

# **DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN**

## **FEBRUARY MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

**29 January – 25 February 2021**

During February, we continued to operate under Level 5 restrictions, as set out in the Government's [Resilience and Recovery 2020 – 2021 Plan for Living with Covid-19](#).

The closure of some services continued as people were asked to stay at home and reduce movement for essential reasons only. We continue to operate under revised staff arrangements. All staff who can operate remotely, are doing so. 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.

The Council meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 was held fully remote.

Updates on services affected, by department are detailed below:

**Libraries**

23 February: Following a Govt. announcement, Ireland remains in [Level 5 Lockdown until 5 April](#). 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**

Staff in Deansgrange and Blackrock Libraries continue taking phone calls and queries 3 days per week as part of the Community Call. 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, **1,541 calls** have been dealt with by library staff, with over **9,000 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 4,300 calls since it commenced on 30 March and issues range from shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation
- 122 calls were received in February. 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 every two to three weeks 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 in DLR 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 focused on Switching Off and being creative, week 4 focused on Managing your Mood, week 5 focused on Keeping Active and week 6 focused on Eating Well. For the remainder of the campaign various Keep Well initiatives will be promoted.

As part of the Keep Well Campaign funding has been allocated by Creative Ireland and the Department of Health, through the Healthy 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 is being rolled out 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**

Covid-adapted online/write-in County Heritage Plan public engagement commences February 25<sup>th</sup> (to run until April 16<sup>th</sup>). 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/blended approach to much of the 2021 Decade of Centenaries/Heritage 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 Service are resumed, including litter removal, street sweeping/cleansing and litter bin emptying. Level of activity has increased with all outdoor staff back in operation.

Traffic: During the Covid 19 pandemic, the Council carried out a number of interventions to improve facilities for pedestrians and cyclists. This included the provision of cycle lane protection at a number of junctions and routes and the provision of wider footpaths using bollards and cones to facilitate physical distancing in towns and villages. In addition, village improvement schemes were carried out at Blackrock, Dundrum, Glasthule and Dalkey. A number of these schemes ran over into Q1 2021 and a total of €5.6m was actually spent on these projects up to 2020-year end.

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 was 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**

The Local Enterprise Office continues to offer grant and training supports to businesses impacted by Covid 19. A webpage has been setup for the specialised [LEO Covid supports](#)

which contains 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](#). This year's [Local Enterprise Week](#) is taking place online, with events tailored to reflect the new challenges that businesses face.

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

The coming months will see the launch of a major initiative involving lighting up significant buildings. This is made possible by "Destination Towns" funding from Fáilte Ireland.

The call for artist submissions for the Economic Development Unit's Dún Laoghaire Town Street Art Project closed on February 24<sup>th</sup>. It received a very positive response, and the large number of applications will be reviewed in the coming weeks. The project is due to come to fruition in June 2021, and it is hoped that this will boost footfall in the town, subject to public health restrictions in place at the time.

#### **Infrastructure and Climate Change:**

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

- 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.
- Property Management continues to offer a full service.
- The Capital Projects Team continue to progress capital projects through design stages. Some delays are encountered with Covid restrictions on the construction sectors and associated services.

#### **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. Housing services including Homeless, Allocations, HAP and essential Housing Maintenance works are being progressed with additional supports provided as required to the vulnerable including the Traveller Community. Given the limited access to homes, some services such as Inspections and all but emergency maintenance calls are suspended. 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 April. 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 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February that the waiver of commercial rates is extended to 30 June, 2021.

No further details have been received but it is likely that it will be a continuation of the 3 month waiver announced for the first quarter. This 3 month waiver has modified criteria and accordingly is a separate, standalone waiver scheme from the 2020 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 563 ineligible applications.

The total approved applications are 3,217, with a value of €26.1m. The scheme has been closed.

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 monthly February Council meeting took place remotely on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021.
- Arrangements for the holding of deputations continued with the resumption of commencing on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

- Group Leaders' meetings are now being held on a monthly basis and one was held during December.
- Meetings continued with Members of each ward in relation to the Customer Relationship Management system, to with a view to improving 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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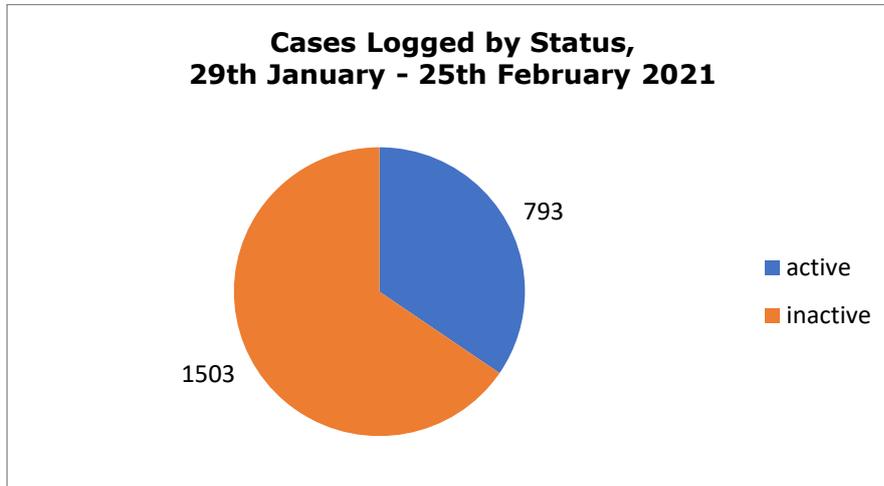
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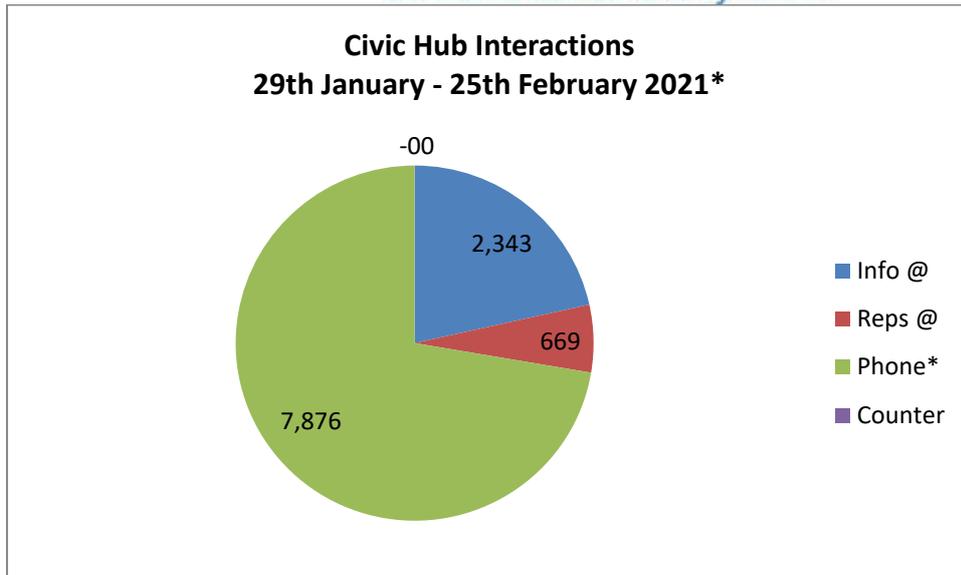
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Open	793
Closed	1503

**Cases Logged from 28<sup>th</sup> January – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021, by Section:**

Section/Dept	Open	Closed	Total
Architects	6	7	13
Ballyogan Depot	1		1
CoCo		1	1
Comms & Civic Hub	38	205	243
Community	4	6	10
Corporate Services	3		3
dlrcoco	6	5	11
Environment	151	384	535
Finance	28	251	279
Housing	47	90	137
IT		1	1
Libraries	2		2
Parks	267	154	421
Planning	4	22	26
Property	10	8	18
Transportation	214	302	516
Waste Enforcement	10	48	58
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>1503</b>	<b>2296</b>



\* Pie chart excludes abandoned calls

**Civic Hub Activities:**

**Cases logged from 29<sup>th</sup> January – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	6,306	1,570

Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	2,343	669	3,012

Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	0	0	0

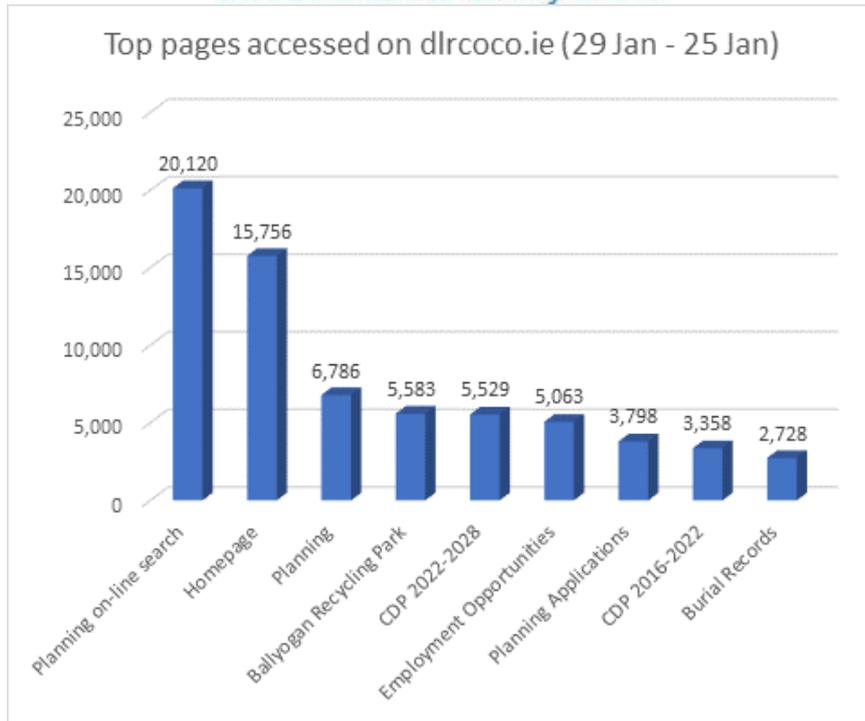
**Freedom of Information**

There were 17 FOI requests in February.

**Website Activity – January 29<sup>th</sup> to February 25 2021**

**Page views**

dlrcoco.ie	194,790
Citizen Space (public consultations)	10,095
dlrevents.ie	1,775
dlrlibraries.ie	24,336



## Social Media Activity

Profile ▲	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)
<b>Reporting Period</b> Jan 29, 2021 - Feb 25, 2021	<b>62,152</b> ▲ 0.7%	<b>373</b> ▼ 24.3%	<b>680</b> ▲ 2.3%	<b>1,188,484</b> ▼ 11%	<b>38,684</b> ▲ 6.5%	<b>3.3%</b> ▲ 19.6%
<b>Compare to</b> Jan 1, 2021 - Jan 28, 2021	<b>61,724</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>1,335,134</b>	<b>36,324</b>	<b>2.7%</b>
 <b>dlr Arts Office</b>	-	-	37	0	0	-
 <b>dlr Heritage</b>	3,625	32	10	17,850	683	3.8%
 <b>dlr Libraries</b>	8,187	43	100	137,799	3,109	2.3%
 <b>dlrevents</b>	10,677	-6	-	5,567	205	3.7%
 <b>Dún Laoghaire-Ra...</b>	3,289	133	101	75,495	1,734	2.3%
 <b>Dún Laoghaire-Ra...</b>	11,801	33	148	216,121	9,780	4.5%
 <b>Dún Laoghaire-Ra...</b>	16,713	110	182	658,445	21,807	3.3%
 <b>Dún Laoghaire-Ra...</b>	2,359	-2	4	4,531	215	4.7%
 <b>LEO DLR</b>	5,501	30	98	72,676	1,151	1.6%

## 1. Road Maintenance Management Report

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
<b>RRP Major</b>	<b>Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works</b>					
1	Ballinteer Avenue		✓			
2	Meadowmount Estate	✓				
3	Roebuck Road	✓				
4	The Park Estate Cabinteely	✓				
5	Claremont Road	✓				
6	Ballinclea Road		✓			
7	Corrig Road		✓			
8	Ashlawn Estate	✓				
9	Saval Park Road			✓		on site March 2021
10	Glenageary Road Upper	✓				
11	Barnhill Road	✓				
<b>RRP Minor</b>	<b>Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')</b>					
1	Stillorgan Road (old N11)	✓				
2	Upper Kilmacud Road	✓				
3	Ticknock Road Edges	✓				
4	Ballyedmunduff Road Edges	✓				
5	Heidelberg		✓			
6	Sandyford Village	✓				
7	Wyckham By-pass Roundabout	✓				
8	Georges Place	✓				
9	Patricks Square		✓			
10	Monkstown Farm	✓				
11	Georges Street Lower		✓			
12	Barnaslingan Lane	✓				
13	Shanganagh Terrace		✓			
14	Dublin Road (from old Conn Ave north to Circe K)		✓			
15	Rochestown Avenue			✓		
16	Proby Square (North, into Lindenvale)			✓		

<b>FP</b>	<b>Footpath Upgrade Programme</b>					
1	Pine Valley		✓			
2	Sandyford Business District	✓				
3	Kerrymount Ave	✓				
4	Cabinteely Close		✓			
5	Eden Park/Slieve Rua/Dale Road		✓			
6	The Park, Cabinteely	✓				
7	Sweetbriar Lane		✓			
8	St Lukes Milltown	✓				
9	Dún Laoghaire Town	✓				
10	Blackrock Town	✓				
11	Dalkey Village	✓				
12	Ashlawn Park (Part of)	✓				
13	Wynberg Park (Part of)		✓			
14	Watsons Estate	✓				
15	Glenavon Park	✓				
16	Eaton Brae			✓		
<b>BSP</b>	<b>Bridges &amp; Structures Programme</b>					
1	Blue Light Wall Repair				✓	
2	Glenalua Wall Repair			✓		
<b>DGRP</b>	<b>Drainage / Gully Repair Programme</b>					
1	End of Old Bray Road, Cabinteely	✓				
2	Whitethorn Road, Clonskeagh	✓				
3	Woodside Road	✓				
4	Beech Lawn, Dundrum	✓				
5	N11 at The Rise & Trees Road Lower	✓				
6	Clonkeen Road (At South Park)	✓				
7	Woodbine Park	✓				
8	Seafield Road Killiney			✓		
9	Ruby Hall	✓				
10	Quinns Road	✓				
11	Stillorgan Park Road	✓				
12	Ulverton Road	✓				
13	Carysfort Ave/Convent Rd	✓				
<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	Loreto Park	✓				
2	Mulvey Park (Part of)	✓				
3	Mt Albany Estate	✓				
4	Cloister Estate	✓				
5	Glenageary Park	✓				
<b>CMP</b>	<b>Cycleway Maintenance Programme</b>					
1	Brehonfield Road				✓	
2	Kill Lane (sections from Foxrock to Deansgrange jnct)				✓	outstanding snagging items
3	Baker's Corner's junction				✓	outstanding snagging items
4	Rochestown Avenue			✓		
<b>EMP</b>	<b>Estate Management Programme</b>					
1	Kilcross Estate		✓			
2	Rathsallagh Estate	✓				
<b>TICP</b>	<b>Taking in Charge Programme*</b>					
1	The Rise Mount Merrion	✓				
2	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</b>	<b>Roads Control Reinstatement Programme</b>					
1	Proby Square (South)					On site Mid-March 2021
2	Marine Court and assoc. Laneways					On site March 2021
3	Devitt Villas					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 STMG Schemes 2021</b>							
Brewery Road Junction (Brewery Road/St Brigid's, Church Road)			✓				Detailed design and preparation of tender documents nearly completed
Sandyford to Clonskeagh (UCD to Ashtons)			✓				Detailed design and preparation of tender documents ongoing
Stillorgan Park Road to Carysfort Ave	✓						The preliminary design is currently being reviewed by the NTA
Sandyford Business District Cycle Routes	✓						The preliminary design prepared is currently being reviewed by the NTA
Sandyford Cycle Route (Roebuck Road to UCD)	✓						Tender documents for the engagement of a Consultant have been issued
Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock				✓			Tender has been issued to appoint a Contractor for improvements works
Leopardstown Road Cycle Lane Improvements	✓						Tender documents for the engagement of Consultants to be prepared
Nutgrove Avenue - Phase 3	✓						Tender documents for the engagement of Consultants to be prepared
Selected Green Schools Walkability Audits Infrastructure				✓			Tenders have been issued to appoint a Contractor for improvements works on Castlepark Road, Knapton Road, Albert Road and Station Road (Glenageary Dart Station)
Cycle Parking Development					✓		Cycle parking supply tender is currently being prepared. 40 stands installed in February 2021.
Roebuck Road (Fosters Avenue to Goatstown Road)	✓						Design to be prepared by DLRCC and cycle protection to be included as part of road resurfacing scheme
Dundrum: Area Based Transport Assessment (ABTA)	✓						Tender completed and consultant appointed to carry out the ABTA
Protected Cycle Facilities	✓						List of locations to be prepared - junctions and routes
Sandyford to City Centre Cycle Scheme (M50 to Drummartin Link Road)					✓		Resurfacing works on M50 Rotary completed during January 2021. Estimated completion date of Summer 2021
New Pedestrian and Cycle entrance to Belfield on N11 at Nova UCD					✓		Estimated completion date of Spring 2021
Wyattville Road (Phase 2)			✓				Detailed design and preparation of tender documents ongoing

<b>Covid 19 Initiatives</b>							
Dundrum Village –Main Street							Construction commenced on additional pedestrian crossings to assist with safe permeability
July Stimulus Package 2020							
Cruagh Wood Extension						✓	Awaiting landscaping- not allowed under level 5 restrictions
Shanganagh Road - signalised Pedestrian Crossing adjacent to Abberley/Norwood						✓	90% completed. Awaiting finer weather for installation of lining and anti-skid surfacing.
2020 Covid Measures and 2020 July Stimulus Package - Contractual Liability					✓		Complete outstanding active travel schemes

### 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 complete undergrounding their cables (50% complete). Landscaping works to commence following easing of level 5 restrictions.

Phase 3 – Lower Kilmacud Road from Kilmacud Crokes GAA Club to the N11. Detailed design works are ongoing, and preparation is being made for non-statutory public consultation

### Road Safety, Cycling and Sustainable Travel

Under the NTA Sustainable Transport Measures Grants (STMG) Programme 2021, DLRCC has been allocated a significant amount of funding to progress and/or deliver 43 walking and cycling infrastructure schemes. Within the allocation, there is scope to deliver schemes that are not named such as cycle protection or permeability schemes. It is envisaged that the circa 43 schemes will be delivered by a newly assigned Cycling Unit which is yet to be established.

All schools in the County were invited to apply for school cycle or scooter parking via the online Public Consultation Hub (private link) and a press release was issued on February 19<sup>th</sup> 2021 to encourage schools to apply.

A report on the Overend Way cycle route, Dundrum was presented to the Dundrum Area meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

### Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)

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

### Bus Connects

The Core Bus Corridor (CBC) schemes are progressing to Final Design stage ahead of planning applications being prepared for submission to An Bord Pleanála with a target date now looking like late spring early summer. Engagement between the CBC design teams and DLRCC technical staff is on-going for both CBC Route 15 - Blackrock to Merrion and CBC Route 13 - Bray to City Centre.

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

Work on the project is scheduled to commence by the end of February. The project is being carried out in conjunction with the NTA and to feed into the preparation of the Draft Dundrum Local Area Plan.

### **Old Conna ABTA - Area Based Transport Assessment**

Work on this project has been put on hold pending further engagement with the NTA regarding the review of the Transport Strategy for the GDA and the transport infrastructural requirements to support new development areas in the south east of the county.

## **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. A Tender was 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 80% completed. The structure will be clad in granite masonry and then the screen steelwork fitted. Completion of the structure and viewing platform is planned for May 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. A Flow/Rainfall Survey commenced on site in February. Tenders have been received 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.

The Monkstown environs flood risk mapping project is underway. Initial data gathering work has commenced.

### **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 of 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 February 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 Mid-March 2021
2	Marine Court and assoc. Laneways					On site March 2021 Subject to lift the restrictions on Construction
3	Devitt Villas					Anti-Skid surface treatment not yet scheduled

#### 5. Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection

##### Section Statistics: August 2020 – January 2021

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	Aug 2020	Sept 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	250	296	321	410	385	217
Clean-Ups Assisted	52	62	46	49	37	34
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	12	30	14	30	16	28
Bathing Water Samples Taken	49	28	18	18	4	17
Gullies Cleaned	889	744	737	1653	699	462
Dumping Incidents Managed	70	71	91	69	45	91
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	5	1	0	0	0	0
Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	31	11	16	6	23	8
Street Bin Collections	3983	4275	5043	4858	4297	4561

\* Statistics available up to the end of January 2021.

##### Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Project Updates – February 2021

- Essential operations continue within the section whereby staff are operating reduced service levels on rotating roster arrangements in lieu of level 5 public health measures.
- 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.

- Engagement has recommenced with DLR architects with a view to progressing certain works as part of the 40 Foot accessibility enhancements.
- Cleansing Foremen competitions completed, and successful staff appointed.

## 6. Relevant Statistics

There were 1927 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 29<sup>th</sup> January and 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021 a breakdown of which is as follows:

<b>Violation</b>	<b>Tickets</b>
OVERSTAYING 3 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	33
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	17
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	262
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	2
Parking a vehicle in a bus lane/street	2
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	34
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	2
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	20
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	71
Parking a vehicle on a footway	185
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	120
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	8
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side	2
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	9
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	10
Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles	1
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	37
Parking or stopping a vehicle on a clearway	11
Parking out of the limits of a bay	7
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	23
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	165
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	906
<b>Total tickets issued between 29/01/21 and 25/02/21</b>	<b>1927</b>

There were no convictions secured in February 2021, as the District Court is closed due to Covid-19 restrictions in place.

### Public Lighting

Work continues 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 Feb 2021:	385
Percentage of lights out at the end of Feb 2021:	0.5%
Pole replacement carried out in Feb 2021:	0
Bracket replacements:	327
Tree trimming:	10
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	8
LED Upgrades	217

## LED Upgrading Program

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

## Planning and Building Control

Applications analysed	30
Inspections completed	4

## Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	0
Alterations:	10
Legal requests:	3

## Road Opening Licences February 2021

Road Opening Licences received from 29 January – 22 February 2021 via Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System	
Applications Received	182
Applications Granted	143
Applications Withdrawn/Refused	6
Applications being processed	33

## Road Closures and Street Furniture, Filming Location

In February 2021 there were:

- 2 applications for Road Closures
- 10 applications for Street Furniture (Tables and Chairs)
- 1 application for film location

## 7. Dún Laoghaire Harbour

### COVID-19 Measures

- Social Distancing reminders have been refreshed at the East and West Piers and the Marina Breakwater.
- Food vendors on the Pier and in the Battery remain open 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.

**Drive-in Covid Test Centre**

Radox Travel Health Care have opened a temporary drive-in COVID-19 test centre in the HSS compound on a trial basis for 3 months. The tests can be booked on-line for those requiring them for work or essential travel. The centre opened for business on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

**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. Work is progressing on defining the design specification at present.

**Berth 4 Fenders**

A project to repair and re-secure the berthing fenders on Berth 4, St. Michael's Pier has been given approval to proceed. LCF Marine have been appointed to carry out the works. Some preparatory works have commenced. 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. Unfortunately, this project is now on hold pending the relaxation of Covid restrictions.

**Real Estate Negotiations**

- The 1st Floor of Block 2, Harbour Square is vacant and advertised for lease.
- The DMYC lease was presented to the Elected Members in February and is now awaiting signature to complete.
- 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> of 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 is currently open, due to close on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021.

### **Social Media Platforms**

Twitter – 4,618 followers

Facebook – 2,592 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-Feb 2021	Enterprise Ireland target February 2021
Feasibility Study	4	1
Business Priming	3	1
Business Expansion	0	1
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	2	1
Trading Online Vouchers <sup>1</sup>	89	13
Microfinance Ireland	3	2
<b>Total Approvals</b>	<b>101</b>	

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

<b>Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance</b>	
	February 2021
No of jobs created	5

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

	<b>Total Jan-Feb 2021</b>
Number of applications for Financial Assistance	128
Clients attending Networking Events	76
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	293
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	43
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	51
<b>Total No of Clients Assisted</b>	<b>591</b>

**DLR Economic Development Supports**

	<b>Total Jan-Feb 2021</b>
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	1
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	9
Business Promotion Grants	0
Street Furniture Grant	0

**Enterprise Promotion activities in February 2021**

DLR Enterprise News	<a href="#">Commercial Rates Waiver Q1 2021</a> (sent 04/02/21) Open rate 48.7%, 2,393 recipients
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	<a href="#">Public Consultation On Economic Plan For Dún Laoghaire Harbour</a> (sent 05/02/21) Open rate 51.6%, 2,395 recipients  <a href="#">Local Enterprise Week 2021</a> (sent 12/02/21) Open rate 48.1%, 2,395 recipients  <a href="#">Local Enterprise Week 2021 Event Guide</a> (sent 19/02/21) Open rate 40%, 2,405 recipients  <a href="#">Local Enterprise Week Countdown – 7 Days To Go</a> (sent 22/02/21) Open rate 41.7%, 2,417 recipients  <a href="#">Local Enterprise Week Countdown – 6 Days To Go</a> (sent 23/02/21) Open rate 38.8%, 2,425 recipients  <a href="#">Local Enterprise Week Countdown – 5 Days To Go</a> (sent 24/02/21) Open rate 33.8%, 2,431 recipients  <a href="#">Local Enterprise Week Countdown – 4 Days To Go</a> (sent 25/02/21) Open rate 23%, 2,430 recipients  <a href="#">Open rate Industry average 11%</a>
One-to-One Business Advice Sessions	Remote sessions throughout February
Customs Import & Export Procedures Workshop	January 28 <sup>th</sup> 2021
Trading Online Voucher Information Webinar	February 1 <sup>st</sup> 2021
Start Your Own Business Course – 8 week course	February 8 <sup>th</sup> 2021
Selling on Amazon Workshop	February 8 <sup>th</sup> 2021
Enterprising Women Network	February 16 <sup>th</sup> 2021
Small Business Accounting Course – 4 week course	February 17 <sup>th</sup> 2021

### 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.

#### Destination Towns Fund “Dún Laoghaire”

The public procurement process is now complete, and a contractor has been secured for the next element of the project, the “Lighting of Significant Buildings” (National Maritime Museum, St Michael’s Church Tower & The Battery on the East Pier).

Design concepts for the new Harbour Trail have been developed with the support of the Heritage Officer and a procurement process will start soon.

**URBACT Tourism Friendly Cities Network**

A meeting the Tourism Friendly Cities Network took place on Jan 28th & 29th. Due to Covid this was a series of online meetings.

**Well Worth the Climb Working Group**

An online meeting of the “Well Worth the Climb” Working Group took place on February 24th to review current tourism issues in the uplands part of the county. Presentations were made by Fáilte Ireland and Dublin LEADER.

**Tourism Promotion**

All social media campaigns in February were focused on “Explore safely within your 5K” and “Leave No Trace”, promoting responsible tourism.

**DLR Tourism Social Media analysis**

<b>Social Media Analysis: February 2021</b>				
<b>Facebook</b>	<b>No of followers</b>	<b>No of New followers</b>	<b>no of posts</b>	<b>Impressions</b>
dlr Tourism	5,972	24	15	14,173
<b>Twitter</b>	<b>No of followers</b>	<b>No of New followers</b>	<b>no of posts</b>	<b>Impressions</b>
dlr Tourism	3,159	23	19	22,000

**DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT**

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/01/2021**

8.33%

SERVICE DIVISION	EXPENDITURE		
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A Housing & Building	5,107,496	52,266,816	9.77%
B Road Transport & Safety	2,950,683	33,534,636	8.80%
C Water Services	1,169,723	12,722,256	9.19%
D Development Management	2,780,395	28,826,328	9.65%
E Environmental Services	2,471,316	32,172,192	7.68%
F Recreation & Amenity	2,490,346	33,995,580	7.33%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	486,096	4,376,928	11.11%
H Miscellaneous Services	1,094,431	13,454,724	8.13%
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>18,550,486</b>	<b>211,349,460</b>	<b>8.78%</b>

SERVICE DIVISION	INCOME		
	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A Housing & Building	4,494,566	45,772,836	9.82%
B Road Transport & Safety	1,520,860	14,718,996	10.33%
C Water Services	900,769	8,750,916	10.29%
D Development Management	1,350,499	11,073,324	12.20%
E Environmental Services	425,769	5,576,688	7.63%
F Recreation & Amenity	276,257	4,916,316	5.62%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	175,380	3,026,004	5.80%
H Miscellaneous Services	674,091	7,297,488	9.24%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>9,818,191</b>	<b>101,132,568</b>	<b>9.71%</b>

LPT Local Property Tax	1,552,808	18,633,696	8.33%
RA Rates	7,631,917	91,583,004	8.33%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>19,002,916</b>	<b>211,349,268</b>	<b>8.99%</b>

**Surplus as 31/01/2021 -€452,430**

**DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT  
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/01/2021**

<b>SERVICE DIVISION</b>	<b>Balance at 01/01/2021 €</b>	<b>Expenditure YTD €</b>	<b>Income YTD €</b>	<b>Balance at 31/01/2021 €</b>
<b>A Total Housing &amp; Building</b>	-12,909,894	5,871,173	-5,366,735	-12,405,456
<b>B Total Road Transport &amp; Safety</b>	-5,042,159	1,461,820	-1,302,791	-4,883,130
<b>C Total Water Services</b>	-1,902,796	19,706	0	-1,883,090
<b>D Total Development Management</b>	-116,170,543	109,509	-318,679	-116,379,713
<b>E Total Environmental Services</b>	-783,847	0	-19,058	-802,905
<b>F Total Recreation &amp; Amenity</b>	-13,065,203	457,597	-40,833	-12,648,439
<b>G Total Agriculture, Education, Health&amp;Safety</b>	-4,096,379	3,614	-64,075	-4,156,840
<b>H Total Miscellaneous Services</b>	-16,665,437	772,248	-257,500	-16,150,690
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>-170,636,258</b>	<b>8,695,667</b>	<b>-7,369,671</b>	<b>-169,310,262</b>

**Planning Applications – monthly statistics**

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	1	139	140
Decision Deferred	0	38	38
Decision to Grant**	0	104	104
Decision to Refuse**	0	16	16
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	95	95
Invalid Applications	0	21	21

\*Includes ) 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
ABP-309430-21	Colbeam Limited Our Lady's Grove Goatstown 698 no. Student bedspace	12/02/21	18/03/21	<a href="http://www.ourladysgrovestudentshd.ie">www.ourladysgrovestudentshd.ie</a>	03/06/21

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

**Planning Counter Figures 29<sup>th</sup> January to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

Customers Served	7
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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	7
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted	6
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn	1
Disability Access Cert Applications Received	10
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused	17/0
Commencement Notices Validated	17
7 Day Notices received	2
Completion Certs Validated	14

\*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 34  
Complaints closed 38

### Litter and Waste Fines

<b>December 2020</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Litter Fines issued (Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws)	91	
Presentation of Waste (Waste Bye-laws) fines	9	Waste Bye-laws
Legal proceedings initiated	10	
Cases opened (Dumping/Litter)	194	Litter Section
Cases closed (Dumping/Litter)	187	Litter Section

**Conservation**

The closing date for accepting applications for funding under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2021 and the Historic Structures Fund was extended until Monday 22 February. 26 no. BHIS Applications were received on or before this deadline; however, no applications were received for the Historic Structures Fund grants this year.

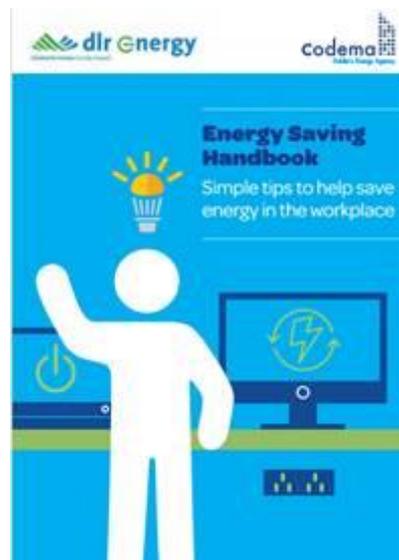
**Energy & Emissions**

A lunchtime webinar on 'Energy & Buildings' was attended by 124 dlr staff. It was part of the Climate Action series of talks.

The content included the energy dlr influences, the energy dlr uses, energy targets and performance of DLRCC as well as general information about energy efficiency at work and at home.

The digital 'Energy Saving Handbook – Simple Tips to Help Save Energy in the Workplace' was distributed to staff.

See link attached for the digital version:  
<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/878143/>



**Dangerous Buildings: 29th Jan –25th Feb**

Dangerous	3
Potentially Dangerous	3
Not Dangerous	2
Total	8

## Community and Cultural Development

### Community Development Programme

#### **dlr Community Employment (CE) Programme**

A Memorandum of Understanding has been issued to the relevant Community Facilities and Clubs to strengthen the arrangement currently in place with regards to the CE programme.

#### **DLR Children and Young Persons Plan**

The Community Department have begun a process of consultation with HUB na nÓg which operates under DCEDIY to raise awareness of the importance of consulting with children and young people. A tailored training package will be agreed, and this will be rolled out across the organisation to further strengthen the culture of engaging and consulting with children and young people.

#### **Community Facility Network**

The community facilities network met on the 26<sup>th</sup> January. End of Year reports were submitted by all facilities and the feedback from these will be used to guide the support offered through this network in 2021.

#### **Estate Management Programme**

The County Fora AGM took place online and was well attended by representatives from the 12 local committees. New members have been nominated to the County Fora and appointment to positions of elected office will take place at the first meeting.

#### **Meetings Attended this month:**

Drug and Alcohol Task Force  
Ongoing Comhairle na nÓg meetings  
County Child Care Committee  
Ongoing Board Meetings with Facilities and CMU re maintenance issues in facilities  
Creative Ireland

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

The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown LCDC met online via MS Teams on 27 January 2021. The meeting included a presentation on LEADER by Eilish Harrington, CEO of Fingal Leader Partnership.

#### **Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown LCDC Annual Report 2020**

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 Annual Report 2020 to the March Council meeting under Section 128B of the Local Government Act 2001 for NOTING.

#### **Covid-19 Emergency Fund Round 2**

Applications for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of Covid-19 Emergency funding from the Department of Rural and Community Development closed on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021. 67 applications were received in total. The applications are being evaluated and the recommendations on allocation of funding will be brought to the next LCDC meeting which is scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> March. A total fund of €52,001 is available under this round of grants, with €15,390 already awarded to community groups for projects tackling food poverty.

#### **DLR Rural Taskforce**

The DLR Rural Taskforce meeting took place on MS Teams on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

## **PPN**

Following the success of the Zoom training videos for beginners by dlr PPN in conjunction with DLRCC, 2 additional short training videos on the use of Zoom at intermediate level have been produced. The tutorials are divided into 2 parts.

Part 1 - Deals with AGM's, breakout rooms, voting and recording

Part 2 - Deals with a meeting vs a webinar, licenses and panelists

The videos are available on the Council's youtube channel at:

Part 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5XdwoVoYhYU>

Part 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mj0H-kN5xjM>

## **Joint Policing Committee**

A Joint Policing Committee Meeting took place on 24<sup>th</sup> February. This was an online meeting on MS Teams. The meeting included two presentations. A presentation by the Juvenile Liaison Officer and the Crime Presentation Officer of An Garda Síochána.

## **Local Policing Fora**

Loughlinstown Ballybrack Shankill Local Policing Fora meeting took place on the 27<sup>h</sup> January. The Dun Laoghaire Local Policing Forum meeting took place on 15<sup>th</sup> February and the Sandyford Stepaside LPF took place on 16<sup>th</sup> February. These meetings were held online via MS Teams.

## **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 Gardai.

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 was extended to 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021. The data is now being 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 4,300 calls since it commenced on 30 March and issues range from shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation.
- 122 calls were received in February. 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 two or three weekly basis at present to support in coordinating the provision of a multi-agency response to the individuals in the community that are negatively impacted arising from the measures implemented by the Government to stem the spread of Covid 19.
- 1 Stakeholder Forum Multi Agency meeting was held in February.

## **Cultural Development**

### **Arts**

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

The online Gallery Learning Programme continues this February 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**

11 artists were awarded an Exploring and Thinking Bursary, assessment was in early February. 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.

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

### **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 continued her series of online author interviews with poet Lucinda Jacob to discuss how the local area has impacted upon her writing. Interviewed at sites significant to the setting of the author's work the aim of the series is to illuminate the relationship between place and literary inspiration.

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

### **Creative Ireland Bursaries**

The Arts office invited 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. 25 applications were received.

DLR Arts also invited 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. 10 applications were received.

The closing date for both opportunities was the 17<sup>th</sup> of Feb and all applications will now be assessed by the Arts team.

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

## Libraries

23 February

Following a Govt. announcement, Ireland remains in [Level 5 Lockdown until 5 April](#). 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

Staff in Deansgrange and Blackrock Libraries continue taking phone calls and queries 3 days per week as part of the Community Call. 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, **1,541 calls** have been dealt with by library staff, with over **9,000 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).

## 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.*

As part of our #KeepWell programme of events, February saw 4 Live **Friday night cookalongs with Catherine Fulvio via Zoom** under the #EatingWell strand.

Tanja Thomas also hosted live Zoom sessions on *Yoga for children with autism* and *Yoga & relaxation for parents of children with special needs* and *Yoga for children with special needs.* #StayingActive #SwitchingOff

### Webinars for Parents with CyberSafe Ireland

Mindful of the amount of time we're all spending online at present, we held 2 Zoom sessions on Cybersafety during February: *Healthy Tech Habits at Home* and *Empowering and Protecting young people online.* A further two sessions will take place in March.

Tying in with these webinars, we've also produced a new video, created by media educator Ricardo Castellini da Silva and Metatech, which takes a walk-through our exhibition: **The Glass Room: Misinformation Edition**; an exhibition on mobile technology and data, and how it can be manipulated.

### Resilience for families with little ones

Clinical psychologist Dr. Malie Coyne hosted the first of two live Zoom sessions on 7 February. We hope to offer further sessions for parents in March.

### Poetry Break

To help us switch off, we posted short *Poetry Tea Break* videos at lunctime each Friday, for people to take time out and listen to a poem over a cuppa.

For more on Keeping Well initiatives across dlr visit:

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

### Ireland Reads

Ireland Reads is a public libraries national initiative, part of the Keep Well campaign, which aims to encourage everyone to switch off and SqueezeInARead in February ahead of national Ireland Reads Day on 25 February. People of all ages were invited to go online via the irelandreads.ie website and pledge to read a certain amount of minutes ahead of the 25<sup>th</sup> to add to the national total of reading minutes pledged.

### 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

Following the popularity of our weekend quizzes, we've introduced a Tuesday night quiz at 7.30pm. The theme for our February quizzes is history of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Ireland.

Our weekly quizzes via Crowdpuir continue to put a Spring in our Step with Family Night Trivia taking place every Friday night and 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, including families in different locations connecting to play with, or against each other!

### Online Book Clubs

Our popular online monthly book club with Mary Burnham takes place on Wednesday 24 February at 7.30pm with a Zoom discussion of *Manhattan Beach* by Jennifer Egan. The club continues to attract new members each month. While library spaces remain closed, members can download the chosen titles from our e-book platforms Overdrive and Borrowbox.

The **dlr Staff Online Book Club** continues to meet monthly to #StayConnected.

### Local History resources

dlr LexIcon's Local Studies Librarian 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.

### dlr Design a Postcard competition

Tying in with our **What's in a Name?** Decade of Centenaries initiative and exhibition, we announced the winners in our recent Design a dlr Postcard Competition. We have printed postcards of the winning entries. Details on our website: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/library-news/design-dlr-postcard-competition-results-2020>

### Exhibition Programme

For information on all our online exhibitions, 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 at 4.30pm on the last Wednesday of each month for our book club especially for younger readers.

### Fighting Words

We collaborated with Fighting Words to host two live Zoom writing workshops for children during February.

### Claphandies

We held two live Zoom music and activity sessions for toddlers and pre-schoolers and their parents/carers on 2 February.

### 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 (February 2021)

Facebook	6,827 followers
Twitter	8,185 followers
Instagram	2,775 followers
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	6,605 subscribers

#### Online resources

Resource	Description	Checkouts 1-23 Feb 2021
Overdrive	e audio e books	1,745 2,415
Borrowbox	e books e audio	3,405 5,295
RB Digital	Comics	50
RB Digital	Magazines	2,697
Freegal	Music Downloads	1,438
Pressreader	e newspapers	12,042 issues read

#### Online quizzes – February 2021

Feb	Tuesday	Friday	Saturday	Weekly Total
Week 1	276	822	457	1555
Week 2	282	896	497	1675
Week 3	241	880	577	1698
Week 4	260	970	639	1869
Totals	1059	3568	2170	6797

### 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.
- Tender issued for extension to playground in Ballawley Park
- Re-doing COVID signage where required ongoing
- Tree Planting commenced at restricted rates County wide
- Tender issued for boundary improvement works at Finsbury Park
- Removal of synthetic carpet at Hyde Road on small All Weather pitch

### **Biodiversity:**

- School children duck signs for Parks ponds completed and will be rolled out in our parks in March.
- Biodiversity Events – Feb Online Event - Discovering Hedgehogs on Feb 15<sup>th</sup>.
- DLR Volunteers - Gardening for Biodiversity meeting Feb 4<sup>th</sup>
- Dalkey Island Rabbit Management recommenced and will be completed end of Feb.
- Biosphere video to raise awareness of dog disturbance to coastal birds
- TCD project meeting on Cultural ecosystem services of hedgerows.
- Eastern Midlands Regional Assembly meeting re funding for DLR Pilot project on green infrastructure and ecosystem services in Metropolitan areas.
- Natural Capital – INCASE Meeting Feb 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Draft Biodiversity Action Plan – Biodiversity Steering Group Meeting Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>

### **Heritage**

- Research/internal consultation on County Heritage Plan
- Facilitated online workshop for County Heritage Forum
- Focused engagement and online Introduction and Q&A session to start public consultation stage of County Heritage Plan preparation
- County Heritage Plan consultation portal live on [www.dlrcoco.ie](http://www.dlrcoco.ie) (Feb 25<sup>th</sup>)
- Input to Dún Laoghaire Harbour economic study
- Working on website heritage pages update
- Presentation to Senior staff meeting on Heritage Plan
- Historic Houses - condition survey planning
- Ongoing engagement with community groups, historic societies
- Heritage Officer network meetings/feedback to draft national strategy Heritage 2030
- DLR Biodiversity Plan steering group meeting

### **CoCo Markets**

During the month of February, we received 2 market applications. These applications fell under the following categories:

- 1 Permanent Application for Marlay Park for Saturday and Sunday (Hot Food)
- 1 Seasonal Application for Dún Laoghaire for Sunday (Non-Food) T-shirts

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 February:

- Started programme called 'fun fit challenge' with the Boylan Community Centre, Balally Family Resource Centre and the Shankill and Sallynoggin youth service.
  - Groups will take part in weekly exercise programmes for February and a skill challenge at the end of each week.
  - Every participant will receive a certificate and a spot prize will be handed out to the best performer in the skills challenge
- Set up a fitness programme with Barry Dempsey from Southside Sport Partnership aimed at helping 15–24 year olds, who are engaging in antisocial behaviour and suffering from mental health issues.
- Assisting dlr Sports Partnership with the men on the move programme.

### **Leinster Rugby:**

#### Clubs

- Clubs have all been met virtually to update them with what is going on in Leinster Rugby, discussing summer plans and tracking schools.
- A bodyweight home workout has been sent to all clubs.
- Skills/challenge videos are being uploaded weekly on twitter, tagging all clubs.
- A questionnaire for youth girls' coaches has been completed and results are being analysed.
- Content for Children's & Youth's Coach Award have been uploaded onto an online platform for coaches. The first online session was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February with more dates in the diary.

#### Meetings & project ideas

- All meetings are virtual:
- Reviewing and finalising past projects: 5-year plans.
- Planning for summer camp venues- 3 in DLR.

### **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 delivered in February, 72 coaches completed the course.
- 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 – Three PDP 1 courses delivered. Seventy coaches participated
- 2021 Planning – Providing further plans for programmes in 2021 to Regional Manager.
- Summer Soccer Schools – contacted clubs and coaches to complete the coaches' applications which include Garda Vetting, Coach Education and Safeguarding.
- Attending Weekly meeting with FAI Regional Manager to discuss plans and reporting on FAI programmes.

### **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 (safeguarding, Garda Vetting etc.) are in place 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:**

- **Older Adult Online Classes** - linking up with Siel Bleu to deliver 7 x 8-week online exercise programmes for over 55's (total of 168 participants). Mix of Strength & Balance, Mobility & Stretch and general exercise.
- **Interval Walking Programme** – completion of a 5-week programme designed to help people increase their activity though walking (33 participants).
- **Couch To 3K** – nearing the end of this 6-week walk to jog programme for people starting back to activity (160 participants).
- **5K To 10K** – half way through this progression programme for those who completed our shorter distance ones (66 participants).
- **Men On the Move** – continuing a 12-week activity programme aimed at adult men to support them to become active in a social group.
- **Ballyogan Sports & Activity Hub** – continuing to liaise with local partners as well as developing potential initiatives that can be rolled out once restrictions are lifted.
- **Operation Transformation** – linked into the National TV programme including a virtual 5K event.
- **Child Safeguarding in Sport** – delivered 3 x Safeguarding training workshops online (42 coaches/volunteers).
- **Autism in Sport** – delivered a training workshop for coaches/volunteers to include children on the Autism Spectrum in their activities (23 attendees).
- **Inclusive Bikes** – working with Infrastructure & Climate Change Dept. to identify a storage location for increasing fleet of inclusive bikes available for public use.
- **Carmona Services Classes** – delivering weekly online inclusive classes for residents of this disability service.
- **Urban Outdoor Adventure** - working with Open Spectrum to organize a series of outdoor activities for teenagers in summer 2021.
- **Staffing** – application to Dept. for derogation for three new positions that external funding has been secured for (Active Dublin Project Lead, Community Sports Development Officer, Marketing & Information Officer).
- **COVID-19 Club Small Grants Scheme** – administering the final 10% payments to the 36 successful clubs. Secured funding to run a second round in March/April.
- **The Governance Code** – the Sports Partnership Board are working through the various Principles set out for Type C organisations - full compliance in late 2021.
- **Active Dublin** – working with Sport Ireland and other Active City areas to agree key themes and messaging as well as initial conversations with partner organisations.