opening at dlr LexIcon.

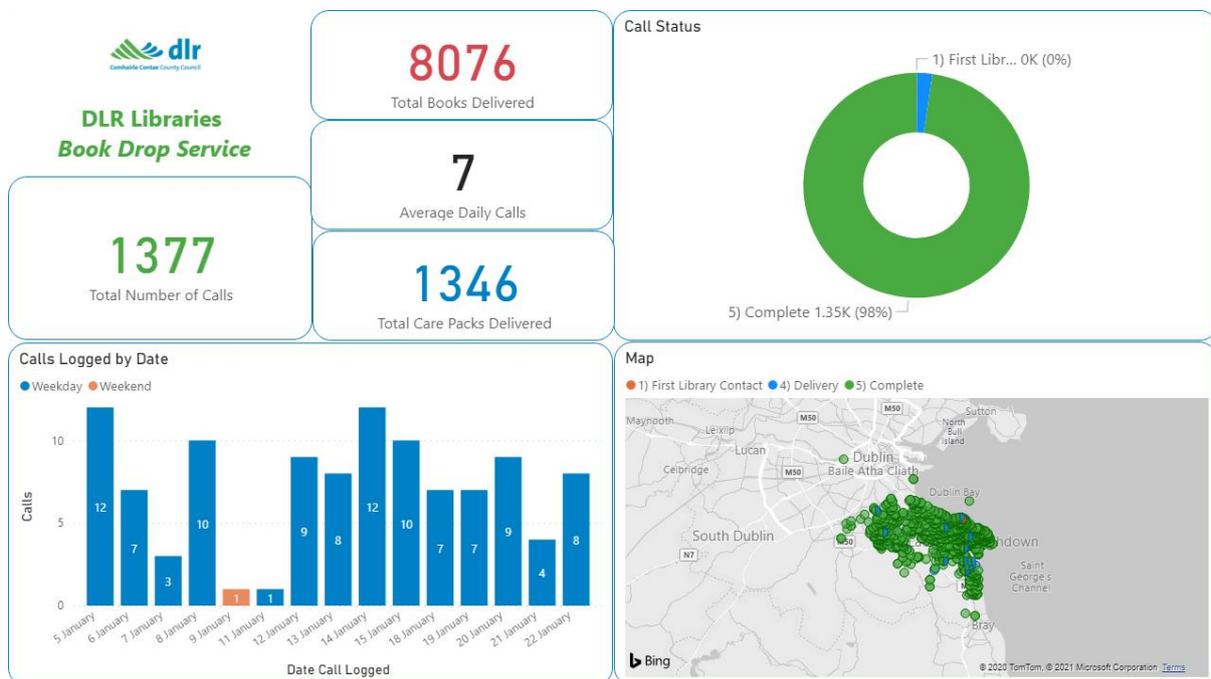
In Level 5, our Contact & Collect service, online reservations and the national delivery system all cease, with online resources and services and online events continuing. Library staff continue to work remotely.

## Community Call

In January, staff in Deansgrange Library began taking phone calls and queries as part of the Community Call. They answer the phonenumber on Wednesdays and Thursday while staff in Blackrock Library take calls and queries on Saturdays. Staff from the Community Dept. operate the Community Call helpline/email the remainder of the week. For more information, contact the dlr Community Call phonenumber on Freephone 1800 804535, 01 2713199 or email [covidsupport@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:covidsupport@dlrcoco.ie).

## Book Drop Service

Since the Book Drop Service launched on 17 April 2020, **1,377 calls** have been dealt with by library staff, with over **8,000 books issued** to coconers, the elderly and most vulnerable members of our community. Staff in dlr LexIcon remain available to deal with requests received by the Book Drop service. You can contact dlr LexIcon staff directly on 01 2801147 or via email at [dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie).



## dlr Libraries Online

We continue to adapt our usual events programme to an online environment for our users. This includes social media posts promoting local and national well-being initiatives, including the Keep Well campaign and keeping our users abreast of updated public health advice. <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/keep-well-campaign-2021>

All our online services/resources are available in Levels 1-5. You 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

### Keep Well Campaign

This national campaign aims to support people and communities to mind their physical and mental health over the coming months.

The campaign is organised around 5 main pillars: *Keeping Active, Staying Connected, Switching Off & Being Creative, Eating Well and Minding Your Mood*. Within dlr Libraries, we are concentrating on two of the pillars: Staying Connected and Switching Off & Being Creative. Our online events programme and our social media posts reflect this. January sees online sessions of Family Yoga, Yoga for children with Autism, sessions on the creative and meditative practice of Mandala and traditional craftmaking sessions including the history of making crosses from reeds ahead of St. Brigid's Day.

For more on Keeping Well initiatives across dlr visit:

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/keep-well-campaign-2021>

### It's Lit(erary)! Talks with YA writers

As part of our offering for teens and young adults we premiered 2 YouTube videos on 25 January 2021 featuring some of the best Irish Young Adult writers on the scene talking to Sarah Moore Fitzgerald about writing and mental health, and redefining labels and boundaries in fiction and in real life. Contributors include Cethan Leahy, James Butler, Ciara Smyth, Moira Fowley-Doyle and Helen Corcoran.

### Remote Learning Supports

We've put together a list of handy links and supports to help our communities continue to learn and look after our mental health while we all continue to stay home. These include a variety of our online library resources, STEAM videos, Mindfulness videos for children, Storytime and Musical storytime sessions as well as crafting workshops.

See the list here as part of the Switch Off and Be Creative strand:

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/keep-well-campaign/switching-and-being-creative>

## Regular events for adults

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

### Online Quizzes

Due to their popularity, our weekly quizzes via Crowdpuir continue in 2021 and have already been a great antidote to the January Blues! Family Night Trivia takes place every Friday night and there's a quiz for Adults every Saturday night. The average number of teams taking part over the two nights is 350+, with over 1,000 participants. Families can connect with each other while competing, with one large family joining in from Dublin, Westport, London and Cape Town!

### Online Book Clubs

Our popular online book club with Mary Burnham gets off to a good start for the new year on Wednesday 27 January 7.30pm with a discussion via Zoom of *The Pull of the Stars* by Emma Donoghue. The club continues to attract new members each month. Members can download the chosen titles every month from our e-book platforms Overdrive and Borrowbox, while library spaces remain closed.

The **dlr Staff Online Book Club** met on Monday 25 January at 7pm to discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles.

### Local History resources

dlr LexIcon's Local Studies Librarian Nigel Curtin has produced two new informative leaflets for local history enthusiasts. The first, **Starter for Ten** provides suggestions for a general introduction to the history of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and includes such classics as Peter Pearson's *Between the Mountains and the Sea* and Christiaan Corlett's *Antiquities of old Rathdown*.

**Askabout...dlr** gives a handy overview of material relating to this area on the [AskAboutIreland](#) website, aimed at both primary students and the general interest historian. Subjects are wide-ranging - from Baths and Bathing, Martello Towers, Larkin's Forge, the Big Houses of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and Wild Flowers of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

Both leaflets are available to download from the dlr Libraries' website.

### 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%BA%20Laoghaire%20-%20What%27s%20in%20a%20Name%20Exhibition.pdf>

**For more information on all our exhibitions, both onsite and online, please visit:**  
<https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/exhibitions>

### Events for Children

#### Storytime

We're continuing to partner with our colleagues in Music Generation dlr with a series of pre-recorded online musical storytimes as well as regular storytime sessions for younger readers.

#### Junior Online Book Club

Join library staff online via Zoom on 28 January at 6.30pm for our book club especially for younger readers.

### 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 (January 2021)

Facebook	6,690 followers
Twitter	8,137 followers
Instagram	2,752 followers
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	6,590 subscribers

#### Online resources (January 1 - 25 2021)

Resource	Description	Checkouts 1-25 Jan 2021
Overdrive	e audio	1,815
	e books	2,145
Borrowbox	e books	3,197
	e audio	4,930
RB Digital	Comics	99
RB Digital	Magazines	3,319
Freegal	Music Downloads	145
	Music Streaming	940
Pressreader	e newspapers	16,969 issues read

### Parks

#### Parks & Landscape Services:

- Landscape maintenance – Ongoing
- Direct labour and contract tree works ongoing on a very limited basis due to COVID Level 5 restrictions in place
- COVID-19 protocols for staff being implemented -crews reduced in number this month to facilitate safe working and appropriate social distancing. Implementing essential works only – priority given to maintaining the parks and open space for use of general public, litter management, health and safety management and limited tree works
- 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.
- Ballinlea Heights – wall repairs completed
- Park signage installed in the following parks- completed: Rockfield Park, Corke Abbey Park, Sorento Park, Dillons Park, Carysfort Park, Clonmore Park and Loreto Park
- Tender being prepared for extension to playground in Ballawley Park
- Marlay Park – replacement gate made and hung at the entrance adjoining Three Rock Hockey Club to replace original which had been damage beyond repair
- Re-doing COVID signage where required

#### Biodiversity:

- Benefits of Biodiversity switch to online for schools - in progress.
- School project to design the duck signs for Marlay pond.
- Bird video for public and schools shared on our website and social media.
- DLR partner with DLR Volunteers to roll out the Gardening for Biodiversity project to encourage anyone with a garden to do something small for biodiversity. There will

be a group of volunteer helpers to assist with queries and the call for volunteers has gone out over January.

- Deer Park biodiversity signs with local residents group.
- Dalkey Island Rabbit Management delayed due to Covid.
- Biosphere Conservation Objectives for DLR are been drafted for the Biosphere.
- County Hedgerow Survey Review completed and will be incorporated into our County Ecological Network Map 2021- 2025 for the County Development Plan.
- Project commenced to collate information for our Green Infrastructure which is underpinned by the County Ecological Network Map 2021 -2025. Map to include protected sites, important areas and habitats outside protected sites, locally important areas, wildlife corridors, hedgerows and our green spaces and pollinator areas.
- Natural Capital Steering Group – Biodiversity, first meeting Jan 2021.

### **Heritage**

- Submissions made to Heritage Council for funding for four 2021 DLR heritage projects
- Hosted first virtual meeting of County Heritage Forum
- Planning of Heritage Plan consultation workshops for Feb/March
- Heritage capital spending planning
- Ongoing engagement with community groups, historic societies, UNESCO Biosphere Forum
- Heritage Plan research and one-to-one consultation ongoing
- Heritage Officer network and OPW national co-ordination meetings
- Co-ordination of DLR Decade of Centenaries 2021 submission to Dept

### **CoCo Markets**

During the month of January, we received 6 market applications. These applications fell under the following categories:

- 1 Permanent Application for Marlay Park for Saturday and Sunday (Hot Food)
  - 1 Permanent Application for Marlay Park for Saturday (Other Food)
  - 2 permanent Application for Marlay Park for Sunday (Other Food)
  - 1 seasonal Application for Marlay Park-Summer (Other Food)
  - 1 Permanent Application for People’s Park Dún Laoghaire for Sunday (Hot Food)
- The markets are currently closed and all market applications are on hold due to Covid. However, the Market Managers are keeping the applications on file.

### **Sports Development**

#### **dlr Leisure:**

Set up and completed the following activities in January:

Met with the following groups and have arranged to set up an active exercise programme starting the 1<sup>st</sup> February for 4 weeks

1. Boylan Centre
2. Ballaly
3. Sallynoggin
4. Shankill

The aim is to get teenagers taking part in an exercise programme during the pandemic

Met with Barry Dempsey from southside sports partnership in relation to setting up 2k exercise programmes in the Ballybrack region and setting weekly challenges starting 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. Updates on the above programmes in February report

Contacted and left message with Dun laoghaire community guard about arranging group activities

Assisting with the men on the move programme with sports partnership

### **Leinster Rugby:**

#### Leinster Rugby Schools Touch Rugby Program

Jonathan Sharkey:

Annual leave from 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020-4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021

Emily McKeown:

Secondary Schools x 2 = 35 males, 87 females

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

Primary Schools x 1 = 131 males

#### Club Workshops/Coaching Sessions/Club Open Days/AOB:

Clubs have all been sent skills and workouts to be done at home.

Communication piece- Video shared on twitter on asking club players & coaches/parents to send in pics and videos of them either doing their home workouts or showing support for the Leinster senior team in their match against Munster on Saturday.

#### School in House Blitz:

Loreto Abbey Dalkey Secondary School: 1<sup>st</sup> year = 44 females in total.

Both classes will be separate so no classes will be mixing.

Additional safety measures have been put in place to keep the health of players & staff as the top priority.

#### Meetings & project ideas

All meetings are virtual:

Planning for challenge documents to present to clubs.

Eureka moments-all new ways of working from this season have been considered and how we can keep these moving forward.

Teacher program- presented to staff and will be trialled next season.

Coaching courses- modules being looked at to move to online workshops

### **FAI:**

- Safeguarding Club Audit – continue to work with the 19 junior clubs to complete their FAI Child Welfare/Safeguarding requirements. Ongoing.
- Safeguarding 1 – Three Courses planned for February & March.
- Club Mark – Continuing to contact clubs that have signed up to the Club Mark Award to discuss criteria needed and timeframes. Met with three extra clubs to promote the award. Ongoing.
- Coach Education – Planning Q1 PDP 1 & 2 Courses for February and March. Completed UEFA Grassroots Coach Educator Tutor Course.
- 2021 Planning – Providing further plans for programmes in 2021 to Regional Manager.
- Girls Emerging Talent – Strength & Conditioning Workshop. 24 Players and club coaches attended. Planning for Q1 & Q2 Emerging Talent. Curriculum planning and sourcing Auxiliary staff.
- Provided youth and adult clubs with information on Sports Capital Grants and promoted FAI Sports Capital Webinars.

### **Leinster Cricket:**

- Keeping in contact with schools about return to coaching for 2021, we are still hopeful of actual coaching programs taking place hopefully from Easter onwards
- Working with dlr Cricket Club to develop junior section and to improve playing facilities through meetings with DLR Parks section.
- Working with local clubs to ensure all appropriate documentation are in place ie safeguarding, Garda vetting etc and providing online courses to facilitate this.
- Working with DLRCC to assure their continued participation in Cricket Leinster competitions this season and to develop their facilities at Shanganagh Park.

### **Sports Partnership:**

- **COVID-19 Club Small Grants Scheme** – initial 90% payment made to successful clubs (36 clubs totaling €43,000) with final 10% on return of receipts. Secured funding to run a second round of this grants scheme.
- **Club Participation Grants Scheme** – initial 75% payment made to successful clubs (21 projects across Women In Sport, Disability Inclusion and Volunteer Training initiatives (total fund of €25,400).
- **Operation Transformation** – linking into the National TV programme with a range of physical activity programmes.
- **Couch To 3K** – 6-week walk to jog programme for people looking to start back to activity (160 participants).
- **5K To 10K** – progression programme for those who completed our 5K one which will take place over 8 weeks (66 participants).
- **Men On the Move** – started a new 12-week activity programme aimed at adult men to support them to become active in a social group.
- **Interval Walking Programme** – new 5-week programme designed to help people safely and gradually work their way up to a 5km walk.
- **Older Adult Online Classes** - linking up with Siel Bleu to deliver a 12-week online exercise programme for over 55's and a second one for over 65's.
- **Disability Sports Inclusion** – providing supports and advice to disability services, agencies and Special Schools as well as working with Open Spectrum to organize a series of outdoor adventure activities for teenagers in 2021.
- **Communications** – ongoing and informative posts on all social media platforms as well as managing the DLRSP website and circulation of January e-newsletter.
- **Sport Ireland 2021 Core Funding** - application and associated operational plan submitted with allocation letter received.
- **Staffing** – submission of a detailed Business Case for new positions (and their remit) that external funding has been secured for (4 new roles).
- **The Governance Code** – the Board working through the various Principles set out for Type C organisations with the objective of full compliance in late 2021.
- **Active Dublin** – beginning initial consultations and awareness raising, including setting outcomes, KPIs and evaluation metrics with Sport Ireland.
- **Ballyogan Sports Hub** – Dormant Accounts funding secured for 2021 and working with local partners to develop a targeted action plan for the year.
- **DLRCC Staff Couch To 5K** – delivered an 8-week programme targeted at County Council staff (71 participants) in run up to Christmas.
- **Map My Park** – currently completing new maps of Clonmore and Loreto parks and sourcing the look /supplier of the wooden distance posts.
- **Child Safeguarding in Sport** – delivered 4 x Safeguarding training workshops online (51 coaches/volunteers).