



DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

MARCH MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

26 February – 29 March 2021

The country remained under Level 5 restrictions during the month of March.

The Government and public health experts continued to ask the public to stay at home and reduce movement for essential reasons only. In order to comply with these requests, the revised staff arrangements remained in place. Where staff can operate remotely, they continue to do 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 8th March 2021 was held fully remote.

Updates on services affected, by department are detailed below:

Libraries

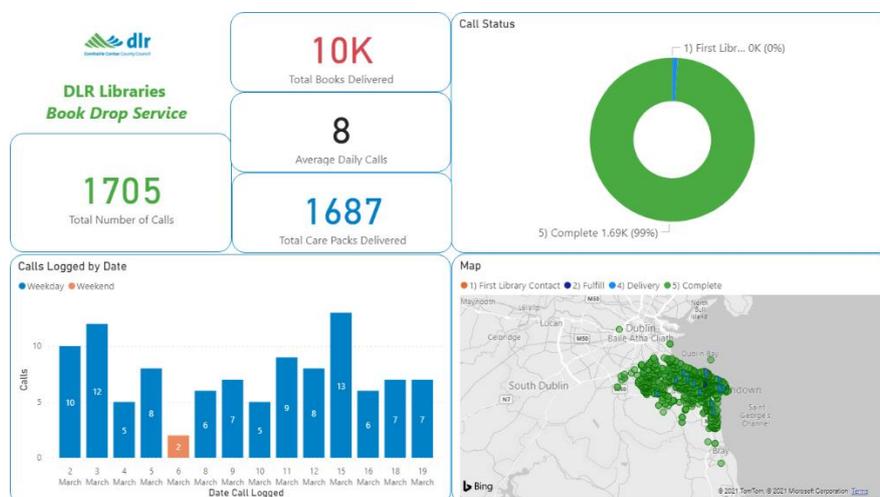
Following a Govt. announcement, Ireland remains in **Level 5** restrictions until at least 5 April. As a result, all dlr Library spaces remain closed to the public. This includes the My Open Library service at Deansgrange Library, and Sunday opening at dlr LexIcon. In Level 5, our Contact & Collect service, 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.

Book Drop Service

Since the Book Drop Service launched on 17 April 2020, **1,705 calls** have been dealt with by library staff, with **10,000 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



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 2020 and issues range from shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation
- 82 calls were received in March. 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 four 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 11th 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 County Heritage Plan online public engagement workshops held 8th/9th March. All DLR heritage properties sites closed due to Level 5 and filming ceased. Planning for online/blended approach to much of the 2021 Decade of Centenaries/Summer of 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 8th 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.

The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment launched the [Small Business Assistance Scheme for COVID](#) (SBASC) in March. The scheme is intended to target those businesses with operating costs that do not qualify for the COVID Restrictions Support Scheme (CRSS) operated by the Revenue Commissioners. Closing date for applications is April 21st 2021.

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](#) took place online, with events tailored to reflect the new challenges that businesses face - over 1,000 people registered for the various dlr events. A new Green for Micro initiative was launched during the course of the week, which will assist microenterprises to move to low carbon operations by providing technical support and advice free of charge.

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 roll-out 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 Anseo*, a programme of street art for Dún Laoghaire town closed on February 24th. It received a very positive response, and the large number of applications are currently being reviewed. 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 remained 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 a waiver of commercial rates for the first 6 months of 2021.

This 6 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.

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 8th February 2021.
- Arrangements for the holding of deputations continued with the resumption of commencing on 10th March 2021.
- Group Leaders' meetings are now being held on a monthly basis and one was held during February.

- 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



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Dlr BETA project

A budget provision was made in the 2021 Annual Budget for a dlr BETA project. The dlr BETA project aims to engage with the public and to assess and implement ideas from them. These ideas may be for small scale improvements to the public realm. It will act as a conduit for sourcing good ideas from the public and seeing if we can turn them into small scale test projects.

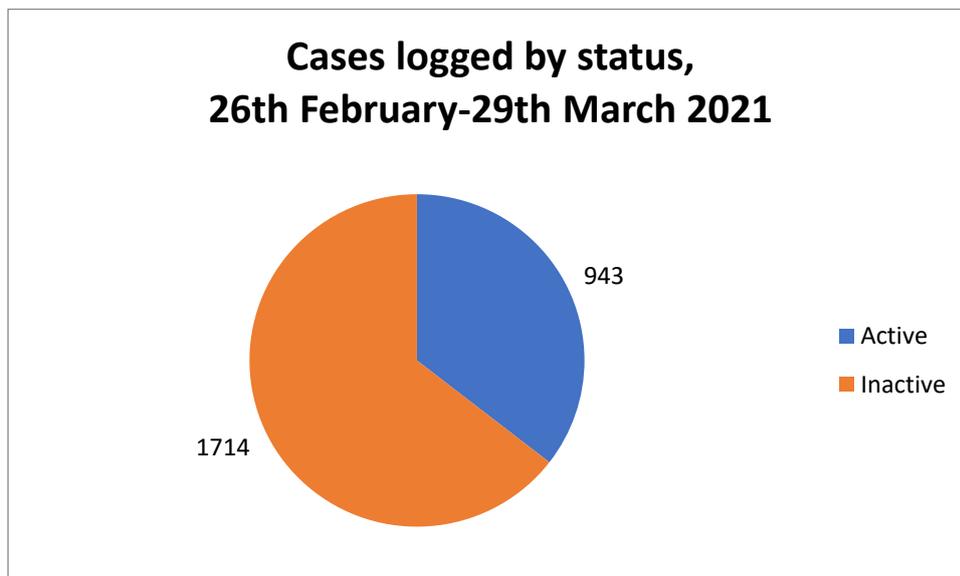
During March, staff from Corporate Affairs and IT engaged with a 3rd party consultant to assist in developing a website (dlrBETA.ie). The focus will be on very small-scale projects that can be monitored and assessed for effectiveness. The nature of the project is that these projects will be trial interventions, tested for a trial period of 3 - 6 months. The Council will then consider if the trial projects are feasible for developing out on a wider basis over time.

Public Sector Duty

The Council has initiated the process to implement the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty across all its functions. Expressions of interest were sought from staff to be part of the Cross Department Group who will undertake a learning by doing process to strengthen their capacity and develop their expertise on the Duty and its implementation.

The budget provision has enabled the engagement with a consultant to provide the knowledge and expertise for both the training process and produce outputs that will progress the implementation of the Duty within the organisation.

Civic Hub Stats:

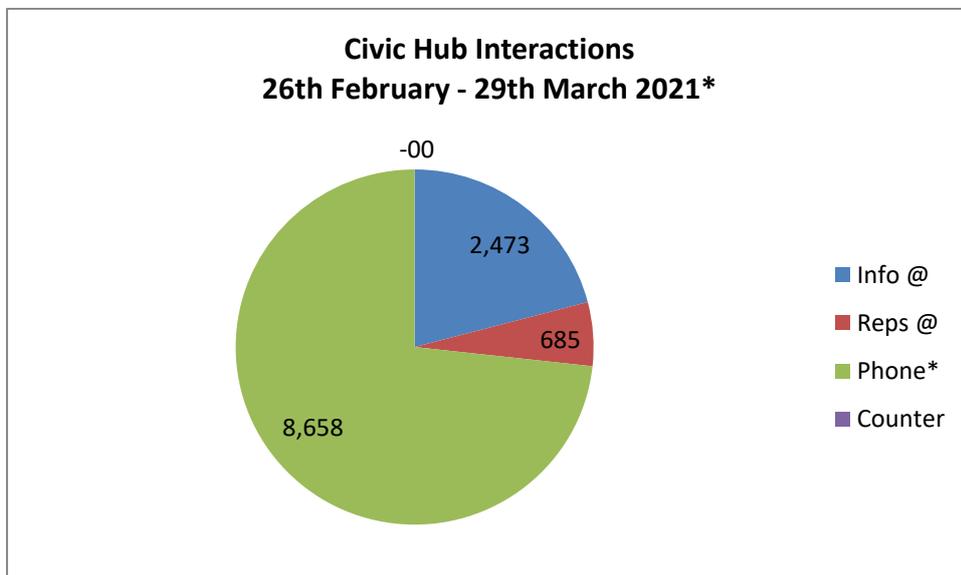


Cases logged from 26th February – 29th March 2021

Open	943
Closed	1714

Cases Logged from 26th February – 29th March 2021, by Section:

Section/Dept	Open	Closed	Total
Architects	4	5	9
Ballyogan Depot	1		1
CoCo	5	1	6
Comms & Civic Hub	40	210	250
Community	5	1	6
Corporate Services	4		4
dlrcoco	20	5	25
Enterprise	15		15
Environment	138	514	652
Finance	21	144	165
Housing	49	82	131
Libraries	3	1	4
Parks	344	291	635
Planning	7	25	32
Property	13	9	22
Transportation	261	356	617
Waste Enforcement	9	51	60
Water Services	4	19	23
Grand Total	943	1714	2657



* Pie chart excludes abandoned calls

Civic Hub Activities:

Cases logged from 26th February – 29th March 2021

Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	5,751	2,907

Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	2,473	685	3,158

Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	0	0	0

Social Media Stats:

Profile ▲	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
Reporting Period Feb 26, 2021 - Mar 29, 2021	65,192 ↗4.9%	451 ↘1.7%	936 ↗10%	1,548,791 ↗2%	45,274 ↘1.1%	2.9% ↘3.1%	18,345 ↘54.8%
Compare to Jan 25, 2021 - Feb 25, 2021	62,158	459	851	1,518,260	45,778	3%	40,631
 dlr Arts Office	2,564	13	85	71,767	1,055	1.5%	91
 dlr Heritage	3,655	30	15	16,995	349	2.1%	0
 dlr Libraries	8,229	42	172	290,396	5,864	2%	5,524
 dlrevents	10,663	-7	2	5,398	52	1%	53
 Dún Laoghaire-Ra...	3,453	164	168	119,049	2,513	2.1%	1,835
 Dún Laoghaire-Ra...	11,829	24	188	268,972	10,099	3.8%	3,297
 Dún Laoghaire-Ra...	16,846	133	207	697,428	23,352	3.3%	7,506
 Dún Laoghaire-Ra...	2,419	19	33	39,452	1,529	3.9%	39
 LEO DLR	5,534	33	66	39,334	461	1.2%	0

Freedom of Information:

There were 15 FOI requests received in March.

Municipal Services

1. Road Maintenance Management Report - March 2021						
Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RRP Major	Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works					
1	Ballinteer Avenue		✓			on site late April
2	Meadowmount Estate	✓				
3	Roebuck Road	✓				
4	The Park Estate Cabinteely	✓				
5	Claremont Road	✓				
6	Ballinlea Road		✓			
7	Corrig Road		✓			on site 29th March
8	Ashlawn Estate	✓				
9	Saval Park Road			✓		
10	Glenageary Road Upper	✓				
11	Barnhill Road	✓				
RRP Minor	Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')					
1	Stillorgan Road (old N11)	✓				
2	Upper Kilmacud Road	✓				
3	Ticknock Road Edges	✓				
4	Ballyedmunduff Road Edges	✓				
5	Heidelberg		✓			on site 2nd half of April
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)			✓		
FP	Footpath Upgrade Programme					
1	Pine Valley		✓			
2	Sandyford Business District	✓				
3	Kerrymount Ave	✓				
4	Cabinteely Close		✓			on site in late April
5	Eden Park/Slieve Rua/Dale Road		✓			on site in early April
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)		✓			on site in mid April
14	Watsons Estate	✓				
15	Glenavon Park	✓				
16	Eaton Brae			✓		
BSP	Bridges & Structures Programme					
1	Blue Light Wall Repair				✓	
2	Glenalua Wall Repair				✓	
DGRP	Drainage / Gully Repair Programme					
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	✓				
NRP	National Roads Programme					

1	N31 Crofton Road	✓				
2	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing Programme	✓				
AWP	Accessibility Works Programme					
1	Loreto Park	✓				
2	Mulvey Park (Part of)	✓				
3	Mt Albany Estate	✓				
4	Cloister Estate		✓			
5	Glenageary Park	✓				
CMP	Cycleway Maintenance Programme					
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			✓		
EMP	Estate Management Programme					
1	Kilcross Estate		✓			
2	Rathsallagh Estate	✓				
TICP	Taking in Charge Programme*					
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.					

2. Traffic & Road Safety

	Preliminary Design Stage	Public Consultation	Detailed Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comment
NTA STMG Schemes 2021 – Schemes being progressed by Traffic & Road Safety Section							
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 amended following a review by the NTA.

Sandyford Business District Cycle Routes	✓						The preliminary design is currently being amended following a review by the NTA.
Sandyford Cycle Route (Roebuck Road to UCD)	✓						Tenders for the engagement of a Consultant have been received.
Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock				✓			Tender has been issued to appoint a Contractor to carry out the 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				✓			Contractors to be appointed to carry out 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 assessed. 51 stands have been installed up to March 22 (102 cycle parking spaces)
Roebuck Road (Fosters Avenue to Goatstown Road)	✓						Design has been prepared by DLRCC and cycle protection to be included as part of road resurfacing scheme.
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
Covid 19 and July Stimulus Packed funded schemes – - Contractual Liability.							
Dundrum Village –Main Street							Additional crossings completed and a trial section of concrete kerb was carried out.
Cruagh Wood Extension						✓	Landscaping works commenced with extensive tree planting.
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				✓			Complete outstanding active travel schemes from 2020

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. Undergrounding of ESB works was completed and landscape works commenced.

Phase 3 – Lower Kilmacud Road from Kilmacud Crokes GAA Club to the N11. Design works are ongoing with a new road layout being examined to provide additional public realm benefits.

Road Safety, Cycling and Sustainable Travel

Cycle Forum meeting held on March 9th, 2021.

Transportation and Marine Strategic Policy Committee meeting held on March 9th, 2021.

- Presentation on e-Scooters by Professor Brian Caulfield
- Presentation on shared space by Gary Loughlin

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 in February 19th 2021 to encourage schools to apply. The deadline has been increased to April 16th, 2021.

School wardens throughout County returned to work as the level 5 travel restrictions were lifted to include primary school children as an essential service.

Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)

There were two TAG meetings held remotely in March.

On 18th March, the Area 1 meeting took place. A total of 31 items were discussed.

On 22nd March, the Area 2 meeting took place. A total of 33 items were discussed.

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 early summer. CBC Route 15 - Blackrock to Merrion is to be included in the first tranche of planning applications to be submitted.

Dundrum ABTA - Area Based Transport Assessment

Work on the project has commenced with the preparation of the Baseline Assessment report, which will form the basis for the study.

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. Tenders have been received for an 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 100% 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 June 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. It is planned to hold an initial public engagement event in May.

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 March 2021

Reinstatement works

The reinstatement repair works on behalf of Irish Water are not fully resumed now, but the Contractor is continuing to carry out the appropriate survey and reinstatement repair works for locations with potential trip/fall hazards.

Restoration works

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RCRP	Roads Control Restoration Programme 2021					
1	Proby Square (South)			All on site -April 2021		Road resurfacing (Part Off)

2	Mariner's Court					Full road resurfacing
3	Devitt Villas					Anti-Skid surface treatment to be scheduled
4	Kilgobbin Road					Isolated Patching repair works
5	Enniskerry Road					Isolated Patching repair works
6	Overend Avenue & Sydenham Avenue					Licensed reinstatement works

5.Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection

Statistics: September 2020 – February 2021

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	Sept 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	296	321	410	385	217	196
Clean-Ups Assisted	62	46	49	37	34	29
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	30	14	30	16	28	35
Bathing Water Samples Taken	28	18	18	4	17	9
Gullies Cleaned	744	737	1653	699	462	793
Dumping Incidents Managed	71	91	69	45	91	69
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	1	0	0	0	0	0
Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	11	16	6	23	8	15
Street Bin Collections	4275	5043	4858	4297	4561	4233

* Statistics available up to the end of February 2021.

Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Project Updates – March 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 recommenced in March 2021.
- Coliemore Harbour southern pier temporary access proposal agreed with relevant DLR parties. Contractor engagement progressing with a view to installation in line with bathing season commencement. Arup proposal for longer term remediation measures imminent.
- Engagement has recommenced with DLR architects with a view to progressing certain works as part of the 40 Foot accessibility enhancements.
- Annual EPA Bathing Water returns completed 24/03/2021.
- Annual weeding contract advertised on e-tenders
- Annual Smart Bin review completed and put forward for Municipal Services Area Committees

6.Relevant Statistics

There were 2226 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 26th February and 29th March 2021 a breakdown of which is as follows:

Violation	Tickets issued
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	950
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	298
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	219
Parking a vehicle on a footway	203
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	166
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	91
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	50
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	45
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	41
OVERSTAYING 3 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	27
Parking or stopping a vehicle on a clearway	26
Parking out of the limits of a bay	23
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	15
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	13
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	12
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	11
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	11
OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	5
Parking a vehicle on a grass margin	4
Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles	4
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	3
OVERSTAYING 2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	2
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	2
Parking a vehicle interfering with other traffic	2
Parking a vehicle in a bus lane/street	1
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side	1
Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay	1
Total tickets issued between 26th Feb and 29th March 2021	2226

There were no convictions secured in March 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 Mar 2021:	280
Percentage of lights out at the end of Mar 2021:	0.7%
Pole replacement carried out in Mar 2021:	4
Bracket replacements:	132
Tree trimming:	7
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	13
LED Upgrades	107

LED Upgrading Program

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

Road Opening Licences March 2021

Road Opening Licences received from 26 th February 2021 - up to date via Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System	
Applications Received	180
Applications Granted	129
Applications Withdrawn/Refused	10
Applications being processed	36

Road Closures and Street Furniture, Filming Location need update by traffic

In March 2021 there were:

- 3 applications for Road Closures
- 10 applications for Street Furniture (Tables and Chairs including 1 A board)
- 3 applications 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 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.
- A UK registered fishing vessel with engine problems was towed into Dun Laoghaire Harbour earlier this month and detained by Port State Control pending engine

repairs which are ongoing. It is expected to depart in early April following repairs and a full inspection.

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

Randox 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 22nd 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. RPS are currently finalising the detailed design for the new fender system.

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. Works have recommenced on this project and are expected to be completed by the end of the month.

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. Marine contractors have arrived on site to begin the removal of marine growth from the seawalls to allow an accurate visual inspection. This will be followed by a div inspection below water level.

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 7th 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 25th 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 was completed on 28th Feb 2021. Indecon consultants are now preparing a draft of the Economic Plan document.

Social Media Platforms

Twitter – 4,618 followers

Facebook – 2,592 followers



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Finance and Economic Development

Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date		
	Total approved Jan-Mar 2021	Enterprise Ireland target March 2021
Feasibility Study	4	4
Business Priming	3	3
Business Expansion	0	2
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	2	2
Trading Online Vouchers	111	37
Microfinance Ireland	3	6
Total Approvals	123¹	

Note 1: The Evaluations and Approvals Committee did not meet in March – it will meet on April 1st 2021 and any approvals from that meeting will be reflected in the April figures.

Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance	
	March 2021
No of jobs created	5

Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2021	Total Jan-Mar 2021
Number of applications for Financial Assistance	128
Clients attending Networking Events	235
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	814
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	66
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	155
Total No of Clients Assisted	1398

DLR Economic Development Supports	Total Jan-Mar 2021
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	10
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	3
Business Promotion Grants	0
Street Furniture Grant	0

Enterprise Promotion activities in March 2021

DLR Enterprise News	Local Enterprise Week Countdown – 3 Days To Go (sent 26/02/21) Open rate 45.1, 2,437 recipients Local Enterprise Week Begins Tomorrow!
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	(sent 28/02/21) Open rate 26.6%, 2440 recipients Local Enterprise Week Final Day (sent 04/03/21) Open rate 42.7%, 2483 recipients DLR Enterprise News April 2021 (sent 25/03/21) Open rate 26.1%, 2499 recipients Open rate Industry average 11%
Dublin Food Chain Event	25 th February 2021
Online Marketing for Retail Enterprises	1 st March 2021
A Changing HR & Employment Law Landscape: The Impact on Business	1 st March 2021
The Power of the Crowd	2 nd March 2021
Tackling My Biggest Challenge (Networking Event)	2 nd March 2021
Resilience in the Workplace	3 rd March 2021
Leading in Turbulent Times with Mindfulness	3 rd March 2021
Engage for Growth with David Meade	4 th March 2021
Financial Management Advanced Workshop	4 th March 2021
Customs, Import & Export Procedures Overview	5 th March 2021
Changing the Way People View Leadership	5 th March 2021
Dublin Food Chain Event	11 th March 2021
Trading Online Voucher Information Webinar	11 th March 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.

Development of a new Coastal Visitor Experience Development Plan (VEDP)

Fáilte Ireland hosted a meeting of over 50 different Dublin Coastal Tourism Providers on March 24th as part of a new process of developing a VEDP for the Coastal Areas of Dublin. Further planning workshops will take place over the next few months.

URBACT Tourism Friendly Cities Network

A meeting the Tourism Friendly Cities Network took place on March 18th on the topic of Short-Term Rental Accommodation & the Tourism Sector. A meeting of the DLR project committee took place on March 25th exploring Accessible Tourism, Sustainable Tourism and Developing Public Spaces. Due to Covid these were a series of online meetings.

Well Worth the Climb Working Group

The "Well Worth the Climb" Working Group is working to progress local actions. Action meetings took place with Johnny Fox's, The Glencullen Adventure Park and Biking.ie.

Destination Towns Fund "Dun Laoghaire"

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

Tourism Promotion.

New Video Content has been developed for use on social media. A new 30-minute programme on Tourism in DLR was produced and shown in America as part of a St Patrick's Week promotion campaign. All social media campaigns in March were focused on "Explore safely within your 5K" and "Leave No Trace" promoting responsible tourism.

DLR Tourism Social Media analysis

Social Media Analysis: March 2021				
Facebook	No of followers	No of New followers	no of posts	Impressions
dlr Tourism	6,002	30	12	14,742
Twitter	No of followers	No of New followers	no of posts	Impressions
dlr Tourism	3,195	36	25	28,000

DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 28/02/2021				
SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2021 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 28/02/2021 €
A Total Housing & Building	-13,041,222	8,837,600	-7,906,700	-12,110,323
B Total Road Transport & Safety	-6,885,505	1,989,252	-166,773	-5,063,026
C Total Water Services	-2,309,719	47,148	264,735	-1,997,835
D Total Development Management	-116,460,990	218,364	-1,840,333	-118,082,958
E Total Environmental Services	-1,537,685	20,618	-70,116	-1,587,182
F Total Recreation & Amenity	-13,255,266	474,158	-181,666	-12,962,774
G Total Agriculture, Education, Health&Safety	-4,738,072	3,794	-128,150	-4,862,428
H Total Miscellaneous Services	-24,840,874	533,332	-347,727	-24,655,269
Grand Total	-183,069,332	12,124,266	-10,376,730	-181,321,795

SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 28/02/2021

	Balance at 01/01/2021 €	Balance at 28/02/2021 €	Arrears from current year debit	Arrears >1 year
RATES	19,243,253	111,167,125	92,045,642	19,121,483

DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 28/02/2021

16.67%

		EXPENDITURE		
SERVICE DIVISION		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	7,888,248	52,266,816	15.09%
B	Road Transport & Safety	5,580,041	33,534,636	16.64%
C	Water Services	1,860,753	12,722,256	14.63%
D	Development Management	5,020,240	28,826,328	17.42%
E	Environmental Services	5,035,159	32,172,192	15.65%
F	Recreation & Amenity	5,186,282	33,995,580	15.26%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	889,897	4,376,928	20.33%
H	Miscellaneous Services	2,275,320	13,454,724	16.91%
Total Expenditure		33,735,940	211,349,460	15.96%

		INCOME		
SERVICE DIVISION		Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	6,861,438	45,772,836	14.99%
B	Road Transport & Safety	2,556,226	14,718,996	17.37%
C	Water Services	1,276,099	8,750,916	14.58%
D	Development Management	1,900,536	11,073,324	17.16%
E	Environmental Services	775,626	5,576,688	13.91%
F	Recreation & Amenity	522,031	4,916,316	10.62%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	381,040	3,026,004	12.59%
H	Miscellaneous Services	1,617,756	7,297,488	22.17%
Sub Total		15,890,752	101,132,568	15.71%

LPT	Local Property Tax	3,105,616	18,633,696	16.67%
RA	Rates	15,263,834	91,583,004	16.67%
Total Income		34,260,202	211,349,268	16.21%

Surplus as 28/02/2021

-€524,262

Planning Applications – monthly statistics

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	1	152	153
Decision Deferred	0	24	24
Decision to Grant**	0	99	99
Decision to Refuse**	0	13	13
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	79	79
Invalid Applications	1	24	25

*Includes 12 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".

1 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
ABP30955 321	Charjon Investments Limited 299 no. apartments, childcare facility The Goat Bar and Grill, The Goat Centre, No. 240 and 242 Lower Kilmacud Road, Goatstown	26/02/2021	01/04/2021	www.thegoatshd.ie	17/06/2021
Subject to validation	Atlas GP Ltd 255 no. Units Kylemore, Rockwinds, Smallacre and Woodlawn off Church Road; No. 43 Watson Road; and; No. 66 Watson Drive in Killiney, County Dublin.	25/03/2021	-	www.kylemoreshd2.ie	-
Subject to validation	Ironborn Real Estate Limited 445no. 'Build-to-Rent' apartment units 'Sector 3', Aikens Village in the Townlands of Woodside and Kilgobbin, Stepaside	29/03/2021	-	www.ironbornshd2.com	-

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

Planning Counter Figures 26th February 21 – 29th March 2021

Customers Served	6
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*Planning counter is by appointment only from Monday the 21st September.

Building Control

Fire Safety Certs applications received	29
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted	8
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn	0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received	12
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused	14/0
Commencement Notices Validated	23
7 Day Notices received	4
Completion Certs Validated	13

**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	33
Complaints closed	36

Litter and Waste Fines

March 2021	Number	Comment
Litter Fines issued (Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws)	50	
Presentation of Waste (Waste Bye-laws) fines	0	Waste Bye-laws
Legal proceedings initiated	17	
Cases opened (Dumping/Litter)	255	Litter Section
Cases closed (Dumping/Litter)	237	Litter Section

Architects

Energy & Emissions

dlr Leisure Board endorsed the progression of the signing of the Energy Performance Contract for 3 leisure centres, for investment in energy equipment and service.

The Government's [Climate Action and Low Carbon Development \(Amendment\) Bill](#), provides that the first two five-year carbon budgets proposed by the Climate Change Advisory Council should equate to a total reduction of 51% over the period to 2030, relative to a baseline of 2018.

The Interim Climate Actions 2021 for the public sector include retrofitting public buildings and electrifying public sector fleets, as well as embedding climate considerations in all public sector decision-making, particularly in relation to investment. <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/ccb2e0-the-climate-action-plan-2019/>

Dangerous Buildings: 26th Feb –29th March

Dangerous	0
Potentially Dangerous	5
Not Dangerous	0
Total	5

Community Development Programme

DLR Children and Young Persons Plan

The Community Department continue to engage 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 2nd March. Community Department are supporting Community Facilities Network with the development of relevant policies and procedures.

Estate Management Programme

Subsidy grants in the amount of €160,000 were allocated to the 12 Estate Management areas

UCD Access and Life Long Learning

The Community Department met with UCD REFOHCUS project team. The REFOHCUS Project is funded by the Science Foundation of Ireland and will use co-created workshops with disadvantaged communities and invited experts that will involve deliberation, debate and proposals around key scientific questions arising from the experience of community members during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Community Department will support this project through promotion and identification of target groups and areas.

Meetings Attended this month:

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

Community Grants

Round 2 of the 2021 Community Grants scheme opened for applications on 15 March 2021. The deadline for submission of applications is 16 April 2021.

Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown LCDC met online via MS Teams on 10th March 2021. The meeting included a presentation on the dlr Volunteer Centre by Claire Carroll and also a presentation on the work of the dlr LEO and the Economic Development Unit by Roisin Cronin.

Payments of €36,611 in grant funding through the Covid 19 Emergency Fund Round 2 were approved at this LCDC meeting with grants being awarded to 40 different groups with €15,390 already awarded to 7 community groups for projects tackling food poverty under this round of funding. The funding is provided by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

PPN

The dlr PPN in conjunction with DLRCC provided 4 free online digital skills training sessions aimed at complete beginners. Training included how to use zoom, facebook, twitter and how to take photos and videos using your mobile phone.

Local Policing Fora

The Loughlinstown Ballybrack Shankill Local Policing Fora meeting took place on the 24th March online on 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, shopping centres 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 4th 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.
- 82 calls were received in March. 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 four 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.
- 1 Stakeholder Forum Multi Agency meeting was held in March.

Cultural Development

Arts

Online Gallery Learning Programme for 2021

The online Gallery Learning Programme continues this March to make sure that everyone can still access lots of opportunities to get creative at home. Our popular Dementia Inclusive Gallery Tours are back online and in March the Dementia Café, Nursing homes and people living at home with Dementia have enjoyed these online tours of dlr's County Art Collection. 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 Spring 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>

Municipal Gallery Programme

The exhibition UNFOLDING – an exhibition of contemporary Irish craft, continued online. 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).

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

Musicians in Residence

An information webinar for interested applicants for the 2021 Musicians in Residence Scheme was hosted by dlr Arts Office and Music Network. There are three opportunities in 2021: two for established musicians/groups and one for an emerging musician/group. The aim of the Musicians-in-Residence Scheme is to provide opportunities to develop and showcase new work. It is jointly funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the Arts Council, and is managed by Music Network.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/music/musicians-residence-scheme-2021>

Platform 31

Visual Artist Linda Quinlan was been awarded dlr’s Platform 31 bursary. Each Platform 31 artist will receive an €8,000 bursary to invest in their practice, combined with participation in a development and peer network.

This pilot scheme is envisioned as a platform for the participants to value their time, to showcase their work and their collaborations, sharing their learnings locally and nationally as a legacy of the project.

Creative Ireland Bursaries

The Arts office awarded 12 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. DLR Arts also awarded 8 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. <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/funding-opportunities/creative-ireland-bursaries>

dlr Arts Grants

The dlr Arts grants scheme was launched including general Arts grants, community small arts grants, Emerging Artist Bursaries and arts access grants for older persons. 2 online grant clinics were held to support individuals and organisations in making applications. The closing date is the 16th of April.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/funding-opportunities/arts-grants>

Libraries

Following a Govt. announcement, Ireland remains in **Level 5** Lockdown until at least **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.

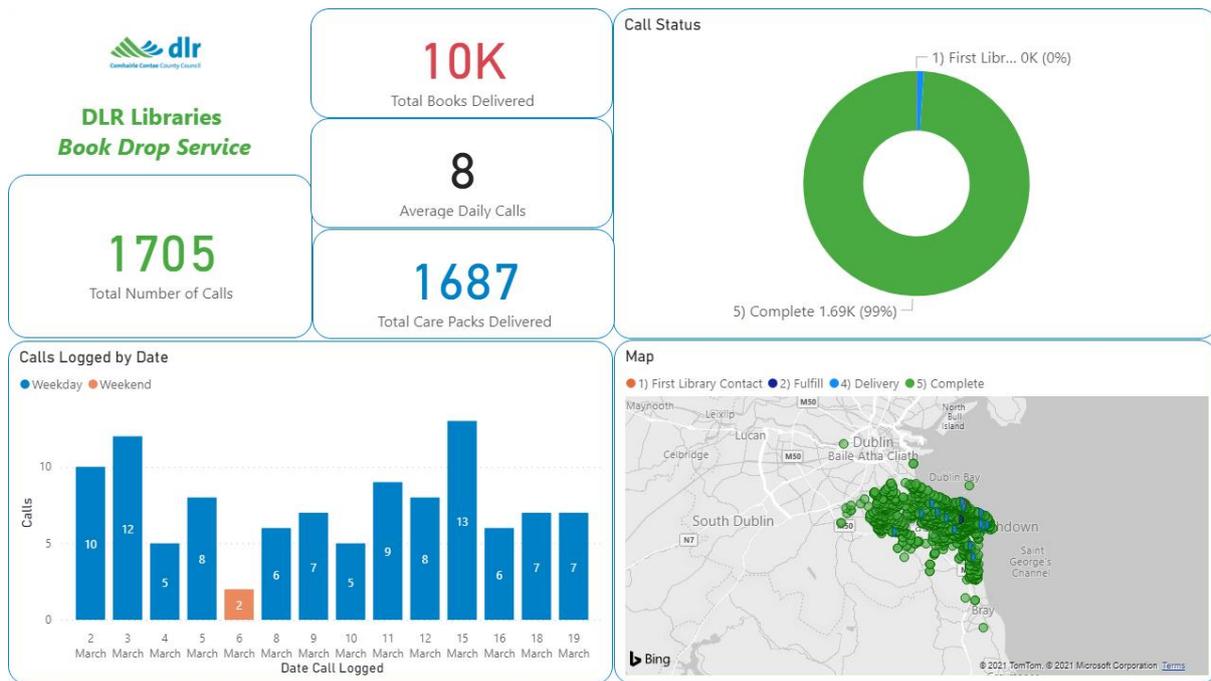
In Level 5, our Contact & Collect service, online reservations and the national delivery system all cease, with online resources and services and online events continuing. Library staff continue to work remotely.

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.

Book Drop Service

Since the Book Drop Service launched on 17 April 2020, **1,705 calls** have been dealt with by library staff, with **10,000 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.



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 national 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, March saw the launch of our **Meet the Makers** series, which featured traditional craftmaking workshops such as leatherworking, collograph printmaking and origami facilitated by local craftspeople.

Mental health & well-being

Cybersafe Ireland gave 2 further talks for parents: *To Game or not to Game* and *Digital Well-being and Online Safety for Young Adults.*

Dr Malie Coyne gave a talk via Zoom on *Supporting teenagers facing uncertainty and exam pressures* on Wednesday 10th March at 7.30pm.

Clinical psychotherapist Stella O'Malley hosted a talk *Nurturing a sense of well-being in the family* via Zoom on Tuesday 23rd March at 7.30pm.

Dr David Coleman will host a talk on *Remaining a Positive Parent* via Teams Live on Tuesday 30th March at 7.30pm.

Tanja Thomas continued with her online Yoga series with 3 further sessions on *Yoga for children with additional needs.* #StayingActive #SwitchingOff

Cooking and healthy eating was on the menu again in March with cook-along sessions with Catherine Fulvio – *Cooking for one or two* and *Feeding your family* with Neven Maguire. #EatingWell

International Women's Day

To mark IWD 2021 on Monday 8 March, we launched the video *Pedal Power: 130 years of women's cycling in the County.* This 10 minute video gives a whirlwind history of cycling in the County, with a special focus on how these 'freedom machines' became both a symbolic and practical means of achieving emancipation and self-reliance for women.

Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival

As a precursor to this year's *Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival*, we marked International Women's Day with an event on 8 March, featuring Maggie O'Farrell talking to Jennifer O'Connell about her novel *Hamnet*. The main Festival takes place online on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th March with 15 events covering fiction, non-fiction, poetry and children's books. Full details available on mountainstosea.ie

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2021

To mark Seachtain na Gaeilge (1-17 Márta), we hosted an Irish language quiz for adults and one for children. Bi-lingual storyteller Roisin Murphy told us about some Irish myths and we had *Storytime as Gaeilge* from library staff and author Sadhbh Devlin, who read from her book *Bí ag Spraoi Liom*.

St. Patrick's Day 2021

We celebrated our patron saint with the launch of 4 videos from *Wicklow Willow* telling us about the life and legends of St Patrick, what and where to forage for materials needed to make hearts from willow, and then a workshop on how to join the hearts together to make giant shamrocks to display and decorate indoors and outdoors!

Dublin Zoo staff hosted two live sessions for families to tell us a little more about the snakes they currently house there.

Dúisigh dlr: Awaken dlr!

A delightful series of specially-commissioned videos for St Patrick's Festival showcasing the work of photographer Ger Holland and harpist Aisling Ennis, which feature sunrises and early morning scenes from our beautiful County with accompanying original harp music.

Poetry Break

To help us switch off, we posted short *Poetry Tea Break* videos at lunchtime 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>

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.

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, arts and crafts posts, book-related discussions and nature and local history posts, to encourage our users to continue to engage with us and to stimulate memories and discussion via our social media platforms.

Online Quizzes

Our Tuesday night quizzes continued in March, along with the ever-popular Family Quiz each Friday and Quiz for Adults each Saturday night. The average number participants over the weekend is +1,000, including families in different locations connecting to play with, or against each other!

March also saw the inclusion of quizzes on popular culture, on the Irish language for Seachtain na Gaeilge and a Tolkien Reading Day quiz on 25th March.

Online Book Clubs

Our popular online monthly book club with Mary Burnham takes place on Wednesday 31 March at 7.30pm with a Zoom discussion of *Strange Flowers* by Donal Ryan. 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. Blackrock Library online book club and the **dlr Staff Online Book Club** continue to meet monthly to #StayConnected.

Exhibition Programme

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

Events for Children

Storytime

We continue to programme live and pre-recorded 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.

Young Writers’ Day

Sarah Webb will host authors Joseph Coelho, Alan Nolan, Eve McDonnell & Helen Carr on Wednesday 31 March, as they give advice and tips to budding young writers in a series of workshops.

STEAM

Engineers’ Week

We marked Engineers’ Week 2021 27 Feb – 5 March with the release of 3 videos in collaboration with Mark the Science Guy. Themes explored included simple machines, aerodynamics and sound engineering. The videos on the dlr YouTube channel have had a total of 7k views during the month of March. We also collaborated with Maker Meet to host 2 online STEAM events that were livestreamed to schools in the County.

LexIcon Lab afterschool club

This new STEAM initiative sees weekly workshops in collaboration with the Discovery Centre, exploring subjects such as space, science, engineering and geology.

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 (March 2021)

Facebook	6,933 followers
Twitter	8,220 followers
Instagram	2,807 followers
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	6,606 subscribers

Online resources

Resource	Description	Checkouts 1-23 Mar 2021
Overdrive	eAudio	1,700
Overdrive	eBook	2,533
Borrowbox	eAudio	5,220
Borrowbox	eBook	3,503
RB Digital	Comics	69
RB Digital	Magazines	2,646
Press Reader	Newspapers	4,385
Freegal NEW	Music Downloads	151
Freegal NEW	Music Streaming	1,001
Total:		21,208

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
- 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.
- Re-doing COVID signage where required ongoing
- Tree Planting commenced at restricted rates County wide

Biodiversity:

- Biodiversity Events – March Online Event – Incredible Bats on March 24th, Biosphere events for schools throughout March.
- DLR Swift nest colony boxes plus lure installed in County Hall- Launch with Cathaoirleach March 19th
- DLR Volunteers - Gardening for Biodiversity has been launched
- Dalkey Island Tern monitoring has started.
- DLR County Townland Boundary Hedgerow survey tenders requested.
- Giant Hogweed treatment tenders requested.
- TCD meeting re County Badger Study.
- BWI meeting re County Important Birds project.
- DLR Meadows assessed for seed harvesting later this year as part of our Biodiversity local soil and seed initiative.
- Green Infrastructure meeting with SDCC and adjoining local authorities to examine transboundary ecological connections for GI
- Consultation with the Dublin Mountain Partnership and Coillte Nature in relation to the draft DLR Biodiversity Action Plan
- Biosphere Partnership meeting

Heritage

- Two “Common Purpose” facilitated online public engagement workshops to feed into County Heritage Plan
- Presentation to Ward Councillors on Williamstown Martello Tower Stage 1 Conservation Plan
- Presentation of consultation workshop outcomes and emerging Heritage Plan direction of travel to County Heritage Forum and Community, Culture and Wellbeing SPC for feedback

- Heritage website pages refresh
- Secured €50K funding for 2021 Decade of Centenaries programme including €25K for Historian in Residence to develop programme for roll out in Q4
- Secured grant from Heritage Council for Community Archaeologist to focus on uplands archaeology and implementation of Dublin Mountains Archaeology Trail (in collaboration with SDCC and Dublin Mountains Partnership)
- Secured €20K of Heritage Council funding for Stone-cutting/quarrying Oral History project; publication of local heritage books on Cherrywood and Marlay; Dublin County Archaeology GIS project and Dublin County Buildings of Dublin audit (with DCC, SDCC and FCC)
- Provided support/advice to community groups making applications to Heritage Council's 2021 Community Heritage Grant and Community Monument Grant
- Managing of dlr Heritage Grant scheme Round 2, update to guidelines and webinar
- Progression of plans for historic buildings condition audits/artefacts management
- Progression of work with cemeteries team on Kilgobbin Graveyard and Deansgrange
- Progression of Dún Laoghaire Historic trail with Tourism Officer
- Input to Coliemore Harbour remediation project

CoCo Markets

During the month of March, we received 7 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 Dún Laoghaire Sunday (Hot food)
- 1 Permanent Application for Dún Laoghaire Sunday (Other Food)
- 1 Permanent Application for Marlay Sunday (Other Food)
- 1 Permanent Application for Dún Laoghaire Saturday (Other Food)
- 1 seasonal Application for Dún Laoghaire Saturday/Sunday (Craft)
- 1 seasonal Application for Dún Laoghaire Saturday (Non-Food/Other)

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 March.

- Completed the 'fun fit challenge' with the Boylan Community Centre, Balally Family Resource Centre and the Shankill and Sallynoggin youth service.
- Set up meetings with youth services post Easter in relation to programme set up and summer camp activities.
- Working with Balally family resource centre to develop programmes for the residents committee awaiting response.
- Met with our 12 dheis schools in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown in relation to programmes going forward. This is under continual review due to Covid restrictions.
- Assisting dlr Sports Partnership with the 'Men on the Move' programme.

Leinster Rugby:

Clubs

- Coaching Courses:
 - 5 webinars have been hosted for the children's & youth's coach award which were 2 for attack & defence (CCA), 1 for the scrum (CCA & YCA) & 2 for the lineout (CCA & YCA)
 - DLR Rugby Clubs have 67 coaches registered (53 CCA & 14 YCA)

- Leinster Rugby hosted our first “Women’s Webinar Wednesday”. This was announced on International Women’s Day along with another new initiative “Tag 4 Every-Mum”. The second webinar will be held on the 31st of March
 - The first webinar focused on coaching the scrum & lineout and 68 coaches attended.
 - The second webinar will focus on coaching the kick.
 - All content for these webinars is based on responses from a survey sent to coaches.
- A bodyweight home workout (with progressions) has been sent to all clubs to support the coaches keeping players active for mini & youth plus their parents.
- Skills/challenge videos were created for a 5-week period & posted on twitter to support the players during the current restrictions.
- Jerseys are being collected from all our clubs & schools to be displayed at the PRO14 final in the RDS against Munster & for the play-off game in the European Cup against Toulon.

Meetings & project ideas (All meetings are virtual)

- Community Rugby Department meetings have been hosted on current & future projects:
 - Monitoring tools for club & school activities to support an increase in participation.
 - Creation of a 5-year plan for development of community rugby.
 - Development of a further 5 projects to support the interaction between Leinster Rugby & clubs/schools to increase further, the community development of rugby while assisting the working structure of the community rugby team.
- Leinster Rugby community staff are hosting & attending multiple CPD events to support our development during the current restrictions.
- BOI Summer camp – 3 clubs in DLR have been confirmed (DLSP FC, Seapoint RC & BCRFC), the summer camps are still to be confirmed if they can proceed by the government & no information has been released to the public.

FAI:

- Safeguarding Club Audit – continue to work with the 19 junior clubs to complete their FAI Child Welfare/Safeguarding requirements. Ongoing.
- Club Mark – Continuing to contact clubs that have signed up to the Club Mark Award to discuss criteria needed and timeframes. Met with three extra clubs to promote the award. Ongoing.
- 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 Shangnagh Park.

Sports Partnership:

- **COVID-19 Club Small Grants Scheme** – in the process of securing the required receipts/documentation from the 36 clubs in order to process final 10% payments. A second round of this grants scheme to be run in Quarter 2.
- **Older Adult Activity Classes** - currently delivering a range of online classes for older adults that include fun and social interaction (175 participants).
- **Stepping Out Together** – designing a new initiative that will target older adults who have been cocooning for a prolonged period of time.
- **Online Yoga Classes** – started delivery of two new 6-week Yoga programmes with one for families and one for older adults (25 families and 25 older adults).
- **Jogging Progression Programmes** – delivering 3K/5K/10K programmes to start people down the road of activity as well as support those seeking to progress (226 participants).
- **Schools Skipping** – scheduling roll out of this fun physical literacy programme in DEIS primary schools. Stock of ropes purchased through Keep Well funding.
- **Active Dublin** - working with Sport Ireland and other Active Cities to finalise details around National coordination, common messaging and agreed objectives.
- **Inclusive Family Activity Classes** – started weekly inclusive online activity sessions for children with a disability and their families (31 families registered).
- **Carmona Services** – delivering a weekly online fun activity class to residents of the residential unit.
- **Inclusive Summer Camps** – working with partners to organise 4 weeks of inclusive summer activities across all disabilities in Jun/July.
- **Inclusive Playground Equipment** – wheelchair swing now installed in Cabinteely Park playground for wheelchair users. Communications Board being sourced as well.
- **Inclusive Bikes** – in the process of purchasing a Trishaw to add to the existing hand-cycle, tandem bike and sports wheelchairs.
- **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.
- **Map My Park** – Display boards installed for Clonmore and Loreto parks and completing new maps for these locations as well as sourcing distance posts.
- **Child Safeguarding in Sport** – delivered 2 online workshops (27 volunteers).
- **The Governance Code** – the Sports Partnership Board working through the various Principles in order to achieve full compliance by end of 2021 (required for Sport Ireland funding).
- **Staffing** – internal approval for 3 new positions (Active Cities Lead, Community Sports Development Officer and Marketing Officer). A Business Case has been prepared for each position and submitted to the Dept. seeking derogation.