

# **DUN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN**

## **JANUARY to MARCH QUARTERLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

**18 December 2020 – 29 March 2021**

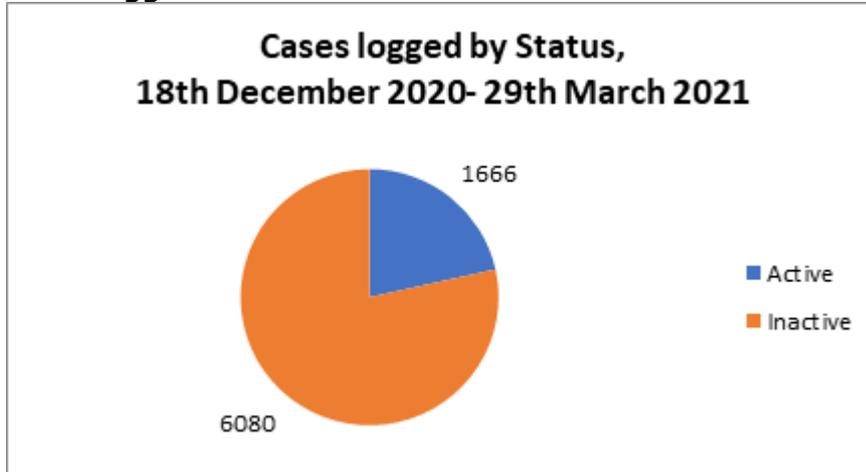
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## 1. CRM Statistics

### Cases logged



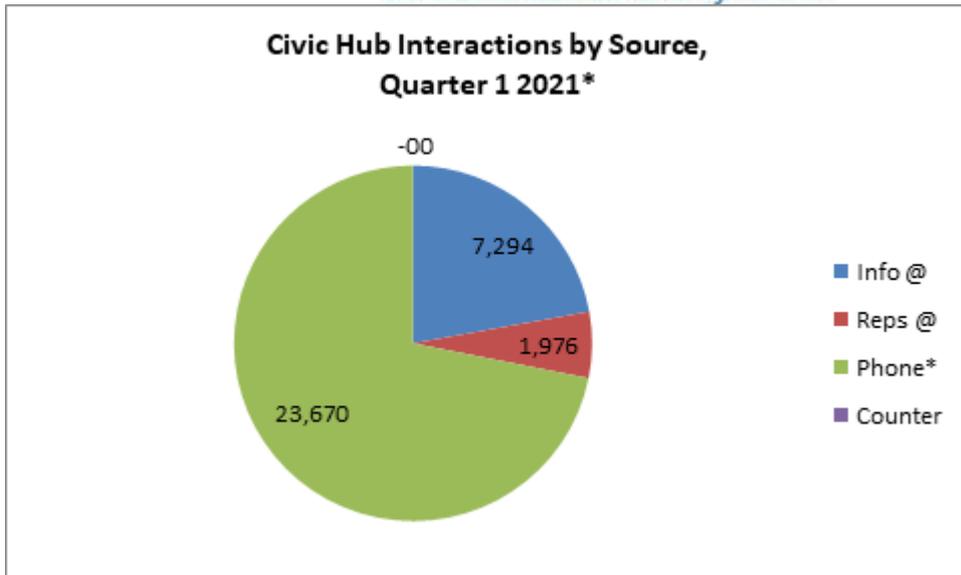
Open	1,666
Closed	6,080

### Cases logged by section

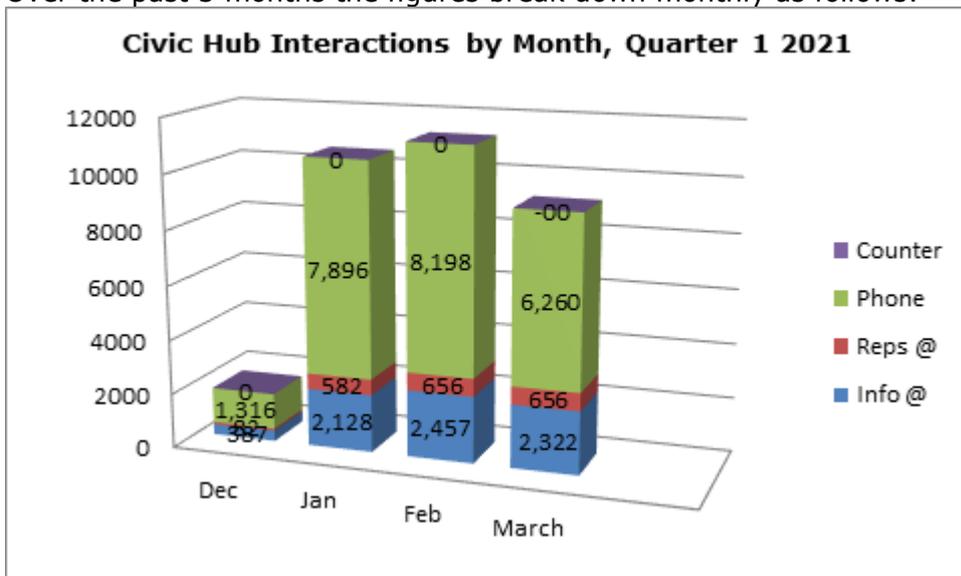
Section/Dept	Active	Inactive	Total
Architects	7	21	28
Ballyogan Depot	4		4
CoCo	10	2	12
Comms & Civic Hub	74	818	892
Community	12	9	21
Corporate Services	11	2	13
Deactivated Users	1		1
dlrcoco	18	16	34
Enterprise	24	17	41
Environment	199	1660	1859
Finance	61	735	796
Housing	94	298	392
IT		2	2
Libraries	5	1	6
Parks	637	846	1483
Planning	10	80	90
Property	25	34	59
Transportation	455	1300	1755
Waste Enforcement	14	167	181
Water Services	5	72	77
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1666</b>	<b>6080</b>	<b>7746</b>

## 2. Dlr Civic Hub:

In Quarter 1 of 2021, the Civic Hub has dealt with over 32,940 customer interactions.



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



## Finance and Economic Development

### Local Enterprise Week

Over 1,000 people registered for events organised by the dlr Local Enterprise Office during Local Enterprise Week. Events included seminars and workshops covering topics ranging from retail to leadership to employment law.

One of the biggest attractions was the “Engage for Growth” interactive session with David Meade, which explored the best ways to sell well, lead well and communicate effectively.

The new [Green for Micro programme](#) was launched during Local Enterprise Week.

The aim of the Green for Micro initiative is to help prepare small businesses for the low carbon, circular economy of the future. Available to companies with up to ten employees, it provides technical support and advice free of charge.



### Economic Plan for Dún Laoghaire Harbour and Spatial & Economic Plan for Dún Laoghaire Town

To inform the future development of Dún Laoghaire Town and Harbour, two studies have been undertaken by the Council in association with KPMG and Indecon. The aim of the studies is to set out a clear and coherent vision to assist the ongoing development and strategic planning of both Dún Laoghaire Harbour and Dún Laoghaire Town given the synergies and interdependencies between both.

Residents and businesses of the area were recently invited to give their views on the future of Dún Laoghaire Harbour and Town. Meeting took place with key stakeholders, Large numbers completed the online survey, and meetings took place with key stakeholders.

These consultations are now complete, and the findings will inform two separate reports which are expected to issue in April.

### Dún Laoghaire Anseo

Dún Laoghaire Anseo is a programme of street art which will be brought to Dún Laoghaire town's streets and laneways in summer 2021. Over eighty artists submitted proposals for inclusion in the project – these submissions are currently being evaluated and the chosen artwork will be installed over the coming months.

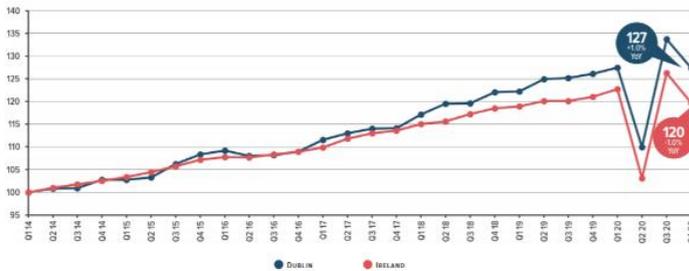
### Dublin Economic Monitor

The most recent issue of the [Dublin Economic Monitor](#), published in early March, shows that although the Dublin economy remains severely impacted by Covid-19, it is prepared for recovery once conditions permit. An initiative of the four Dublin local authorities, the Monitor provides data on 18 key economic indicators along with consumer spending data from the MasterCard SpendingPulse™.

#### RETAIL

### DUBLIN CONSUMER SPENDING DECLINES AS COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS TAKE HOLD

MASTERCARD TOTAL RETAIL SALES INDEX (SA)



### Tourism Development

The Tourism sector continues to be severely affected by the Covid 19 pandemic. The level 5 lockdown in January, February & March has severely impacted on local tourism businesses. All tourism providers are operating at a much-reduced capacity in order to comply with social distancing requirements.

### DLR Tourism Steering Committee

The DLR Tourism Steering committee met on January 20<sup>th</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup> to support communication and coordination within the sector during Level 5 restrictions and impacts.

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

### New Dublin Coastal Trail

The new Dublin Coastal Trail has been developed, and locations for signage have been agreed. Content development for each location has been reviewed and agreed. The installation process will begin as soon as Covid restrictions allow.

### URBACT Tourism Friendly Cities Network

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

### 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 promotional campaign. All social media campaigns in March were focused on "Explore safely within your 5K" and "Leave No Trace", promoting responsible tourism.

Q1 January, February & March 2021				
dlr Tourism Facebook	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
January	5,948	325	13	19,500
February	5,972	24	15	13,099
March	6,002	30	12	45,418
<b>Total Q1</b>	<b>6,002</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>78,017</b>
dlr Tourism Twitter	No of followers	No of New followers	no of posts	Impressions
January	3,136	40	20	18,000
February	3,159	23	19	22,000
March	3,195	36	25	28,000
<b>Total Q1</b>	<b>3,195</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>68,000</b>

## FINANCE

### Making of Rate 2021

An advertisement was placed in the press on the, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 giving notice of the intention of the Council to make the rate for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. Public notice of the making of the rate was given by advertisement placed in the press on the 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2021 with rates then made on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 on rateable properties within the County of Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown.

The Annual Rate on Valuation (A.R.V.) for 2021 is 0.1732 as determined by resolution at the 2021 Annual Budget Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

### **Sandyford Business Improvement Districts Scheme**

One of the functions of the Council in relation to the Sandyford B.I.D. Scheme is the determination of the B.I.D. Multiplier. The B.I.D. multiplier is similar to the Council's Annual Rate on Valuation (A.R.V.).  $\text{Multiplier} \times \text{Valuation of Property} = \text{B.I.D. Levy}$ . The B.I.D. company's budget for 2021 is €625,000 of which €575,000 is to be raised from B.I.D. contribution levies. The multiplier is calculated by dividing the amount to be raised from levies by the valuation of the B.I.D. scheme area, giving a multiplier of €0.005, unchanged from previous years.

### **Local Property Tax**

LPT Allocation Payment 2021: A payment of €24,921,312 was received from the DHP&LG on the 03/02/2020 representing the first instalment payment (1/6th) of the Council's 2020 discretionary LPT allocation, together with the full self-funding allocation. The second discretionary LPT instalment of €1,811,579 was received on 13/03/2020.

### **Overdraft**

Overdraft facility of €10m. in place but not availed of in 2021 to date.

### **COVID 19**

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 working to ensure suppliers continue to be paid in a timely manner 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.

**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 €
<b>A Total Housing &amp; Building</b>	-13,041,222	8,837,600	-7,906,700	-12,110,323
<b>B Total Road Transport &amp; Safety</b>	-6,885,505	1,989,252	-166,773	-5,063,026
<b>C Total Water Services</b>	-2,309,719	47,148	264,735	-1,997,835
<b>D Total Development Management</b>	-116,460,990	218,364	-1,840,333	-118,082,958
<b>E Total Environmental Services</b>	-1,537,685	20,618	-70,116	-1,587,182
<b>F Total Recreation &amp; Amenity</b>	-13,255,266	474,158	-181,666	-12,962,774
<b>G Total Agriculture, Education, Health&amp;Safety</b>	-4,738,072	3,794	-128,150	-4,862,428
<b>H Total Miscellaneous Services</b>	-24,840,874	533,332	-347,727	-24,655,269
<b>Grand Total</b>	-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
<b>RATES</b>	<b>19,243,253</b>	<b>111,167,125</b>	<b>92,045,642</b>	<b>19,121,483</b>

**DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT**

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

16.67%

SERVICE DIVISION	EXPENDITURE		
	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%
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>33,735,940</b>	<b>211,349,460</b>	<b>15.96%</b>

SERVICE DIVISION	INCOME		
	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%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>15,890,752</b>	<b>101,132,568</b>	<b>15.71%</b>

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

**Surplus as 28/02/2021** -€524,262

## **Housing Progress Report Q1/2021**

### **1. Executive Summary**

#### **1.1 Overview**

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

**Data included in this Report covers the full year 2020 and Q1 2021. The period covered by Q1 2021 is from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 inclusive and the 2020 total is from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. Data regarding the activity of the Department prior to this report can be found at <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/how-we-deliver-our-homes/housing-statistics>**

It should be noted that while the majority of housing services continues during the period of restrictions introduced by the Government to contain and control the spread of Covid-19, some services are impacted, such as construction and private rented standards inspections. However, since January 2021 virtual inspections on private rented accommodation commenced. Housing Adaptation Grants are being accepted and processed during the period of restrictions, with the completion of works by private contractors being carried out in line with updated regulations.

This Report considers the following areas:

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

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

#### ***Support***

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

## 2. Housing Delivery

### 2.1 Overview

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

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

	2020	Q1 2021	Target
DLR Build	0	5	
DLR Part V	20	4	
AHB Build	18	0	
AHB Part V	18	0	
DLR Acquisition	7	2	
AHB Acquisition	16	0	
DLR Lease	4	2	
AHB Lease	3	0	
<b>Total Build, Acquisition &amp; Leasing</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>12</b>	

	2020	Q1 2021	Target
RAS	15	8	
HAP - Standard	230	71	
HAP - Homeless	205	41	
<b>Total RAS &amp; HAP</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>120</b>	

	2020	Q1 2021	Target
<b>Total Delivery</b> All Social Housing delivery streams exc. bad relets	<b>536</b>	<b>132</b>	

**Table 2: Traveller Specific Accommodation 2021**

	2020	Q1 2021
Refurbishment Works and New Sites	2	0
Casual Vacancies	3	0
Standard Housing	2	0

### 2.2 Housing Construction

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

**DLRCC CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME 2018 – 2021**  
**Includes SHIP, Major Refurbishments and AHB New Build**

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

**Table 3: Schemes on Site**

Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
<b>Broadford Rise</b>	21	Construction in progress	Q3 2017	Q2 2021
<b>Enniskerry Road (AHB) Phase 1</b>	27	Construction in progress	Q2 2019	Q2 2021
<b>Enniskerry Road (AHB) Phase 2</b>	128 (78 social)	Construction in progress	Q2 2019	Q4 2021
<b>Ballyogan Ave (New Homes)</b>	2	Construction in progress	Q4 2019	Q1 2021
<b>Ballyogan Square (Phase 1)</b>	67	Enabling works complete, tender issued for appointment of main contractor	Q2 2021	Q4 2022
<b>Rockville Green</b>	13	Tendered, contract to be awarded	Q2 2021	Q1 2022
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>258</b>			

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

Site Name	No. Units (estimated)	Status Detail	On Site Date (estimated)	Handover (estimated)
<b>Moyola Court (infill)</b>	4	Design team being appointed	Q3 2021	Q3 2022
<b>Park House</b>	4	Surveys being carried out	Q3 2021	Q3 2022
<b>Ballyogan Rise (Phase 2)</b>	52	To follow on from Ballyogan Square (Phase 1) completion	2023	
<b>St Laurence's Park</b>	88	Part 8 approved 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2020	Q4 2021	Q1 2024
<b>Shanganagh Residential Lands</b>	597 (200 social)	Stage 3 Application submitted to Dept.	Q3 2021	Phased delivery from Q4 2022
<b>Total</b>	<b>745</b>			

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

Site Name	No. Units (estimated)	Status Detail	On Site Date (estimated)	Handover (estimated)
<b>Loughlinstown Wood (AHB)</b>	42 (34 social)	Building Agreements being finalised	Q2 2021	Q3 2022
<b>Roebuck Road Infill</b>	4	Stage 2 Application submitted	Q1 2022	Q4 2022
<b>37a Rollins Villas (infill)</b>	1	Stage 2 Approval received	Q1 2022	Q4 2022
<b>Coastguard Cottages</b>	4	Stage 2 Approval submitted	Q4 2021	Q2 2022
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>			
<b><u>OVERALL TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>1,054</u></b>			

### 3. Housing Support

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

**Table 6: Retrofits 2021**

Retrofits	2020	Q1 2021
Voids	6	0
Relets	72	20
Energy upgrade works	10	0
Traveller Specific Accommodation	5	0

The Council was allocated €1,114,467 in February with a requirement to retrofit a minimum of 41 properties to a B2/Cost Optimal standard. This preliminary allocation is based on an expected average cost of €27,000 per property.

**Table 7: Maintenance Requests 2021**

Routine Maintenance	2020	Q1 2021
Requests received	6,343	1,489
Requests in process	184	435
Requests completed	6,159	1,054

**Table 8: Disabled Persons Alteration Scheme 2021**

	2020	Q1 2021
Works on Hand at beginning of 2020 and Q1 2021	129	123
Requests Received	80	5
Works Completed	49	14

### 3.2 Allocations

**Table 9: Allocations 2021**

<b>Allocations</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Q1 2021</b>
Social Housing List	180	19
Transfer List	61	9
<b>Total Allocations</b>	241	28

### 3.3 Choice Based Letting (CBL)

**Table 10: CBL Adverts by Area of Choice in 2021**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>Q1 2021</b>
Dún Laoghaire/Dalkey	17	0
Blackrock/Stillorgan	3	1
Ballybrack/Shankill	11	2
Ballinteer/Ballyogan	16	8
<b>Total</b>	47	11

**Note:** Figures shown are cumulative from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 and the number of adverts put on CBL. Some adverts represent multiple properties.

### 3.4 Homeless Services

**Table 11: Homeless Services 2021**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>Q1 2021</b>
No. of Homeless Families	64	66
No. of Homeless Individuals	202	199
No. of Allocations to homeless individuals/families	45	10
No. of SHS offers currently accepted by homeless individuals/families	9	6

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

### 3.5 Housing and Disability Steering Group

The Council continues to work with the Steering Group on implementing the Terms of Reference. The first meeting of 2021 was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021. To date, 45% of allocations were made to people with disabilities this year. The steering group are working on a plan for the County.

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

**Table 12: Breakdown of Grant Assistance to Older Persons and People with Disabilities 2021**

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

	<b>2020</b>	<b>Q1 2021</b>
No. of Applications received	162	36
Provisional approvals issued	116	33
Grants paid	103	25
Value of Grants paid	€876,369.15	€214,300

**Housing Aid for Older Persons**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>Q1 2021</b>
No. of Applications received	16	9
Provisional approvals issued	13	3
Grants paid	5	5
Value of Grants paid	€22,514	€25,883

**Mobility Aids Grant**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>Q1 2021</b>
No. of Applications received	28	3
Provisional approvals issued	22	3
Grants paid	26	3
Value of Grants paid	€107,251	€11,070

<b>Budget Provision (3 Schemes)</b>	€1,550,000
<b>Budget Spent</b>	€251,253
<b>Budget % Spent</b>	16.2%

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

### 3.7 Rent Arrears

**Table 13: Rents 2021**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>Q1 2021</b>
Accrued Rent Arrears	408,171	75,502
Rental Income	16,545,852	3,209,513

### 3.8 Private Rented Housing Standards

**Table 14: Private Rented Housing Standards 2021**

Private Rental Inspections	2020	Q1 2021
Inspections Carried Out	1205	56

\* Q1 inspection figures were impacted by Covid-19 restrictions. Inspections are not permitted in level 5 restrictions. Virtual inspections commenced in January 2021.

### 3.9 Tenancy Management and Anti-Social Behaviour

**Table 15: Estate Management 2021**

	2020	Q1 2021
Pre-tenancy training	54	0

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

**Table 16: Anti-Social Behaviour 2021**

Anti-Social Complaints	2020	Q1 2021
Received	97	25
Completed	88	12
On-going	9	13
Tenancy Warning	9	0
Tenancy Notification	7	4
Verbal Warning	5	2
Advice Given	38	1
Refer to Other Depts	21	8
Court Case	2	2

**Table 17: Tenancy Management Interviews 2021**

	2020	Q1 2021
Tenancy Management Interviews	35	9

### 3.10 Loans

**Table 18: Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan 2021**

Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan	2020	Q1 2021
Applications received	48	21
Applications approved in principle	13	8
Loan Drawdowns	4	0

## Planning

### Section 48 and Glenamuck Scheme:

18/12/2018 – 29/3/2019 Invoiced = €35,300,259.00 Received = €4,970,771.60

18/12/2019 – 29/3/2020 Invoiced = €14,356,786.51 Received = €6,775,574.00

18/12/2020 – 29/3/2021 Invoiced = €8,523,389.28 Received = €14,702,097.39

### Strategic Housing Development (SHD) Applications:

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

Case No	Applicant's Name & Brief Description of Development	Date Application Received	Last Day for Submissions / Observations	Application Website	Due to be decided by ABP
ABP308 94620	Glenveagh Homes Ltd  140 no. Apartments  Cluain Mhuire', Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock, Co. Dublin	18/12/2020	01/02/2021	<a href="http://www.newtownparkavenueSHD.ie">www.newtownparkavenueSHD.ie</a>	19/04/2021
ABP309 02620	Bowbeck DAC  482 no. Apartments  Golf Lane, Carrickmines, Dublin 18	22/12/2020	03/02/2021	<a href="http://www.golflaneshd2020.ie">www.golflaneshd2020.ie</a>	21/04/2021
ABP309 09821	Fitzwilliam DL Ltd  102 no. Build to Rent apartments  St. Michael's Hospital Car Park, Crofton Road, Dun Laoghaire	07/01/2021	10/02/2021	<a href="http://www.stmichaelsshd.ie">www.stmichaelsshd.ie</a>	-  (not on ABP website)
ABP309 43021	Colbeam Limited  698 no. student bedspace  Our Ladys' Grove, Goatstown, Dublin 14	12/02/2021	18/03/2021	<a href="http://www.ourladysgrovestudentshd.ie">www.ourladysgrovestudentshd.ie</a>	03/06/2021
ABP309 55321	Charjon Investments Limited	26/02/2021	01/04/2021	<a href="http://www.thegoatshd.ie">www.thegoatshd.ie</a>	17/06/2021

	299 no. apartments, childcare facility  The Goat Bar and Grill, The Goat Centre, No. 240 and 242 Lower Kilmacud Road, Goatstown				
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	-	<a href="http://www.kylemoreshd2.ie">www.kylemoreshd2.ie</a>	-
Subject to validation	Ironborn Real Estate Limited  445no. 'Build-to-Rent' apartment units  'Sector 3', Aikens Village in the Townlands of Woodside and Kilgobbin, Stepside	29/03/2021	-	<a href="http://www.ironbornshd2.com">www.ironbornshd2.com</a>	-

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

### Planning Statistics:

18 December 2020 – 29 March 2021

	Outline Permission		Permission		Total	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
New application Received*	0	1	405	457	405	458
Decision Deferred	0	1	100	94	100	95
Decisions to Grant**	0	0	266	299	266	299
Decision to Refuse**	0	0	39	48	39	48
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	0	226	257	226	257
Invalid Applications	0	1	64	71	64	72

\*Includes 42 Applications for Retention in 2019/2020 and 38 in 2020 /2021

\*\*Split decisions; Grant Permission & Refuse Permission (inc. For Retention) are entered in as a decision under both "Decision to Grant" and "Decision to Refuse".  
2 Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse) in 2019/2020 and 1in 2020/2021

<b>Building Control</b>	Dec 20 – Mar 21
Fire Safety Certs applications received	51
Fire Safety Certs Applications Granted	32
Fire Safety Certs Applications Refused	0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received	31
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted/Refused	35/0
Commencement Notices Validated	67
7 Day Notices received	7
Completion Certs Validated	58

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

Customers to Planning Counter–18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2020 – 29 Mar 21	30 Customers
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### Active Land Management – DLR Q3 2020

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

**Please note that due to delays arising from Covid-19, the DHSCT 'Red Book' compilation of the four Dublin Authorities data sets for Q4 2020 has not yet been posted on the DHPLG website and is currently unavailable. As the information is not available for the other 3 no. Dublin Local Authorities, it is not presently possible to provide a comparison between DLR and the other 3 no. Dublin Local Authorities for Q4 2020. The data below, as a consequence, relates to Q3 2020.**

**Below, is a comparison of the Q3 2020 HTF Returns which was not available at the time of preparation of the previous Quarterly report.**

The most significant performance indicators - within DLR- are based on growth rates between **Q3 2019 and Q3 2020**. This includes:

2% increase in the **number of sites with planning permission** from 124 to 127 sites.

15% increase in the total **number of units with planning permission** from 14,139 to 16,305 units.

7% increase in the **number of active sites**, from 43 to 46 sites.

83% increase in the **number of units under construction** from 1,797 to 3,281.

52% decrease in the **number of completions** in this quarter from 374 to 181.

This section presents a comparison of DLR's HTF Q3 2020 data with that from the other 3 no. Dublin Local Authorities. The most salient performance indicators are as follows:

25% of all **units with planning permission within the Dublin Region**. (Decrease of 1% from Q2 2020).

21% of all **Active Sites within the Dublin Region**. (Increase of 2% from Q2 2020).

25% of all **units under construction within the Dublin Region.** (Increase of 3% from Q2 2020).

23% of all **units currently being processed in the planning system within the Dublin Region.** (Increase of 10% from Q2 2020).

24% of all **units permitted but not commenced within the Dublin Region.** (Decrease of 3% from Q2 2020).

Please see below for some trends and Regional comparisons.

**Q3 2020:**

Dublin Authorities – Q3 2020 Data	% of Residential Units with planning permission	% of Residential Units within the planning system - awaiting final determination	% of Residential Units permitted but not commenced	% of Residential Units under construction	% of Active Sites	% of Residential Units completed in completed developments
Dublin City	33%	48%	36%	41%	30%	0%
<b>DLR</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>0%</b>
South Dublin	17%	9%	19%	14%	13%	69%
Fingal	25%	20%	21%	20%	36%	31%
<b>Total (Figure)</b>	<b>66,286</b>	<b>7,088</b>	<b>42,770</b>	<b>12,945</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>955</b>

## Forward Planning Infrastructure

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

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

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

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

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

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

With regard to the Clay Farm project, dlr issued written correspondence to the Department in October 2020 advising that the delivery of the Clay Farm LIHAF infrastructure could not be achieved within the lifetime of the current Grant Agreement. This was acknowledged by the Department and so, this is not now an active dlr LIHAF project.

DLR will deliver and administer an Affordable Housing scheme to the value of the LIHAF. Forward Planning Infrastructure and Housing Departments will work together in preparation for the LIHAF sites. Guidance on the criteria selection for house owners will be informed by, Circular APH 01/2019 dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019, Affordable Housing (Part 5) Regulations 2019 made under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2009 (S.I. No. 381 of 2019) with further regulations awaited from the DHLGH.

The Council will continue to work with the Department and the Landowners in addressing infrastructure deficits required in opening up land for development, particularly for housing. The residential development for both DLR LIHAF sites will progress as and when developers obtain their required planning consents.

A status of each of the remaining projects is as follows:

- **Woodbrook Shanganagh - Preliminary Design Stage**

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

The access (avenue) road design to support housing development and access to the future DART station has advanced as part of the Landowners' master planning for the site and formed part of a Strategic Housing Development planning application for 685 residential units lodged with and granted by An Bord Pleanála on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020. dlr continues to engage with the developer in relation to updated construction and delivery schedules following this decision.

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

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

- **Cherrywood**

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

Within Cherrywood SDZ, grants of planning have been secured by developers for 2,705 residential units. A further 198 units are at Further Information Stage. Construction has been ongoing on the Town Centre development which includes 1,316 residential units with construction well advanced on the nearby residential site at Domville.

Noting that construction activity has been halted nationally due to Coronavirus (COVID19) restrictions, it is hoped that activity will recommence shortly. At present it is not possible to say how these restrictions have impacted on developer timelines, if at all.

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

## **LIHAF Infrastructure**

### **Phase 1 – Complete**

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

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

The next section of road (circa 315m of road and a 40m short bridge spanning the Cabinteely Stream) is in detailed design stage and forms part of a grant of planning application (to include

housing development). This application is the subject of Judicial Review proceedings which have been fast tracked to the Commercial Court. Dlr was advised that a revised decision date is now due late April 2021 dlr in tandem is advancing the detailed design, tender documentation, pre-commencement surveys and land acquisition to complete the final section of the Phase 2 infrastructure, with a view to an immediate commencement on site following the conclusion of the Judicial Review process.

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

The final section of the road comprises of (circa 55m of road and a 120m bridge spanning the Carrickmines River). An updated infrastructure delivery timeline, cost estimates and a business case for approval for additional funds was submitted to the DHLGH for their consideration in early 2020, the outcome of which is awaited. As part of this cost review, dlr appointed a consultant following a tender competition to prepare Concept Design Photomontages, preliminary land acquisition drawings and cost estimates to better inform the design. This information has also been submitted to the Department for their review

### **Cherrywood URDF Infrastructure**

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

DLR was successful in obtaining funding under the URDF in respect of the Category A Cherrywood Parks, Greenways and Attenuation Project, the total cost of which is estimated at €17.8M and for which formal approval of the total project was received in June 2020. Funding is by way of 75% direct government funding and 25% funded by the separate Section 48 Cherrywood Development Contributions. The Department has undertaken to recompense local authorities in respect of 100% expenditure under the Fund as a temporary measure to the end of June 2021, to assist with alleviating any cash flow issues being experienced by local authorities in progressing the projects.

This will see the development of 4 distinct sub-projects comprising the Linear Park, surface water attenuation ponds 2a and 5a and completion of Tully Park Phase 2. Recent Government correspondence has reaffirmed the DHLGH's objective to maintain the continuity and momentum of the URDF supported programme. Noting that construction activity has been halted nationally due to Coronavirus (COVID19) restrictions, it is hoped that activity will recommence shortly. At present, however, it is not possible to say how these Coronavirus (COVID19) restrictions have impacted on project timelines until activity resumes definitely.

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

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

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

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

Preliminary design is nearing completion. The project is to proceed to the formal Part 8 stage in Q2 2021. A briefing was provided to the Ward Councillors at the Area Committee meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

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

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

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

Construction on the Park was due to commence early in Q1 2021, however, this was deferred due to the Coronavirus (COVID19) restrictions and it is hoped to commence, once land transfers are completed in early Q2 2021 once restrictions are lifted. A headed item Section 138 Report was brought to the Members at the January 2021 Council meeting.

### **URDF Call 2**

A second call for proposals under the URDF 2020 was advertised in January 2020 Dlr submitted 5 applications for consideration under this Call 2 process on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

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

These 5 applications are listed in their ranked order as follows:

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

In additional a standalone request to initiate a study for Blackrock Village was also submitted.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021, dlr was notified by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, that two of the applications submitted by the Council for funding, under Call 2, were successful and a breakdown of what was approved for dlr in brief below. The Department will issue formal letters of approval in principle and set out the arrangements and conditions attached to the URDF funding.

### **A total of €44,361,115 has been provisionally allocated to dlr for the following projects:**

#### **Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Amenity €40,361,115**

The infrastructure being provided under 'Call 2' consists of the following:

- Castle Street Link – completion of Cherrywood's bus priority route to connect it to the existing Park & Ride facility at Carrickmines Luas stop.
- Ticknick Park - Ballycorus Access – development of cycle, pedestrian and vehicle access to Ticknick Park.
- Town Centre Pedestrian & Cycle Link – development of an elevated pedestrian and cycle bridge within the Cherrywood Town Centre.
- 3 Public Parks – creation of centrally located, multi-functional spaces providing a focal area for each of the associated village communities.
- Smart Parking Study – research and application of measures to create efficiencies in Cherrywood's required parking provision.

- Beckett Link (& Barrington Rd Connection) – development of pedestrian, cycle and vehicle link from the Kiltarnan Link to the Cherrywood Town Centre, to include the uncompleted portion of Barrington’s Road.

**Dundrum Community Cultural & Civic Hub**

**€ 4,000,000**

This URDF funding will support:

- Enhanced public realm improvement works to North end of Dundrum (Library/bridge area)
- A renewed masterplan strategy (Design/feasibility) for all of Dundrum. It will include a review of the location/integrated design for a community hub project (based on a revised wider strategic plan called the Community, Cultural and Civic Action Plan). The Community, Cultural and Civic Action Plan is funded under ‘Call 1’ of the URDF.

Information in relation to the national announcement may be found via the following link: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/56ef8-urban-regeneration-and-development-fund-urdf/>

**Cherrywood SDZ – Progress Report.**

The **current Main Work Streams** include:

- Cherrywood LIHAF - as reported above;
- URDF Call 1 Projects (2018) - Cherrywood Parks, Greenways and Attenuation – as reported above;
- URDF Call 2 Project (2020) – Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Amenity application submitted to DHLGH on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020 which received funding approval in the order of c.€40M - as reported above. A briefing to the elected members will be facilitated once further particulars have been received from the Dept. on the detail of the successful projects.
- Bride’s Glen to Shankill pedestrian / cycle Scheme - Dlr Road Projects continue to engage with the HSE Estates office/Loughlinstown Hospital to agree the more desirable route for the Greenway. Design consultants have been appointed and are currently examining all options in order to recommend the preferred route. Topographical surveys are underway to inform the route design. The Planning process will follow. The NTA remain committed to the delivery and funding of this project.
- The Cherrywood Steering Group, comprising the Chief Executive and Directors of Services in key service departments met 16 times since it was established in 2017. The Steering Group has been convened to provide oversight in all key aspects of the delivery of the Cherrywood SDZ that cover multi – disciplinary themes;
- Development of a Common Infrastructure Agreement for the provision of the common infrastructure required for the build out of Cherrywood SDZ is being progressed by the Development Agency Project Team (DAPT). The Project Management Protocols issued to the Cherrywood Landowners in November 2020;
- A review of the Scheme, arising from the requirement for same as set out in the recently published ‘Urban Development and Building Heights Guidelines for Planning Authorities’ (December 2018) is nearing completion by DAPT and will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála imminently;
- The DAPT prepared Amendment No. 7 to the Cherrywood SDZ Planning Scheme in relation to a re-alignment of the Beckett Road from that as shown in the approved Planning Scheme. The re-alignment relates primarily to the southern portion of Beckett Road and to the underpass with the Wyattville Link Road (WLR). This was submitted in October 2020 by the dlr Planning Authority to An Bord Pleanála for their determination as the competent authority to make this assessment;
- The DAPT has finalised a Wayfinding and Directional Signage Strategy for Cherrywood SDZ, the principal aim of which is to ensure a consistent and appropriate approach to

signage and naming in the SDZ area. This was advised by way of email to the Elected Members on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021; and

- The DAPT has established a cycling review group to draw from the expertise of the NTA and the dlr Sustainable Mobility Group to scope out enhancements to what has been provided in the area and explore new experiences in cycling (including technology). It is intended to bring a Report on findings and recommendations of this group to a future Area Committee meeting.

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

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

The Status of other applications from 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 to 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021 inclusive is as follows; -

- DZ20A/0399 – Permission & works for 136 residential units, Laughanstown & Brennanstown – Decision to Grant Issued 22/01/2021
- DZ20A/0552 – 163 residential units, Cherrywood – Decision to Grant Issued 12/03/2021
- DZ20A/0585 – Temp Marketing Suite, Cherrywood – Request for Further information issued 15/10/2020
- DZ20A/0824 - Block F2 changes to Façade/elevations, Cherrywood – Decision to Grant Issued 12/01/2021
- DZ20A/0877 - a single storey Gas District Regulator Installation (DRI) building, Bishop Street – Decision to Grant Issued 29/01/2021
- DZ21A/0029 - Alterations to Block 8 (formerly Block E) - Request for Further Information issued 11/03/2021

There are currently 2 SDZ applications for which a report is being prepared.

To date the total no. of residential units permitted is 2,705. A further 198 units are at Further Information Stage. The total amount of non-residential development permitted is circa 104,719sq.m of Mixed use (retail/non-retail/commercial) and circa 47,498 sq.m of High Intensity Employment (HIE).

### **Stakeholder Engagement**

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

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

### **Funding**

The Cherrywood Planning Scheme Development Contribution Scheme 2017 – 2020, [http://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/20170613\\_cherrywood\\_planning\\_scheme\\_development\\_contribution\\_scheme\\_2017-2020\\_adopted.pdf](http://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/20170613_cherrywood_planning_scheme_development_contribution_scheme_2017-2020_adopted.pdf) was adopted at the June Council Meeting 2017 and all decisions to grant planning permission relative to the Cherrywood SDZ area, made on or after 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017, are subject to the Conditions of this Scheme.

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

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

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

Dlr has progressed the review of the current Schemes as stated in both Development Contribution Schemes and intends to commence the statutory consultation process in 2021.

In addition to the DCS, government funding, Local Property Tax Income, LIHAF and URDF (Call 1 and Call 2) has been secured and contributes to the funding of internal common infrastructure. However there still remains a funding gap in relation to the provision of the entire common infrastructure (i.e. the projects that are not LIHAF and URDF funded). The Report indicating the Programme of Capital Projects 2021 – 2023 presented at the February 2021 Council Meeting provides further detail (please note this report pre-dates the URDF call 2 announcement). DAPT will update the status of the funding gap once full particulars of the URDF call 2 have issued from the DHLGH.

dIrl lodged an application for Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Access under the URDF Call 2 on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020 relating to seven sub-projects that align with the requirements of the Fund for submission. Six of the seven sub-projects covered in the application have received funding approval on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and it is intended to brief the Elected Members in full once full particulars of the approved funding have issued from the DHLGH to dIrl. The unsuccessful project was the Kiltarnan Link (a Countywide project linking the Cherrywood Planning Scheme area to the Kiltarnan environs).

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

dIrl has been issued with High Court proceedings by a main landowner in Cherrywood seeking a declaration that it is entitled to offset the costs incurred by it in constructing common infrastructure against development contributions. The claim also includes other related reliefs. Dlr has passed the proceedings to its solicitors who will defend the Council’s position in the proceedings. This process is ongoing.

## Infrastructure and Climate Change

### Capital Projects

#### **Blackglen Road/Harold's Grange Road Improvement Scheme**

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Rochestown Road Improvement Scheme**

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

DLR and the NRH hospital are finalizing the ceding of land associated with the hospital development, in which the Council will receive the area in front of the newly constructed boundary wall, allowing for the implementation of the scheme. The Hospital and the Council are starting discussions in relation to further developments and associated lands requirements.

The NTA has allocated €400,000 for 2021 and progress with the mobility schemes. Refer to Road Maintenance for resurfacing works.

#### **Dublin Bay Trail / S2S**

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

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

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

#### **Dún Laoghaire Baths**

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

**DLR LexIcon Environs**

Construction on this project along with greening projects along George’s Street is now complete; the overall outcome has been to upgrade the streetscape by using high quality hard and soft landscaping and street furniture to match the works completed by DLR along Marine Road, Queen’s Road and the Metals. Works at the entrance to the dlr LexIcon and the Pavilion Carpark have also been undertaken creating a safer pedestrian environment.

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

The project is currently subject to a Judicial Review which is expected to be concluded in Q2 2021.

**Bray Woodbrook Landfill Remediation Project**

Provision of coastal protection for the cliffs at the old landfill north of Bray. The tender has been awarded and works are due on site when Covid restrictions are lifted.

**Climate Action**

Following the February 2021 meeting of the Council, the first Annual Progress Report of the Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2024, was published. One of the four targets set out in the CCAP was the improvement of the Council’s energy efficiency of 33% by December 2020, which has been exceeded. The Council improved its energy performance by 37.2% based on its 2019 return, compared to the baseline year of 2009. This means that dlr has exceeded the 2020 public sector target of 33% energy efficiency, as reported by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland’s Monitoring & Reporting (M&R) System.

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

Complaints received 112  
 Complaints closed 119

**Litter and Waste Fines**

January – March 2021	Number	Comment
Litter Fines issued (Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws)	163	
Presentation of Waste (Waste Bye-laws) fines	9	Waste Bye-laws
Legal proceedings initiated	37	
Cases opened (Dumping/Litter)	723	Litter Section
Cases closed (Dumping/Litter)	705	Litter Section

### Energy & Emissions

A lunchtime staff talk on 'Energy & Buildings' (Climate Action) in February was attended by 124 dlr staff. 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 'Energy Saving Handbook – Simple Tips to Help Save Energy in the Workplace' was distributed online to staff:

<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/878143/>

The final scorecard for Local Authorities for Energy Performance results for each public body in the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI)'s annual report, shows that Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council exceeded the 2020 energy efficiency target of 33%, a year ahead of schedule and reached 37.2% by the end of 2019.

<b>Dangerous Buildings: 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020– 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021</b>	
Dangerous	3
Potentially Dangerous	6
Not Dangerous	4
Total	13

## Community and Cultural Development

### Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP)

- The LCDC held two meetings in this quarter, the 27<sup>th</sup> January and 10<sup>th</sup> March.
- At the LCDC on 27<sup>th</sup> January, the LCDC Annual Report 2020 outlining the key achievements during 2020 was approved and was submitted to the March Council Meeting for noting.
- The LECP Annual Progress Report 2020 was approved.
- The meeting included a presentation on Dublin Rural LEADER by Eilish Harrington, CEO of Fingal Leader Partnership.
- New LCDC members, Maria Culbert representing the D & DL ETB and Mary Fitzpatrick representing the HSE, attended their first LCDC meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March
- Payments of €36,611 in grant funding through the Covid 19 Emergency Fund Round 2 were approved, with grants being awarded to 40 different groups. €15,390 was already awarded to 7 community groups for projects tackling food poverty under this round of funding. The €52,001 funding was provided by the Department of Rural and Community Development.
- The meeting included two presentations- Roisin Cronin on DLR's Economic Development and Claire Carroll on DLR Volunteer Centre
- There was a JPC meeting on the 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. The JPC Annual Report 2020 and the JPC workplan priorities for 2021 were approved at this meeting.
- There were 2 Loughlinstown Ballybrack Shankill Local Policing Fora meetings in this quarter - the 27<sup>th</sup> January and 24<sup>th</sup> March. The Dun Laoghaire Local Policing Forum meeting took place on 15<sup>th</sup> February and the Sandyford Stepside LPF took place on 16<sup>th</sup> February. These meetings were held online via MS Teams.
- A Rural Task Force Meeting was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February
- DLR is an Age Friendly County, and work is ongoing to implement [DLR's Age Friendly Strategy 2016-20](#) working with dlr's Age Friendly Alliance Partners. The Alliance held a meeting on 3 March. The Age Friendly Strategy 2021-26 Consultation Questionnaire went live on citizen space in November and closed for submissions on 9 February.
- The dlr Age friendly magazine for Winter 2020/21 was launched on 9 December. A digital version of the magazine can be found [here](#), <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/523290/>.
- In February, the dlr PPN in conjunction with DLRCC, produced 2 short training videos on the use of Zoom at intermediate level. 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>

In March 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.

## Capital Projects

### Parks

Parks Capital Projects – Q1 2021 Progress							
	On Hold	(i) Preliminary	(ii) Design	(iii) Tender	(iv) Construction	(v) Complete	Comment
Fernhill Park & Gardens – Phase 2						✓	Planting works nearly complete
Hudson Road Park						✓	Application for Sports Capital Grant made for the changing pavilion
Colaiste Eoin/Iosaquin All-Weather Pitch						✓	Complete and operational in Nov 2020
Blackthorn Park, Sandyford						✓	Minor finishing works and planting taking place
Metals Phase 3 Public Realm - Peoples Park Boundary						✓	
Blackrock Park Masterplan					✓		Masterplan adopted at the Oct 2020 Council meeting. Works on-going under NTA scheme.
Stonebridge Road Changing Rooms (temporary)					✓		Awaiting final connection of water services
Grass Pitches – Performance Quality Standard					✓		Surveys complete – performance testing on-going
Pavement Improvement Programme				✓	✓		Works and procurements on-going
dlr Leisure Monkstown All Weather Pitches				✓			Awaiting confirmation of grant prior to award.
Rosemont School Pitches				✓			Legal contracts to be finalised prior to awarding contract.
Finsbury Park				✓			Assessing tenders received
Myrtle Square & Convent Lane Greening			✓				Part 8 approved at Jan 2021 meeting. Enabling works to take place in Q2 2021.
Mountown Boxing Facility			✓				Part 8 approved at Feb 2021 meeting
Hyde Park Multi-Use Building			✓				Public consultation to commence in Q2 2021 – awaiting final drawings/docs
Multi-Use Campus at St. Thomas Estate			✓				Phase 1 detail design on-going. Heads of terms being developed.
Killiney Hill/Dalkey Quarry Phase II Improvements			✓				Design complete. Tenders to be invited.
Woodbrook College All-Weather Pitch		✓					Design being progressed
Jamestown Park Masterplan		✓					Feasibility report complete
Marlay Golf Redevelopment		✓					Considering options following expressions of interest process.
Shanganagh Park Masterplan	✓						Considering options for progressing in phases
Kilbogget Park Community Sports Centre	✓						Clubs to re-convene to establish agreement
Shanganagh Crematorium	✓						Considering options for DBO contract and value engineering

July Stimulus Package (NTA) – Parks Projects							
	On Hold	(i) Preliminary	(ii) Design	(iii) Tender	(iv) Construction	(v) Complete	Comment
Blackrock Park – Phase 1						✓	1.25km of pedestrian and cycle paths.
Shanganagh Park						✓	0.9km of shared surface
Kilbogget Park						✓	1.9km of shared surface paths
Clonkeen Park						✓	1.8km of shared surface paths and new bridge
Eden Park						✓	Re-surfacing works and paths
St. Helens Wood						✓	Surfacing of existing stone paths
Marlay Park Cycle Way						✓	Re-surfacing
Slang Greenway						✓	Re-surfacing
Blackthorn Park						✓	Perimeter paths
Fernhill Park & Gardens						✓	Paths in rear fields with extensive links
Loughlinstown Linear Park					✓		1.3km of shared surface
Parks Entrances					✓		Barriers being removed where appropriate
Marlay Park Pedestrian Entrance					✓		For completion in April 2021
Killiney Hill - Pedestrian Entrance					✓		For completion in May/June 2021

## Cultural Development

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

- DLR Libraries Library Development Plan 2016-2020  
<https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/files/using-your-library/Library%20Development%20Plan%20English%20version%20Final.pdf>
- DLR Arts Development Plan 2016 -22  
[https://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/arts\\_development\\_plan\\_eng\\_.pdf](https://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/arts_development_plan_eng_.pdf)
- DLR Cultural and Creative Strategy 2018 – 22  
<https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/creative-communities/dun-laoghaire-rathdown>
- What's On Guide (Oct-Dec) and (Jan-Mar) provides information on events and services from dlr Libraries. <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/event-calendar>  
[https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/whatson\\_janmar2020\\_web\\_friendly\\_pdf\\_0.pdf](https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/whatson_janmar2020_web_friendly_pdf_0.pdf)
- [My Open Library Deansgrange](#) marked its first anniversary with 1700 members having signed up for the service. The most frequent users are second-level students,

many returning as third level the following year and a steady cohort of Internet users. Figures peaked during June Bank Holiday-before Leaving Certificate exams at 514 on Monday, 460 on Sunday, 429 on Saturday. Reservation pick-up and Sunday newspapers now available during MOL hours. There are increasing number of parents and children coming in on Sundays and older regular newspaper readers also. It opened over Christmas 2019 with 31 unique users on Christmas Eve, 9 on Christmas Day and 17 on Stephen's Day.

MOL emails received contained the following comments:

*'Peaceful'*

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

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

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

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

Community Response to Covid 19:

- Helpline and email address set up and promoted across all communication channels
- Operated 7 days a week from 9am to 5pm. Responded to over 4,000 calls since establishment in March 2020.
- Issues range from transport, shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation
- A stakeholder forum was established providing a multi-agency response to the individuals in the community that are negatively impacted arising from the measures implemented by the Government to stem the spread of Covid 19.
- 3 stakeholder meetings held
- Health & Wellbeing Initiatives:
  - Against the background of the Covid Restrictions, a range of initiatives have been developed to support health and wellbeing in our communities. The priority is to encourage communities to keep fit and active, stay connected and support them in looking after their mental health.
  - Initiatives were rolled out across Libraries, Sports and Physical Fitness, Arts, Heritage and Biodiversity.
  - The Council also partnered with Making Connections, that primarily looks after the elderly, in delivering a range of individual initiatives, in the community to help isolated individuals to connect with their neighbours.
- To view dlr's health and wellbeing initiatives page under the 'Keep Well' Campaign see <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/keep-well-campaign-2020>

### **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.



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.