



# **DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN**

## **DECEMBER MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

**1 December – 17 December 2021**

Dlr continue to operate a blending working arrangement for staff to ensure compliance with public health advice.

The December Council meeting was held on the 13th December 2021 as a hybrid style meeting, within the Council Chamber. A reduced number of Members and staff attended the meeting physically, due to current health advice. Members not present in the Chamber, attended the meeting remotely.

Updates on services effected, by department, are detailed below:

### **Libraries**

All dlr Library spaces remain open at this time as part of a gradual and measured resumption of onsite library services in line with Government guidelines. These include: re-introduction of designated PC Spaces for internet access, some seating and Study Spaces on a phased basis/

The continuation of these library services is dependent on the most up to date public health advice and may be subject to revision at short notice.

In addition to our ongoing programme of events online, a gradual and measured return to indoor events has begun following the latest Govt. announcement.

We're hopeful that some in-person book clubs for adults can resume safely in our library spaces shortly, in line with public health guidelines.

We will continue to take steps individually and collectively to keep the risk of the spread of Covid-19 under control, in particular by:

- acting fast, isolating and getting tested if we have symptoms
- wearing our face coverings where appropriate
- making sure that indoor spaces are well-ventilated
- maintaining adequate social distancing whenever appropriate
- covering our coughs and sneezes and keeping our hands clean

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/3361b-public-health-updates/>

### **Book Drop Service**

The number of calls to the Book Drop Service remains low at present. For those members of our community unable to visit their local dlr Library in person, staff in dlr LexIcon remain available to deal with requests for books. A selection of books are boxed and then delivered safely to homes. For further information about this service, please contact dlr LexIcon staff by phone on 01 280 1147 or email [dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie)

### **Community Facilities**

Community Facilities have continued to operate for essential services during restrictions. From the 20<sup>th</sup> September activities were permitted to move indoors and managers and Boards of Management of facilities have continued to work closely with groups who provide leisure, educational, sports and cultural services to return safely to indoor settings.

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:

- The Community Response Forum is meeting every two months 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. The last meeting was held on 27 October. The next meeting is scheduled for 12 January.
- Data for the community call helpline ceased being collected at the end of October. The service had dealt with in excess of 4,500 calls since its inception

### **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 was a national campaign which the government was promoting to help people stay well during the pandemic. The Campaign was focused on 5 themes: Staying Connected, Switching Off and Being Creative, Managing your Mood, Keeping Active and Eating Well. The campaign is now being wound down, as restrictions ease.

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

### **Heritage**

Covid-friendly online and real-world exhibitions for Decade of Centenaries programme.

### **Municipal Services**

All sections are working closely with the Gardaí to assist in social distancing in public areas, including, 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. All 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. Road Maintenance staff continue to operate primarily from satellite depots and mobile welfare units to maximize social distancing.

The Roads Control unit continues to grant and manage road opening licenses and permits for developers and utility services, including electricity, water, gas and telecommunications. The unit are also coordinating the processing and granting of Section 254 applications for above ground telecommunications infrastructure.

Cleansing/Street cleaning: All services are operating at full capacity, including litter removal, cleanups, street sweeping/cleansing, litter bin emptying and recycling centres. Outdoor staff continue to operate on staggered roster systems to maximise separation of staff and maintain social distancing measures.

**Traffic:** During the Covid 19 pandemic, the Council carried out several interventions to improve facilities for pedestrians and cyclists. This included the provision of cycle lane protection at several junctions and routes and the provision of wider footpaths using bollards and cones to facilitate physical distancing in towns and villages.

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 Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council for 65 schemes. This funding was used for such interventions as cycle lane protection schemes, improved footpaths and road surfaces, and improved cycle links through parks.

Beaches/Harbours/Piers: All services have resumed.

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

The Local Enterprise Office continues to offer grant and training supports to businesses impacted by Covid 19. A webpage has been setup for the specialised [LEO Covid supports](#) which contains details of all the government supports for businesses in these difficult times.

In addition to helping companies adopt best practices in dealing with crisis, the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) is continuing to provide a full range of training supports, details of which are available [here](#). A new initiative has been launched to provide support in the areas of [Financial Understanding, Leadership and Lean thinking](#).

The Fáilte Ireland Outdoor Dining Scheme was introduced in April 2021 to provide funding to individual businesses to introduce or expand their outdoor seating. The Scheme closed on October 8 2021 and provided €350,000 in funding to support over 160 dlr businesses in the hospitality sector. This Scheme replaced the Council-funded Street Furniture Grant which has been reinstated for the remainder of 2021, providing funding of up to €2,000 to businesses in the hospitality sector.

The Economic Development Unit has been involved in a number of significant initiatives aimed at increasing footfall in the county's towns and villages, including the Dún Laoghaire Anseo street art programme and the Summer Streets initiative. The trial pedestrianisation of George's Street Lower in Dún Laoghaire finished on September 30<sup>th</sup>. An extensive consultation with residents and businesses has taken place, and this will be used, along with relevant footfall and spending data, to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the trial.

A Seasonal Fund, which initially operated in 2020, was extended in 2021 – this has provided €135,000 in funding to business groups in towns and villages across the county to assist them in decorating their area and help increase footfall in the festive period.

### **Infrastructure and Climate Change**

The Directorate is continuing its work on certain elements of 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.
- 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**

All areas fully operational.

### **Housing**

The Housing Department continues to provide a full range of services with additional health and safety restrictions in place due to Covid-19. In some cases, additional supports are being provided as required. Given the need to limit access to some homes due to COVID-19, it is not always possible to carry out some services such as minor maintenance requests.

### **Finance**

**Rates:** The Government had previously announced a waiver of commercial rates for the first 9 months of 2021. We have credited a total of €26,944,528, to customers' accounts in respect of waivers to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021. The 9 months waiver has been applied to customers' accounts and customers have been informed of their revised balances.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021, the Government announced a targeted waiver scheme for quarter 4. Over €60 million is being provided nationally to extend the commercial rates waiver for the quarter targeted at the hospitality, arts and certain tourism related sectors. We have identified 476 rates customers who will receive a total of €2,472,696.30 in respect of quarter 4 2021.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021, the Government announced an extension of the current targeted commercial rates waiver for the first three months of 2022.

As part of the Business Support Grant for 2021, we have applied the grant to commercial rate customer accounts who had signed up to pay by Direct Debit. The scheme provides for graduated grant payments dependent on the level of rates with the grant varying from 4% to 10% of the 2017 rates bill. The maximum Grant ranges from €300 to €800 depending on the 2017 Rate Band.

The Council continues to work in partnership with businesses who are experiencing difficulty paying their rates. Payment plans are entered into which are mutually acceptable to the business and the Council.

**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 seen a deterioration in our cash position as we await receipt of approx. €27m rates waiver support in respect of the first 9 months of 2021.

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.
- The Planning Counter is fully operational; customers are advised to pre-arrange an appointment to facilitate adherence to current Covid 19 guidelines and encouraged to utilize our online services.

### **Circulars and Relevant Documents**

[Planning and Development during the Covid 19 Emergency Circular PL 02/2020  
https://www.dropbox.com/sh/4v03i3z3flprs9i/AAA9a0nV\\_0rE8rLp5\\_kgxBuCa?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/4v03i3z3flprs9i/AAA9a0nV_0rE8rLp5_kgxBuCa?dl=0)

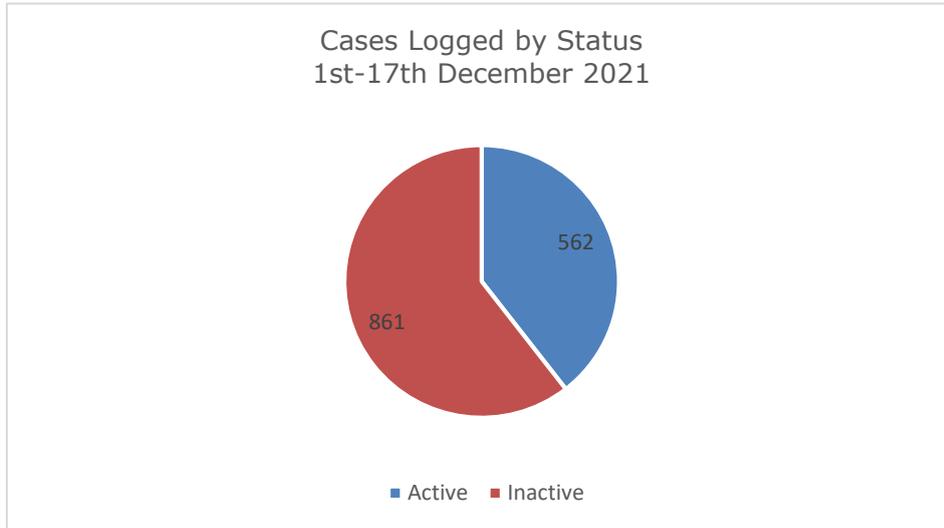


## CONTENT DIRECTORATES

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\*Included in Quarterly Management Report

**Civic Hub Stats:**



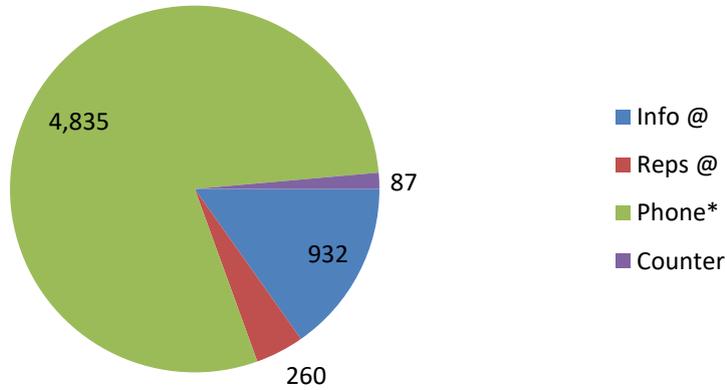
Cases logged from 1<sup>st</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

|        |     |
|--------|-----|
| Open   | 562 |
| Closed | 861 |

**Cases Logged from 1<sup>st</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021, by Section:**

| Section/Dept       | Open       | Closed     | Total       |
|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Architects         | 1          | 5          | 6           |
| Ballyogan Depot    | 2          |            | 2           |
| CoCo               | 5          | 2          | 7           |
| Comms & Civic Hub  | 9          | 253        | 262         |
| Community          | 2          | 1          | 3           |
| Corporate Services | 1          |            | 1           |
| Enterprise         |            | 1          | 1           |
| Environment        | 134        | 195        | 329         |
| Finance            | 29         | 139        | 168         |
| Housing            | 36         | 34         | 70          |
| Libraries          | 1          |            | 1           |
| Parks              | 165        | 42         | 207         |
| Planning           | 2          | 10         | 12          |
| Property           | 4          | 1          | 5           |
| Transportation     | 167        | 148        | 315         |
| Waste Enforcement  | 3          | 22         | 25          |
| Water Services     | 1          | 7          | 8           |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>562</b> | <b>861</b> | <b>1423</b> |

**Civic Hub Interactions  
from 1st - 17th December 2021\***



\* Pie chart excludes abandoned calls

**Civic Hub Activities:**

**Cases logged from 1<sup>st</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

| Phone Statistics | Answered Directly | Transferred to overflow |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
|                  | 4,279             | 556                     |

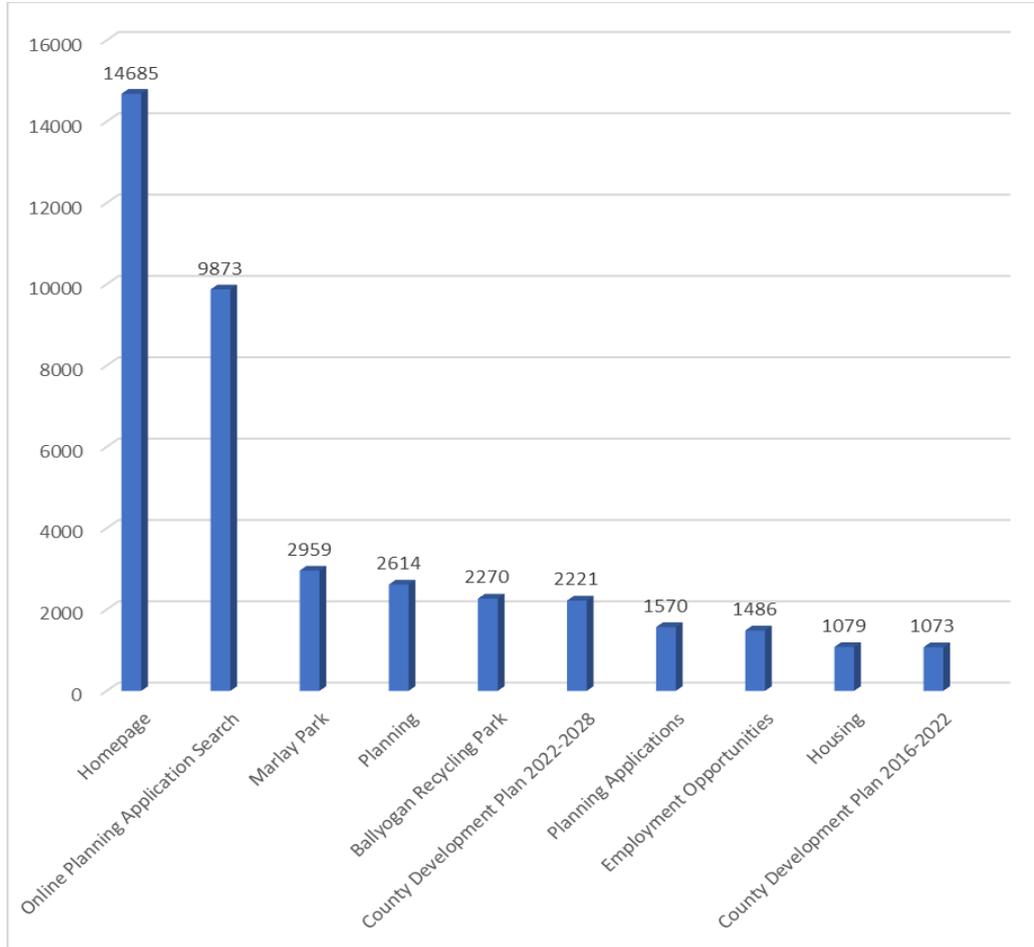
| Emails received | Info@ | Reps@ | Total Emails |
|-----------------|-------|-------|--------------|
|                 | 932   | 260   | 1,192        |

| Counter Interactions | Civic Hub | Appointments | Total |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------|-------|
|                      | 68        | 19           | 87    |

**Website Activity  
Page Views**

| Website      | Page Views |
|--------------|------------|
| Dlrcoco.ie   | 109,129    |
| Dlrevents.ie | 2,802      |
| dlrLibraries | 14,279     |

**Top Pages**



**Press Queries**

Total press queries for period: 7

**Freedom of Information**

There were 3 FOI Requests received in December

## Social Media Activity – December 2021

| Profile ^   | Audience      | Net Audience Growth | Published Posts | Impressions      | Engagements   | Engagement Rate (per Impression) | Video Views    |
|---|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Reporting Period</b>   | <b>70,929</b> | <b>364</b>          | <b>601</b>      | <b>1,149,205</b> | <b>60,423</b> | <b>5.3%</b>                      | <b>112,639</b> |
| Dec 1, 2021 - Dec 17, 2021  | ↗0.8%         | ↗71.7%              | ↘1.2%           | ↗53.1%           | ↗192.7%       | ↗91.2%                           | ↗549.3%        |
| <b>Compare to</b>   | <b>70,385</b> | <b>212</b>          | <b>608</b>      | <b>750,854</b>   | <b>20,644</b> | <b>2.7%</b>                      | <b>17,349</b>  |
| Nov 14, 2021 - Nov 30, 2021   |               |                     |                 |                  |               |                                  |                |
|  @DLR_Libraries                              | 8,505         | 24                  | 63              | 73,824           | 1,623         | 2.2%                             | 611            |
|  @dlrArts                                    | 2,785         | 7                   | 33              | 24,382           | 521           | 2.1%                             | 456            |
|  @dlrcc                                      | 18,334        | 115                 | 160             | 478,125          | 25,868        | 5.4%                             | 50,035         |
|  @dlrheritage                                | 3,877         | 3                   | 15              | 11,951           | 584           | 4.9%                             | 5              |
|  @leo_dlr                                    | 5,569         | 4                   | 0               | 980              | 7             | 0.7%                             | 0              |
|  dlrcoco.ie                                  | 5,206         | 95                  | 120             | 91,456           | 1,114         | 1.2%                             | 627            |
|  dlrevents                                   | 11,127        | 43                  | 55              | 110,130          | 4,834         | 4.4%                             | 4,621          |
|  Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council      | 12,850        | 75                  | 144             | 339,278          | 25,335        | 7.5%                             | 56,222         |
|  Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership | 2,676         | -2                  | 11              | 19,079           | 537           | 2.8%                             | 62             |

| 1. Road Maintenance Management Report - December 2021 |  |              |          |         |          |   |
|---|--|--------------|----------|---------|----------|---|
| Ref.  | Programme Type   | STATUS       |          |         |          | Comments  |
|   |  | Design Stage | Tendered | On site | Complete |   |
| <b>RRP Major</b>                                      | <b>Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works</b>              |              |          |         |          |   |
| 1   | Ballinteer Avenue  |              |          |         | ✓        |   |
| 2   | Meadowmount Estate   |              | ✓        |         |          | on site Q1 2022   |
| 3   | Roebuck Road   |              |          | ✓       |          | works will resume Q1 2022   |
| 4   | The Park Estate Cabinteely                                   | ✓            |          |         |          | Deferred to 2022  |
| 5   | Claremont Road   |              |          |         | ✓        |   |
| 6   | Ballinlea Road   |              |          |         | ✓        |   |
| 7   | Corrig Road  |              |          |         | ✓        |   |
| 8   | Ashlawn Estate   | ✓            |          |         |          | Deferred to 2022 due to shallow services, final design WIP                    |
| 9   | Saval Park Road  |              |          |         | ✓        |   |
| 10  | Glenageary Road Upper  | ✓            |          |         |          | Tender to issue in Jan and on site in Q1 2022                                 |
| 11  | Barnhill Road  | ✓            |          |         |          | Tender to issue in Jan and on site in Q1 2022                                 |
| 12  | Killiney Hill Road   |              |          |         | ✓        | Scheme brought forward to work in collaboration with IW rehabilitation scheme |
| 13  | Leslie Avenue  |              |          |         | ✓        | Scheme brought forward to make full use of the road closure                   |
| 14  | Rochestown Avenue  |              |          |         | ✓        | NTA stimulus package  |
|   |  |              |          |         |          |   |
| <b>RRP Minor</b>                                      | <b>Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')</b> |              |          |         |          |   |
| 1   | Stillorgan Road (old N11)                                    |              |          |         | ✓        |   |
| 2   | Upper Kilmacud Road  |              |          |         | ✓        |   |
| 3   | Ticknock Road Edges  |              |          |         | ✓        |   |
| 4   | Ballyedmunduff Road Edges                                    |              |          |         | ✓        |   |
| 5   | Heidelberg   |              |          |         | ✓        |   |
| 6   | Sandyford Village  | ✓            |          |         |          | to be included in Village scheme  |
| 7   | Wyckham By-pass Roundabout                                   |              |          |         | ✓        |   |
| 8   | Bearna Park  |              |          |         | ✓        | urgent flood alleviation  |
| 9   | Georges Place  |              |          |         | ✓        |   |
| 10  | Patricks Square  |              |          |         | ✓        |   |
| 11  | Monkstown Farm   |              | ✓        |         |          | Plan to increase works scope in 2022  |
| 12  | Georges Street Lower   |              | ✓        |         |          | Plan to increase works scope in 2022  |

|            |  |   |   |  |   |  |
|------------|--|---|---|--|---|--|
| 13         | Barnaslingan Lane                                | ✓ |   |  |   | Defer to 2022  |
| 14         | Shanganagh Terrace                               |   |   |  | ✓ |  |
| 15         | Dublin Road (from old Conn Ave north to Circe K) |   |   |  | ✓ |  |
| 16         | Johnstown Road                                   |   |   |  | ✓ | scheme brought forward due to deteriorating road condition |
| 17         | Proby Square (North, into Lindenvale)            |   |   |  | ✓ |  |
| 18         | Mapas  |   |   |  | ✓ | Area Committee commitment                                  |
| 19         | Mornington Avenue                                |   |   |  | ✓ | in response to CRM case                                    |
| 20         | Station Road Killiney                            |   |   |  | ✓ | in response to CRM case                                    |
|            |  |   |   |  |   |  |
| <b>FP</b>  | <b>Footpath Upgrade Programme</b>                |   |   |  |   |  |
| 1          | Pine Valley                                      |   |   |  | ✓ |  |
| 2          | Sandyford Business District                      | ✓ |   |  |   | deferred to 2022   |
| 3          | Kerrymount Ave                                   | ✓ |   |  |   | deferred to 2022   |
| 4          | Cabinteely Close                                 |   |   |  | ✓ |  |
| 5          | Eden Park/Slieve Rua/Dale Road                   |   |   |  | ✓ |  |
| 6          | The Park, Cabinteely                             |   | ✓ |  |   | on site Q1 2022  |
| 7          | Sweetbriar Lane                                  |   |   |  | ✓ |  |
| 8          | St Lukes Milltown                                |   |   |  | ✓ |  |
| 9          | Weston Churchtown                                |   |   |  | ✓ | in response to CRM case                                    |
| 10         | Loreto Nutgrove                                  |   |   |  | ✓ | in response to CRM case                                    |
| 11         | Woodford   |   |   |  | ✓ | in response to CRM case                                    |
| 12         | Dún Laoghaire Town                               |   | ✓ |  |   | on site Q1 2022  |
| 13         | Blackrock Town                                   |   |   |  | ✓ |  |
| 14         | Dalkey Village                                   |   |   |  | ✓ |  |
| 15         | Wynberg Park (Part of)                           |   |   |  | ✓ |  |
| 16         | Watsons Estate                                   | ✓ |   |  |   | Deferred to 2022 due to shallow services, final design WIP |
| 17         | Glenavon Park                                    | ✓ |   |  |   | on site in Q1 2022   |
| 18         | Eaton Brae                                       |   |   |  | ✓ |  |
| 19         | St Helens Road                                   |   |   |  | ✓ | In response to Deputation meeting request                  |
| 20         | Connawood  |   |   |  | ✓ | in response to CRM case                                    |
| 21         | The Grange                                       |   |   |  | ✓ | in response to CRM case                                    |
| 22         | Mounttown Road Lower                             |   |   |  | ✓ | in response to CRM case                                    |
| 23         | Elm Grove  |   |   |  | ✓ | in response to CRM case                                    |
|            |  |   |   |  |   |  |
| <b>BSP</b> | <b>Bridges &amp; Structures Programme</b>        |   |   |  |   |  |
| 1          | Blue Light Wall Repair                           |   |   |  | ✓ |  |
| 2          | Glenalua Wall Repair                             |   |   |  | ✓ |  |

|             |  |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------|--|---|---|---|---|---|
|             |  |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>DGRP</b> | <b>Drainage / Gully Repair Programme</b> |   |   |   |   |   |
| 1           | End of Old Bray Road, Cabinteely         |   |   |   | ✓ |   |
| 2           | Whitethorn Road, Clonskeagh              |   | ✓ |   |   | on site Q1 2022                                 |
| 3           | Woodside Road                            | ✓ |   |   |   | deferred to 2022                                |
| 4           | Beech Lawn, Dundrum                      |   |   |   | ✓ |   |
| 5           | N11 at The Rise & Trees Road Lower       | ✓ |   |   |   | on site Q1 2022                                 |
| 6           | Ballyedmonduff Road                      |   |   |   | ✓ | urgent flood alleviation                        |
| 7           | Burrow Road                              |   |   |   | ✓ | urgent flood alleviation                        |
| 8           | Woodley Park                             |   |   |   | ✓ | In response to August flood event               |
| 9           | Broadford Rise                           |   |   |   | ✓ | In response to August flood event               |
| 10          | Woodpark Ballinteer                      |   |   |   | ✓ | In response to August flood event               |
| 11          | Flemingstown Park                        |   |   |   | ✓ | In response to August flood event               |
| 12          | Clonkeen Road (At South Park)            |   |   |   | ✓ |   |
| 13          | Woodbine Park                            |   |   |   | ✓ |   |
| 14          | Seafield Road Killiney                   |   |   |   | ✓ |   |
| 15          | Ruby Hall                                |   |   |   | ✓ |   |
| 16          | Quinns Road                              | ✓ |   |   |   | conflicting to IW proposed work                 |
| 17          | Stillorgan Park Road                     |   |   |   | ✓ |   |
| 18          | Ulverton Road                            |   |   |   | ✓ |   |
| 19          | Carysfort Ave/Convent Rd                 |   |   |   | ✓ |   |
| 20          | Ferndale Road                            |   |   |   | ✓ | urgent flood alleviation                        |
| 21          | Sorrento Road                            |   |   |   | ✓ | urgent flood alleviation                        |
| 22          | Rathallagh Park                          |   |   |   | ✓ | urgent flood alleviation                        |
|             |  |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>NRP</b>  | <b>National Roads Programme</b>          |   |   |   |   |   |
| 1           | N31 Crofton Road                         | ✓ |   |   |   | Tender package ready                            |
| 2           | N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing Programme    |   |   | ✓ |   | works will resume Q1 2022                       |
|             |  |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>AWP</b>  | <b>Accessibility Works Programme</b>     |   |   |   |   |   |
| 1           | Loreto Park                              |   |   |   | ✓ |   |
| 2           | Mulvey Park (Part of)                    | ✓ |   |   |   | deferred to 2022                                |
| 3           | Mt Albany Estate                         |   |   |   | ✓ |   |
| 4           | Cloister Estate                          |   |   |   | ✓ |   |
| 5           | Glenageary Park                          | ✓ |   |   |   | to be included in Parks Entrance proposed works |
|             |  |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>CMP</b>  | <b>Cycleway Maintenance Programme</b>    |   |   |   |   |   |

|             |   |   |   |  |   |                 |
|-------------|---|---|---|--|---|-----------------|
| 1           | Brehonfield Road  |   |   |  | ✓ |                 |
| 2           | Kill Lane (sections from Foxrock to Deansgrange jct)  |   |   |  | ✓ |                 |
| 3           | Baker's Corner's junction   |   |   |  | ✓ |                 |
| 4           | Rochestown Avenue   |   |   |  | ✓ |                 |
|             |   |   |   |  |   |                 |
| <b>EMP</b>  | <b>Estate Management Programme</b>  |   |   |  |   |                 |
| 1           | Kilcross Estate   |   |   |  | ✓ |                 |
| 2           | Rathsallagh Estate  |   |   |  | ✓ |                 |
|             |   |   |   |  |   |                 |
| <b>TICP</b> | <b>Taking in Charge Programme*</b>  |   |   |  |   |                 |
| 1           | The Rise Mount Merrion  | ✓ |   |  |   | on site Q1 2022 |
| 2           | Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway   |   | ✓ |  |   |                 |
|             | *Subject to investigation and clarification of ownership, assessment of works and costs needed to bring these roads/laneways up to taking in charge standard, and no commitment can be made at this stage as completing such works would be dependent on available funding and resources. |   |   |  |   |                 |
|             |   |   |   |  |   |                 |
| <b>RCRP</b> | <b>Roads Control Reinstatement Programme</b>  |   |   |  |   |                 |
| 1           | Proby Square (South)  |   |   |  |   | Completed       |
| 2           | Mariner's Court   |   |   |  |   | Completed       |
| 3           | Devitt Villas   |   |   |  |   | Completed       |
| 4           | Kilgobbin Road  |   |   |  |   | Completed       |
| 5           | Enniskerry Road   |   |   |  |   | Completed       |
| 6           | Overend Avenue & Sydenham Avenue  |   |   |  |   | Completed       |

## 2. Traffic & Road Safety

|  | Preliminary Design Stage | Public Consultation | Detailed Design Stage | Tendered | On site | Complete | Comment   |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------|---------|----------|---|
| <b>NTA STMG Schemes 2021 – Schemes being progressed by Traffic &amp; Road Safety Section</b> |                          |                     |                       |          |         |          |   |
| Brewery Road Junction (Brewery Road/St Brigid's, Church Road)                                |                          |                     | ✓                     |          |         |          | Works to take place on the St. Brigid Church Road junction in 2022. |

|  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sandyford to Clonskeagh (UCD to Ashtons)   |   |   |   | ✓ |   |   | Contract tenders are being assessed with construction to commence in early 2022.  |
| Stillorgan Park Road to Carysfort Ave  |   | ✓ |   |   |   |   | The Public Consultation report was presented to the Dún Laoghaire Area committee on November 26 <sup>th</sup> and noted and detailed design is ongoing. |
| Sandyford Business District Cycle Routes   |   | ✓ |   |   |   |   | The Public Consultation report was presented to the Dundrum Area committee on December 6 <sup>th</sup> and noted and detailed design is ongoing.        |
| Sandyford Cycle Route (Roebuck Road to UCD)                                      | ✓ |   |   |   |   |   | Preliminary Design Ongoing  |
| Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock  |   |   |   |   | ✓ |   | Works at the N11-Newtownpark Avenue are substantially complete  |
| Leopardstown Road Cycle Lane Improvements  | ✓ |   |   |   |   |   | Documents to be prepared for appointment of design consultant in 2022   |
| Nutgrove Avenue - Phase 3  | ✓ |   |   |   |   |   | Documents to be prepared for appointment of design consultant in 2022   |
| Selected Green Schools Walkability Audits Infrastructure                         |   |   |   |   | ✓ |   | Works are substantially complete on Castlepark Road, Knapton Road, Albert Road and Glenageary Dart Station.   |
| Cycle Parking Development  |   |   |   |   | ✓ |   | 155 stands have been installed in 2021 up to the end of November (310 cycle spaces)   |
| Roebuck Road (Fosters Avenue to Goatstown Road)                                  |   |   |   |   | ✓ |   | Works on junctions nearly completed   |
| Protected Cycle Facilities   |   |   |   |   |   | ✓ | Cycle protection provided on Johnstown Road and Blackthorn Drive  |
| New Pedestrian and Cycle entrance to Belfield on N11 at Nova UCD                 |   |   |   |   | ✓ |   | Scheme 98% complete. Waiting for installation of granite cladding and new gates at Nova UCD. Estimated completion late December 2021.                   |
| Wyattville Road (Phase 2)  |   |   | ✓ |   |   |   | Detailed design and preparation of tender documents ongoing. RFT to be sent out in December   |
| Churchtown Road Lower (pedestrian improvements)                                  |   |   |   |   | ✓ |   | Due to go to tender for construction shortly  |
| Junction Improvements - west side of the County                                  |   |   |   |   |   | ✓ | Junction improvements have been completed at Rosemont, Dundrum and Farrenboley, Windy Arbour  |
| Stepaside Village and cycle scheme   | ✓ |   |   |   |   |   | In the process of appointing a consultant to carry out a preliminary design   |
| Churchtown Road Upper  | ✓ |   |   |   |   |   | Design of a cycle scheme is underway  |
| <b>Covid 19 and July Stimulus Packed funded schemes – Contractual Liability.</b> |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 2020 Covid Measures and 2020 July Stimulus Package                               |   |   |   | ✓ |   |   | Outstanding works from 2020 active travel schemes ongoing.  |

### Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan

Phase 3 – Lower Kilmacud Road from Kilmacud Croke’s GAA Club to the N11. Design works are ongoing with a new road layout being examined to provide additional public realm benefits. Design being discussed in tandem with Developers of Leisureplex site.

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

"Open City", the Dublin City local authorities' initiative to assist with Traffic flow over the Christmas period began on 5 December in conjunction with other local authorities, An Garda Síochána and the Transportation Infrastructure Ireland.

Bike lights event in conjunction with Gardai on 15th of December from 5pm to 6pm on Rock Road.

High viz vests and bike lights were handed out to 50+ cyclists

Transportation and Marine Strategic Policy meeting on 14th December 2021. Two reports presented

- Travelling in a Woman's Shoes
- Cycle Parking Research Project Presentation by Robert Egan, TCD

Cycle Forum meeting held on 14th December 2021

Road Safety Working Together meeting held on 16th December 2021

Public Consultation report on Sandyford Business Districts Cycle scheme presented to Dundrum Area Committee 6th December 2021

Cargo Bike parking spaces marked in the Harbour Area and bike stands were installed in the underground car park

### **Deputations**

No deputations in December 2021

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

No TAG Meetings took place in December 2021

### **Bus Connects**

The Core Bus Corridor (CBC) schemes are progressing through the Final Design stage and planning applications are being prepared. A Preliminary Business Case for the overall BusConnects Dublin Programme has been submitted to the Department of Transport for its review and for Government decision in accordance with the Public Spending Code governing capital projects. Assuming a positive determination of the Preliminary Business Case, the NTA intends to submit planning applications for approval to An Bord Pleanála as quickly as is feasible thereafter. Statutory Planning Application documentation for the Clongriffin to City Centre CBC Scheme is being finalized and is expected to be the first CBC planning application to be lodged with ABP. It is anticipated at this stage that the Blackrock to Merrion CBC planning application will be submitted to ABP in Q1 of 2022.

The submission of the planning applications to ABP triggers a formal statutory public consultation process in respect of each of the stand-alone Core Bus Corridor schemes, with submissions to be made directly to An Bord Pleanála for their consideration. During this process, the finalised Environmental Impact Assessment Reports, inclusive of traffic impact analyses, will be published and available for inspection (including online) and purchase. The public will then have the formal opportunity to have their views heard and considered by An Bord Pleanála as part of the statutory consultation process to inform An Bord Pleanála's assessment of each of the stand-alone Core Bus Corridor schemes.

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

Work on this project is progressing and the ABTAs Stages 1 & 2 are now largely completed with work now underway on Stage 3 - Options Assessment & Development

### **Dundrum – Bus Interchange Project**

Initial discussions have commenced with the NTA on this project which aims to address the need for improvements to bus interchange facilities in Dundrum to cater for the planned service increases under the BusConnects New Dublin Area Bus Network. Meetings/workshops are ongoing to progress this work and a multi-disciplinary group from the Council is in place to assist.

### **Dún Laoghaire - Bus Interchange Project**

Similar to the Dundrum Bus Interchange Project, the NTA have commenced discussions with DLRCC to address the need for improvements to bus facilities in Dún Laoghaire to cater for the planned service increases under the BusConnects New Dublin Area Bus Network. Meetings/workshops are ongoing to progress this work and a multi-disciplinary group from the Council is in place to assist.

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

Discussions have commenced with the NTA regarding the recommencement of this study and the specific requirements to be taken into account in assessing the transport & mobility needs of the southeast of the county.

### **New Bus Stops to Serve Planned BusConnects Orbital Bus Services**

The Traffic Section has been liaising with the NTA on the location and design of new bus stops throughout the county, required to support planned new bus services being introduced by the NTA over the next two years. It is anticipated that bus stop approval notices for the new stops will be issued to the NTA in early January 2022.

## **3. Water & Drainage**

### **Drainage and Flood Alleviation**

Engineering and Environmental Consultants were appointed in Dec 2019 for Flood Risk Management works on the **Deansgrange Stream**. This is a 4-to-5-year project. Activities completed to date include additional survey work, CCTV surveys, a Constraints study, Hydrological analysis, and hydraulic modelling. Initial Public Consultation is now complete. Optioneering, environmental surveys and engagement with key stakeholders are underway. A Ground Investigation contract is complete, and the report is awaited.

Engineering and Environmental Consultants have also 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 and is now complete. An initial topographical Survey has been completed. Early damage/benefits assessments are underway to ensure a cost-beneficial scheme is achievable. An initial public engagement is now completed following short briefing sessions with Area Councillors. The Hydrology/Hydraulic report is now completed.

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 a topographical survey has been completed. A flow/rainfall survey and CCTV survey will commence shortly.

## 4. Roads Control Unit

### Reinstatement works

Roads Control Unit is continuing to carry out the permanent reinstatement works throughout the administration area of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council DLRC according to the current service level agreement (SLA) between Irish Water and DLRC.

|   |
|---|
| 630 no. locations reported, additional 25 no. confirmed                     |
| 409 no. locations reported in 2021, fully completed and certified           |
| 509 no. location reported in 2020 and fully completed and certified in 2021 |

### Restoration works

| Ref.        | Programme Type                                  | STATUS       |          |                             |          | Comments                 |
|-------------|---|--------------|----------|-----------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
|             |   | Design Stage | Tendered | On site                     | Complete |                          |
| <b>RCRP</b> | <b>Roads Control Restoration Programme 2021</b> |              |          |                             |          |                          |
| 1           | Proby Square (South)                            |              |          | Completed                   |          |                          |
| 2           | Mariner's Court                                 |              |          | Resurfacing works completed |          | Outstanding Road marking |
| 3           | Devitt Villas                                   |              |          | Completed                   |          |                          |
| 4           | Kilgobbin Road                                  |              |          | Completed                   |          |                          |
| 5           | Enniskerry Road                                 |              |          | Completed                   |          |                          |
| 6           | Overend Avenue & Sydenham Avenue                |              |          | Completed                   |          |                          |

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

| Cleansing & Beaches Stats                                 | Jun 2021 | Jul 2021 | Aug 2021 | Sept 2021 | Oct 2021 | Nov 2021 |
|---|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes) | 364      | 318      | 217      | 283       | 342      | 470      |
| Clean-Ups Assisted  | 50       | 60       | 53       | 67        | 58       | 66       |
| Animal Removals from Public Spaces                        | 40       | 27       | 19       | 23        | 21       | 33       |
| Bathing Water Samples Taken                               | 41       | 43       | 40       | 32        | 18       | 17       |
| Gullies Cleaned   | 1440     | 1204     | 729      | 1251      | 742      | 1264     |
| Dumping Incidents Managed                                 | 32       | 30       | 56       | 42        | 45       | 53       |
| Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected                | 2        | 1        | 0        | 1         | 0        | 0        |
| Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water | 0        | 21       | 10       | 4         | 13       | 0        |
| Street Bin Collections                                    | 6709     | 6742     | 6417     | 5703      | 5456     | 4938     |

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

## Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Updates

- Workforce have continued operating on staggered roster arrangements to maintain social distancing requirements.
- Arup are continuing to progress planning & design for longer term remediation measures at Coliemore Harbour. Planning pack due for internal distribution before Christmas.
- Annual weeding contract is significantly completed. Only skeleton crews remain to close out contract.
- Weeding, sweeping and gully cleaning operations are complete on Church Road and Wyatville Road.
- Additional Sweeping and Cleaning operations at weekends ongoing in order to tackle the high volume of CRM requests.
- Access reinstatement drawings have been received for the 40 Foot. Internal Stakeholder reviews will be held in early January.
- Tenders received for Bicycle stand removal and alterations project on Vico Road/Whiterock.
- Staff training is progressing on Safe Pass card holders and training is being scheduled for gully cleaning operators.
- 2022 Blue Flag applications for Seapoint and Killiney must be submitted in December.
- Cleansing & Beaches Christmas roster prepared for coverage throughout the Christmas period

## 6. Relevant Statistics

There were 1328 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 1<sup>st</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021, a breakdown of which is as follows:

| Violation  | No. of Tickets Issued |
|--|-----------------------|
| Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations      | 631                   |
| Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations                  | 185                   |
| Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay                                   | 169                   |
| Parking a vehicle on a footway   | 108                   |
| Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line  | 39                    |
| Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line | 39                    |
| Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations    | 28                    |
| Overstaying 3-hour parking limit   | 27                    |
| Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins                                     | 26                    |
| Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand  | 19                    |
| Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay                             | 17                    |
| Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop                               | 12                    |
| Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited                                  | 10                    |
| Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time                           | 7                     |
| Parking a vehicle on a cycle track   | 3                     |
| Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction   | 2                     |
| Parking a vehicle in a bus lane/street   | 1                     |

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Parking a vehicle interfering with other traffic                      | 1           |
| Parking a vehicle on a grass margin                                   | 1           |
| Parking a vehicle within 15 meters approach side of traffic lights    | 1           |
| Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay                                     | 1           |
| Parking or stopping a vehicle on a clearway                           | 1           |
| <b>Total no. of tickets issued between 1st and 17th December 2021</b> | <b>1328</b> |

There were no convictions secured in the District Court. All matters were adjourned to a date in January 2022

### Public Lighting

Work continues on the replacement of the old lights with LED lighting which is more energy efficient, gives less maintenance and improved service. General maintenance including upgrading of brackets, columns and Networks is also on-going.

### Public Lighting Maintenance

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Number of repairs carried out in Dec 2021:       | 559  |
| Percentage of lights out at the end of Dec 2021: | 0.8% |
| Pole replacement carried out in Dec 2021:        | 28   |
| Bracket replacements:                            | 379  |
| Tree trimming:                                   | 54   |
| ESBN Connections/ Requests:                      | 3    |
| LED Upgrades                                     | 338  |

### LED Upgrading Program

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

### Planning and Building Control

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Applications analysed | 53 |
| Inspections completed | 1  |

### Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Additions:      | 2 |
| Alterations:    | 0 |
| Legal requests: | 2 |

### Road Opening Licences (29 October – 30 November 2021)

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| 29 <sup>th</sup> October – 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2021 Mapproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System |     |
| Application Submitted   | 238 |
| Application Granted   | 201 |

### Road Closures and Street Furniture, Filming Locations and Event Signage

In December 2021 there were:

- There was 1 application for Street furniture and 2 applications for Road Closure

## **7. Dún Laoghaire Harbour**

### **COVID-19 Measures**

All services have resumed throughout the Harbour in line with Government guidelines

### **Funfair on Plaza**

A Christmas Vintage Funfair is operating on the Plaza at the Ferry Terminal throughout Christmas and into early January, All Covid-19 safety measures are in place, and we hope that the funfair brings some seasonal joy to the local children at this time.

### **Drive-in Covid Test Centre**

Radox Travel Health Care have opened a temporary drive-in COVID-19 test centre in the HSS compound on a trial basis for 3 months. The tests can be booked on-line for those requiring them for work or essential travel. The centre opened for business on Monday 22nd February. Radox will cease operations on 31Dec 2021.

### **Projects:**

#### **National Watersports Campus**

DLRCC in partnership with Irish Sailing and the Irish Underwater Council have been approved in principle for Stream 1 grant funding for the development of a National Watersports Campus. We have responded to requests for additional information and are now finalising the grant process and agreements with the project partners.

#### **Berth 2 Fenders**

A project to replace the Berth 2 fenders has been given approval to proceed to procurement stage. RPS Group have been appointed to carry out the design and procurement for this project. This project was tendered, and Sorensen Construction have been appointed to deliver the project. We are awaiting Foreshore consent to proceed to works on site.

#### **Traders Wharf**

Grant funding was successfully applied for (from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine) for the installation of power and water points along Traders Wharf for the Dún Laoghaire Fishing fleet. This project has been tendered and Linham Construction have been appointed to deliver the project. This project is almost complete.

#### **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.

#### **Cruise Ship Business**

There has been an increase in Cruise Ship Tender bookings for Dún Laoghaire Harbour in 2022. We are currently formulating plans for how to receive and welcome these Tender calls throughout next year.

## Finance and Economic Development

### Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit

| Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date | Total approved Jan-Dec 2021 | Enterprise Ireland target December 2021 |
|---|-----------------------------|---|
| Feasibility Study                               | 23                          | 16                                      |
| Business Priming                                | 14                          | 12                                      |
| Business Expansion                              | 13                          | 10                                      |
| Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters        | 11                          | 10                                      |
| Trading Online Vouchers                         | 247                         | 150                                     |
| Microfinance Ireland *                          | 9                           | 24                                      |
| <b>Total Approvals</b>                          | <b>317</b>                  |   |

\*Approved by MFI

| Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance |    |
|---|----|
| December 2021   |    |
| No of jobs created                                      | 56 |

| Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2021        | Jan-Dec 2021 |
|---|--------------|
| Number of applications for Financial Assistance                 | 308          |
| Clients attending Networking Events                             | 613          |
| Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars | 1,868        |
| Clients commencing mentoring assignments                        | 210          |
| Clients attending Business Advice clinics                       | 306          |
| Clients participating in Leadership Management Programmes       | 80           |
| <b>Total No of Clients Assisted</b>                             | <b>3,385</b> |

| DLR Economic Development Supports    | Jan-Dec 2021 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme    | 5            |
| Shop Front Improvement Scheme        | 49           |
| Business Promotion Grants            | 3            |
| Outdoor Dining Scheme <sup>2</sup>   | 166          |
| Street Furniture Scheme <sup>2</sup> | 7            |

Note 2: The Outdoor Dining Scheme was introduced on April 12<sup>th</sup> 2021 and replaced the Council's Street Furniture Grant. The Scheme closed to applications on October 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 after which the Street Furniture Grant was reinstated.



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## Enterprise Promotion activities in December 2021

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>DLR Enterprise News</b>                          | <p><a href="#">DLR Enterprise News December 2021</a><br/>(sent 06/12/21) Open rate 44.9%, 2623 recipients</p> <p><a href="#">DLR Enterprise News December 2021 – 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</a><br/>(sent 14/12/21) Open rate 40.3%, 2621 recipients</p> <p><a href="#">Open rate Industry average 11%</a></p> |
| <b>One-to-One Business Advice Sessions</b>          | Remote Sessions throughout December   |
| <b>Growing Lean: How to build a Better Business</b> | 1 <sup>st</sup> December  |
| <b>Smartphone Video Skills Workshop</b>             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> December  |
| <b>Trading Online Voucher Information Seminar</b>   | 7 <sup>th</sup> December  |

| <b>Social Media Analysis: December 1 – 16 2021</b> |                        |                            |                    |                    |
|--|------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Facebook</b>                                    | <b>No of followers</b> | <b>No of New followers</b> | <b>No of posts</b> | <b>Impressions</b> |
| LEO dlr  | 2,003                  | 2                          | 0                  | 100                |
| <b>Twitter</b>                                     | <b>No of followers</b> | <b>No of New followers</b> | <b>No of posts</b> | <b>Impressions</b> |
| LEO dlr  | 5,570                  | 4                          | 3                  | 1,025              |

## Tourism Development

The Covid situation and the new variant continues to have a very serious impact on visitor numbers and the tourism sector's ability to trade.

### **DLR Tourism Kiosk**

The tourism kiosk is operating at full capacity. Visitor numbers are low mid week but weekends are busy.

### **Cruise Tourism in 2022**

A meeting was held with key tourism providers to discuss the plans for Cruise calls to Dun Laoghaire in 2022. The development of a number of full and half day tours in Dún Laoghaire for cruise passengers is being explored.

### **Destination Towns Project**

A new lighting bauble is now in place outside the Tourism Kiosk at the Metals. A public photo competition is in place for December.

Interpretative signage for the new Coastal Trails has been developed. This will now go to tender for manufacture and installation.

Lighting of the Maritime Museum and the Battery on the East pier has now been completed. The lighting of St Michael's Church bell tower will commence in the new year.

### **Tourism Friendly Cities (URBACT)**

Our Local Action plan for this project is currently being developed. The project committee will meet to sign off on the action plan.

### Tourism Promotion

Social media advertising and promotion of events and tourism products continued in December.

| Social Media Analysis: December 2021 |                 |                     |             |             |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Facebook                             | No of followers | No of New followers | No of posts | Impressions |
| dlr Tourism                          | 7,324           | 102                 | 16          | 64,785      |
| Twitter                              | No of followers | No of New followers | No of posts | Impressions |
| dlr Tourism                          | 3,631           | 3                   | 4           | 6,000       |
| Instagram                            | No of followers | No of New followers | No of posts | Impressions |
| dlr Tourism                          | 2,692           | 23                  | 4           | 15,288      |

| DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT<br>INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/11/2021 |                               |                         |                    |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| SERVICE DIVISION  | Balance at<br>01/01/2021<br>€ | Expenditure<br>YTD<br>€ | Income<br>YTD<br>€ | Balance at<br>30/11/2021<br>€ |
| <b>A Total Housing &amp; Building</b>   | -13,013,648                   | 40,096,786              | -42,078,639        | -14,995,502                   |
| <b>B Total Road Transport &amp; Safety</b>  | -6,890,505                    | 21,770,762              | -19,251,763        | -4,371,505                    |
| <b>C Total Water Services</b>   | -2,309,719                    | 956,483                 | -490,030           | -1,843,265                    |
| <b>D Total Development Management</b>   | -116,460,990                  | 5,593,317               | -26,245,748        | -137,113,420                  |
| <b>E Total Environmental Services</b>   | -1,537,685                    | 51,588                  | -392,475           | -1,878,572                    |
| <b>F Total Recreation &amp; Amenity</b>   | -13,255,266                   | 6,740,270               | -4,676,147         | -11,191,143                   |
| <b>G Total Agriculture, Education,<br/>Health&amp;Safety</b>                          | -4,738,072                    | 427,690                 | -343,880           | -4,654,262                    |
| <b>H Total Miscellaneous Services</b>   | -24,870,872                   | 2,345,475               | -2,442,009         | -24,967,406                   |
| <b>Grand Total</b>  | <b>-183,076,756</b>           | <b>77,982,371</b>       | <b>-95,920,692</b> | <b>-201,015,077</b>           |

| SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 30/11/21 |                               |  |                        |  |                         |                    |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|------------------------|--|-------------------------|--------------------|
|                                      | Balance at<br>01/01/2021<br>€ |  | Balance at<br>30/11/21 |  | Current year<br>debit € | Arrears >1<br>year |
| <b>RATES</b>                         | <b>19,133,314</b>             |  | <b>29,973,490</b>      |  | <b>27,784,324</b>       | <b>2,189,166</b>   |

**DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 30/11/2021**

91.67%

| SERVICE DIVISION         |  | EXPENDITURE        |                                  |                       |
|--------------------------|--|--------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
|                          |  | Expenditure<br>€   | Adopted Full<br>Year Budget<br>€ | Exp as % of<br>Budget |
| A                        | Housing & Building                       | 48,490,773         | 52,266,800                       | 92.78%                |
| B                        | Road Transport & Safety                  | 27,792,830         | 33,534,600                       | 82.88%                |
| C                        | Water Services                           | 11,843,998         | 12,722,200                       | 93.10%                |
| D                        | Development Management                   | 23,583,908         | 28,826,300                       | 81.81%                |
| E                        | Environmental Services                   | 30,313,936         | 32,172,200                       | 94.22%                |
| F                        | Recreation & Amenity                     | 30,966,670         | 33,995,500                       | 91.09%                |
| G                        | Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare | 4,670,422          | 4,376,900                        | 106.71%               |
| H                        | Miscellaneous Services                   | 39,499,562         | 13,454,700                       | 293.57%               |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b> |  | <b>217,162,099</b> | <b>211,349,200</b>               | <b>102.75%</b>        |

| SERVICE DIVISION |  | INCOME             |                                  |                       |
|------------------|--|--------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
|                  |  | Income<br>€        | Adopted Full<br>year Budget<br>€ | Inc as % of<br>Budget |
| A                | Housing & Building                       | 41,055,233         | 45,772,800                       | 89.69%                |
| B                | Road Transport & Safety                  | 12,202,099         | 14,719,000                       | 82.90%                |
| C                | Water Services                           | 7,939,654          | 8,750,900                        | 90.73%                |
| D                | Development Management                   | 8,708,579          | 11,073,300                       | 78.64%                |
| E                | Environmental Services                   | 5,186,249          | 5,576,700                        | 93.00%                |
| F                | Recreation & Amenity                     | 4,436,860          | 4,916,300                        | 90.25%                |
| G                | Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare | 3,128,442          | 3,026,000                        | 103.39%               |
| H                | Miscellaneous Services                   | 34,159,394         | 7,297,500                        | 468.10%               |
| <b>Sub Total</b> |  | <b>116,816,511</b> | <b>101,132,500</b>               | <b>115.51%</b>        |

|                     |                    |                    |                    |                |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| LPT                 | Local Property Tax | 17,080,888         | 18,633,700         | 91.67%         |
| RA                  | Rates              | 84,364,688         | 91,583,000         | 92.12%         |
| <b>Total Income</b> |                    | <b>218,262,087</b> | <b>211,349,200</b> | <b>103.27%</b> |

|                                 |                   |                |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| <b>Balance as at 30/11/2021</b> | <b>€1,099,988</b> | <b>Surplus</b> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|

**Planning Applications – monthly statistics: 1<sup>st</sup> December – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

|                                   | Outline Permission | Permission | Total |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|------------|-------|
| New application Received*         | 0                  | 91         | 91    |
| Decision Deferred                 | 0                  | 40         | 40    |
| Decision to Grant**               | 0                  | 64         | 64    |
| Decision to Refuse**              | 0                  | 13         | 13    |
| Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks | 0                  | 55         | 55    |
| Invalid Applications              | 0                  | 11         | 11    |

\*Includes 11 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".  
2 no. 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 |
|-----------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| ABP3121322<br>1       | Cornel Living Limited<br>Old Bray Road, Cornelscourt,<br>Dublin 18<br>419 no. residential units (7 no. houses, 412 no. apartments),<br>creche and associated site works  | 07/12/2021                | 19/01/2022                            | www.cornelscourtp<br>anning2.ie                  | 06/04/2022               |
| ABP3121702<br>1       | 1 Wyckham Land Limited<br>Marmalade Lane, Wyckham<br>Avenue, Dundrum, Dublin 16<br>'Build to Rent' (BTR)<br>apartment development<br>consisting of 5 no. blocks<br>ranging in height up to 10<br>storeys. 531 no. apartments | 13/12/2021                | 24/01/2022                            | www.marmaladelan<br>eshd2.ie                     | 11/04/2022               |
| Subject to validation | Heronvale Developments Ltd<br>Lands at Shaldon Grange,<br>located off Enniskerry Road<br>(R117), Kiltarnan, Dublin 18<br>130 no. residential units   | 15/12/2021                | -                                     | www.landsatshaldo<br>ngrangekiltarnanshd<br>.com | -                        |

<https://www.pleanala.ie/getattachment/7e5978f6-673a-47ea-8cb3-772fbbd926fb/Current-Applications-26-08-2021.pdf?lang=en-IE>

**Planning Counter Figures 1<sup>st</sup> December – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Customers Served | 148 |
|------------------|-----|

**Building Control 1<sup>st</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Fire Safety Certs applications received*                   | 10    |
| Fire Safety Certs applications Granted *                   | 11    |
| Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn/Invalid * | 0/0/1 |
| Disability Access Cert Applications Received **            | 5     |
| Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused**    | 5/0   |
| Commencement Notices Validated                             | 22    |
| 7 Day Notices received                                     | 2     |
| Completion Certs Validated                                 | 7     |

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

\*\*Includes DACs, Dispensation/ Relaxation



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## Infrastructure and Climate Change

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

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Complaints received | 12 |
| Complaints closed   | 17 |

### Litter and Waste Fines

| December 2021   | Number | Comment        |
|---|--------|----------------|
| Litter Fines issued (Litter Pollution Act/Litter Byelaws) | 26     |                |
| Presentation of Waste (Waste Byelaws) fines               | 6      |                |
| Legal proceedings initiated.                              | 17     |                |
| Cases opened (Dumping/Litter)                             | 60     | Litter Section |
| Cases closed (Dumping/Litter)                             | 67     | Litter Section |

## Architects

### Energy

A Climate First Steering Committee has been established as proposed by the Energy Team and agreed by the Management Team. The Climate First Steering Committee is chaired by Chief Executive with Directors and Seniors from Municipal, Corporate, Community, Infrastructure & Climate Change, Finance and Architects with the purpose of strategic direction and delivery of Energy Efficiency and Carbon Reduction Projects in DLR (buildings, fleet and public lighting).

The Energy Team is updating data (meter readings and energy bills) on the Energy Elephant platform, to improve the organisation and clarify departmental responsibility of dlr's energy use. The aim of the exercise is to boost engagement by the relevant energy users, to identify areas in need of further energy improvement and prioritise investment.

In preparation of the extended reporting obligations for staff travel under the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI)'s Monitoring and Reporting (M&R), my mobility hub is also being reviewed and potential improvements in data collection and travel options to promote greener staff travel will be proposed.

### Conservation

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| Planning Applications  | 19 |
| SHD Applications       | 1  |
| Section 5 Declarations | 1  |

### Dangerous Buildings

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Dangerous             | 0        |
| Potentially Dangerous | 5        |
| Not Dangerous         | 2        |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>7</b> |

### **Local Policing Fora/Joint Policing Committee**

A Meeting of the Dundrum/Stillorgan Local Policing Forum took place on 7<sup>th</sup> December on MS Teams and a Sandyford/Stepaside Local Policing Forum meeting took place on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Rural Task Force**

A Rural Task Force meeting took place on 7<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Community Facilities**

Community Facilities have continued to operate for essential services. From the 20<sup>th</sup> September activities were permitted to move indoors and facilities have continued to work closely with groups who provide leisure, educational, sports and cultural services to return safely to indoor settings.

### **Network Of Community Facilities**

The Network met in December to reflect on challenges and achievements in 2021 and to start preparation and planning for 2022. This network is performing as an effective platform to facilitate shared learning, good practice and to identify solutions.

### **Consultation with Children and Young People**

The National Framework for Children and Young People's Participation in Decision Making was launched by The Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth earlier this year. An internal working group has been set up to progress dlr's implementation of the National Framework. Members of this working group are made up of staff from Community, Libraries, Music Generation, Parks, Infrastructure & Climate Change and Corporate Affairs. An implementation plan is now drafted with specific actions identified for 2022 to strengthen effective consultation across the organisation.

### **Community Employment Programme**

The council has been granted approval to run the scheme for a further 12 months. This scheme provides opportunities for 101 participants to engage in training and education and to upskill with real meaningful work placements.

An audit was carried out by Audit Team in DEASP in October on the following areas: (The Agreement, Workforce (participants and supervisors), Training and Development, Finance, Board Oversight). The final results were favourable and reflect that the scheme is well run.

### **Age Friendly Programme & Social Inclusion Unit:**

- The [2022 dlr Age Friendly Magazine](#) is now available in hard copy and online. The 84 page full-colour free magazine is packed with information, short stories, poems, recipes, lyrics, puzzles, exercises and guidance on the Age Friendly services and activities provided by dlr County Council and Age Friendly organisations and groups operating across Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

The 2022 dlr Age Friendly magazine is produced by the dlr Age Friendly Programme, the Community Section of dlr County Council and dlr Libraries and is funded by Creative Ireland, Healthy Ireland and the dlr County Council Library Services, Age Friendly Programme and Community section.

Essential information on the services and assistance provided by many dlr County Council Sections as well as Age Friendly support organisations and groups working in the county are included in the magazine on keeping active, safe, connected, assisting with wellbeing, mental health as well as guidance on getting started with digital and

staying active online.

20,000 hard copies of the magazine will be dispersed and are available from all dlr Libraries and County Council offices as well as churches, community centres and shops and is available to view online at <https://bit.ly/dlrAgeFriendly22>. For further information on receiving copies, contact the Community Section, dlr County Council at 01 2054893 / [community@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:community@dlrcoco.ie).

- The **dlr Age Friendly Alliance** met on the 8<sup>th</sup> December with a presentation and discussion on the drafting of the 2022-2026 dlr Age Friendly Strategy as well as updates from all the participating member organisations and groups.
- Consultations continue with all stakeholders in the drafting of the new **dlr Age Friendly Strategy, 2022 – 2026** to be completed by Q1 2022.
- The **dlr Integration Forum** continue to meet online and are seeking new members.

#### **Community Response to COVID-19:**

- The Community Response Forum is meeting every two months 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. The last meeting was held on 27 October. The next meeting is scheduled for 12 January.
- Family Support Group met the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December to identify any emerging needs.
- Data for the community call helpline ceased being collected at the end of October. The service had dealt with in excess of 4,500 calls since its inception

## **Cultural Development**

### **Arts**

#### **Musicians in Residence**

Watch Trumpeter Darren Cornish Moore's concert with renowned organist Malcolm Proud when they performed live in the Studio, dlr LexIcon. Darren was one of the 2021 Musicians in Residence, a Scheme supported by The Arts Council.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/music-development/musician-residence-darren-cornish-moore>

#### **Municipal Gallery Programme**

**On Steady Ground/Unsteady Ground**, a collaborative exhibition by artists Cora Cummins and Saoirse Higgins, opened on 11 December. The artists, who are residents of the County, were awarded a Visual Art Commission from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, funded by the Arts Council. Featuring new work in etching, video, photography and sculpture, the exhibition connects the artists' parallel research interests in environment and landscape change and reflections on losing what seemed permanent.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/municipal-gallery-dlr-lexicon/steady-groundunsteady-ground>

#### **Visual Art Commission,**

Artists Dave Madigan and Dianne Whyte were selected from over 50 applicants for the Visual Art Commission 2022 and 2023. The Commission includes an artist's fee for the creation of a new body of work which is contra funded by the Arts Council and an exhibition in the Municipal Gallery in dlr LexIcon.

#### **Arts Grants**

The Arts grant scheme for 2022 was launched in early December with a closing date of the 28<sup>th</sup> of January. Applications are open to artists, arts organisations, community groups etc and will support a broad range of artistic activity throughout the County.

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

### **dlr First Frames Short Film Scheme,**

Two short films have been commissioned for 2021/22 under dlr First Frames. Both will be filmed in the County. The Scheme is fully funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's Arts Office and Economic Development Unit, and managed by IADT. Mentoring support is provided by the National Film School, IADT with additional equipment and facilities from IADT.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/visual-arts-and-film/dlr-first-frames-202122>

### **Cuairt agus Cultúr Festive Programme 2021**

Cuairt agus Cultúr is a cultural events programme run by dlr Libraries and dlr Arts Office in residential care settings for older people in the County. Running since 2018, the annual programme moved online during 2020 with many live, interactive as well as pre-recorded sessions delivered via Zoom. During summer 2021, we delivered a live programme to four care settings in the County. In December 2021, we are delighted to deliver festive wreaths to all residential care settings along with a festive programme of pre-recorded events for all to enjoy, available throughout the month of December.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts-community/cuairt-agus-cult%C3%BAr>

### **Exploring and Thinking Bursaries 2021-22**

Exploring and Thinking is a collaborative framework for early childhood arts in the Dublin region. It came about in 2016 when the four Dublin Local Authorities partnered for the first time to collectively consider early childhood arts provision in Dublin. Early childhood arts includes a wide range of different arts practices and creative experiences with/for children aged 0-5 years in different contexts. The Exploring & Thinking Bursary Award supports individual professional artists to develop their artistic practice working with and/or producing work for early childhood arts.

4 Bursaries have been awarded by the partnership in December 2021.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/early-years-arts/exploring-and-thinking-bursary-awards-2021-22>

### **Libraries**

All dlr Library spaces remain open at this time as part of a gradual and measured resumption of onsite library services in line with Government guidelines. These include: re-introduction of designated PC Spaces for internet access, some seating and Study Spaces on a phased basis.

The continuation of these library services is dependent on the most up to date public health advice and may be subject to revision at short notice.

In addition to our ongoing programme of events online, a gradual and measured return to indoor events has begun following the latest Govt. announcement.

We're hopeful that some in-person book clubs for adults can resume safely in our library spaces shortly, in line with public health guidelines.

We will continue to take steps individually and collectively to keep the risk of the spread of Covid-19 under control, in particular by:

- acting fast, isolating and getting tested if we have symptoms
- wearing our face coverings where appropriate
- making sure that indoor spaces are well-ventilated
- maintaining adequate social distancing whenever appropriate
- covering our coughs and sneezes and keeping our hands clean

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/3361b-public-health-updates/>

### **Book Drop Service**

The number of calls to the Book Drop Service remains low at present. For those members of our community unable to visit their local dlr Library in person, staff in dlr LexIcon remain available to deal with requests for books. A selection of books are boxed and then delivered safely to homes. For further information about this service, please contact dlr LexIcon staff by phone on 01 280 1147 or email [dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie)

All dlr Libraries will close from Friday 24 December to Monday 3 January inclusive. Our online resources (see below) are available 24/7 during this time.

While out and about this festive season, why not visit one of our 4 **dlr Scéal Trails** around the County? Located outside dlr LexIcon, Cabinteely Library Garden, Shankill Library Garden and Bracken Road Park in Sandyford.

### **dlr Libraries Online**

#### **Online Resources**

We have lots of resources/services available on our website. You can:

- download eBooks and eAudiobooks from **BorrowBox** and **Overdrive** and read them on your tablet, laptop or smartphone  
**Tumblebooks** is an online collection of e-books for children. You can use your computer, tablet, or mobile phone. All you need is an Internet connection. There are no downloads - books are streamed right to your device at the click of a button.
- read magazines and newspapers online with **Overdrive** and **Pressreader**
- take an online course with **Universal Class**  
With over 400 courses, Universal Class is committed to providing the highest quality online training. Over 300,000 students around the world have benefited from Universal Class' unique instructional technologies. Courses are available in accounting, business, psychology, exercise and fitness, entrepreneurship, arts and music, home and garden care, cooking, computers and technology, health and medicine, writing skills, law and legal ...plus 100s more!
- learn a language online with **Transparent Language Online**  
With over 100 languages to choose from – learn at home, in the library or on the go!
- stream or download music to your device with **Freemal**
- listen to a podcast with **DLR Soundcloud**
- watch an exhibition on your tablet, laptop or pc

***You just need your library card number and your PIN, and it's all free!***

Visit: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/online-library>

#### **Events for Adults**

In addition to our ongoing programme of events online, a gradual and measured return to indoor events and activities will continue in line with LGMA Guidelines on Group Activities and Events.

#### **Online events & activities**

##### **Winter Solstice – a guided meditation**

Join Tanja Thomas on Tuesday 21 December for a live meditation. Celebrate the Solstice, the shortest day of the year, a time of taking stock and looking back, but also a time of looking forward to longer days and the new year.

#### **Plays in the Park**

***Swan Unmuted***, the final piece in the very popular Plays in the Park series of short theatre performances, takes place online on 21 December.

### **Cuairt & Cultúr Festive Programme 2021**

Cuairt agus Cultúr is a joint events programme from dlr Libraries & dlr Arts Office, offered to residential care settings for older people in the County, which has been running since 2018. In December 2021, we were delighted to deliver festive wreaths to all residential care settings for older people along with a programme of pre-recorded events, including Christmas baking and making Christmas cards, for all to enjoy throughout the month of December.

### **dlr Library Voices: Dr Maureen Gaffney in conversation with Kathy Sheridan**

On Tues 7 December, we welcomed Irish Book award-winning author and leading psychologist Dr Maureen Gaffney to discuss her book ***Your one wild and precious life***, an inspiring and practical guide for getting to grips with time and the key stages of our lives. It is a book to fundamentally alter your relationship with time and show you that every age can be your best age.

### **Winter Warmers programme**

November and December saw the return of our Winter Warmers series of live online events. Events included Yoga with Sally Dunne, craft sessions with Kim Jenkinson and Festive Wreathmaking workshop with Aoife Munn.

### **Clubs & Groups**

Our popular online monthly Book Club with Mary Burnham will take place on Wednesday 29 December at 7.30pm with a Zoom discussion of *The Promise* by Damon Galgut. Members can call in to collect the chosen titles or continue to download them from our e-book platforms Overdrive and Borrowbox.

Blackrock Library book club for adults meets monthly on the last Thursday of the month. Two book clubs operated from dlr LexIcon continue to meet online every month, as does the dlr Staff book club.

### **500 Word Writing Challenge with Mary Burnham**

Each month the group is given a prompt word and the challenge is to write 500 words with that in mind. They meet online on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm.

### **Deansgrange Writers' Group**

This group continue to meet monthly online.

### ***In-person events & activities***

#### **Monday morning music with Tim Thurston**

(Studio Theatre, dlr LexIcon, 6 & 13 December)

Organised in line with revised audience capacity following the latest Govt. announcement.

We were delighted to welcome Tim and a live audience back to the Studio Theatre in dlr LexIcon for 4 sessions, 2 during November and December. Tim shared music he has enjoyed during the last few years during various Lockdowns – and some Christmas music too. After Tim's final session, the audience enjoyed some festive mince pies before heading home!

### ***Onsite Exhibition Programme***

#### **Shifting Foundations: The Big Houses of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown**

#### **10 December – 9 February 2022 (dlr LexIcon)**

This publication and accompanying exhibition explore the history of some of the big houses of the County including Fernhill, Cabinteely and Marlay. The book also explores the plight of big houses within the County in the lead-up to and following Irish

independence. This project is part of [dlr Decade of Centenaries 2021](#) and has been curated by **David Gunning**, dlr Historian in Residence. The book is available to purchase at dlr LexIcon and Dubray Books in Dún Laoghaire

**Twelve Views of the Sugarloaf:**

**A series of watercolours inspired by the Japanese masters and their depictions of Mount Fuji**

**Until 10 Jan 2022 (dlr LexIcon)**

We are pleased to present an exhibition by artist Mags Harnett who was inspired by various views of the Sugarloaf mountain on her many travels between Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown where she lives, and her Studio in Wicklow. She was captivated by techniques used by the Japanese artists who were endlessly innovative with their compositions, 'obscured' views of the mountain and their inclusion of images of contemporary life in their work.

**20 Cómic: 20 years of Injuve Comic Awards**

**9 November 2021 – 7 January 2022 (dlr LexIcon)**

Cómic 20 shows 40 works by 20 Spanish artists (1998-2018) and each artist is represented by two pieces of art, of which one is an early work and the other a more recent one. The artists have been selected from the Injuve Comic Award, open to artists below the age of thirty. Further details [here](#). With thanks to the Instituto Cervantes Dublin.

*Curated by Gerardo Vilches: Instituto Cervantes Dublin*

**All Right on the Night**

**22 Oct 2021 – 31 Jan 2022 (dlr LexIcon)**

This fascinating exhibition celebrates the work of Anne Makower and Christopher Fitz-Simon in theatre, opera, television and radio. Both worked in RTÉ as producers for many years.

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

**Events for Children**

**Online events & activities**

**Christmas Family Quiz Night**

Friday 18 December sees the return of the ever-popular online speed quiz for all the family. Family quizzes will take place every Friday in January with quizzes for adults every Saturday night to keep those January blues at bay!

**Family Time at Your Library**

Each December, we celebrate Family Time at your Library. This is part of **Right to Read**, the national programme to promote literacy and reading development for all ages and backgrounds. Family events and activities take place during the month to support and encourage involvement of the whole family in children's reading. Our events programme this year took place online and included storytime and drawing workshops with authors such as Paddy Donnelly and storyteller Patrick Ryan along with Festive Drawalongs with Mags Suggs. Our friends in ReCreate showed families how to make an indoor wreath and a unique Yuletide chandelier to hang at home for the festive season. Library staff also recorded storytime and craft sessions as part of our "12 days of Christmas" series, with these videos posted on our social media channels for all to share.

**Christmas events for children**

Our programme of online events included Christmas Cardmaking workshop with Jason

Deans, a Christmas reindeer craft session with Sadhbh Devlin, and a Let it Snowglobe! art workshop with White Doodle.

**Blackrock Library Online Junior Bookclub**

Online via Zoom. Suitable for ages 9-12yrs

This group meets on Zoom every month to discuss their latest book club choice. Copies of the chosen book are available to collect from Blackrock Library.

**Little Library Book Bags**

The second phase of the [national Little Library Book Bag](#) initiative has been launched. In this phase, First 5 Little Library book bags are available for **Early Learning Centre** and **School-Age Childcare** services in each County. The initiative supports ELC and SAC services to further develop little libraries in their settings with quality book titles in English and Irish. We're inviting local ELCs and other childcare services in the County to come and collect their book bags.

**Statistics**

**Social media (as of 14 December 2021)**

|                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Facebook                 | 7,308 followers   |
| Twitter                  | 8,504 followers   |
| Instagram                | 3,063 followers   |
| New! TikTok              | 114 followers     |
| dlr Libraries e-bulletin | 7,292 subscribers |

**Online resources (as of 13 December 2021)**

| Resource     | Description                          | Checkouts<br>Dec 1-13 |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Overdrive    | e-Audio                              | 912                   |
| Overdrive    | e-Book                               | 667                   |
| Overdrive    | magazines                            | 1744                  |
| Overdrive    | comics                               | 2                     |
| Borrowbox    | e-audio                              | 2951                  |
| Borrowbox    | e-book                               | 1365                  |
| Freegal      | Streaming +<br>Download              | 428                   |
| Press Reader | Newspapers                           | 8336                  |
| Tumblebooks  | Streaming e-<br>book for<br>children | 9                     |
| <b>Total</b> |                                      | 16,405                |

**Parks**

**Parks & Landscape Services:**

- Landscape maintenance – Ongoing
- Direct labour and contract tree works ongoing
- Bulb Planted completed
- Re-doing COVID signage where required ongoing
- Tree Purchases delivered and commenced
- Additional seating in parks installed and some on going
- Pitch aeration improvement works on going pitches west county

- Green Flag Awards received for Cabinteely Park, Marlay Park, Deer Park, Peoples Park, Blackrock Park and Shanganagh park
- Celebrating 25 years of South Side Partnership tree planting ceremony
- Biodiversity Wilding Grants completed
- Finsbury Park New railings and entrances completed
- Ballawley Park Playground extension works under way

### Heritage

- Finalisation of Heritage Plan design/translation, planning of Heritage Plan Launch for Jan
- Launch of 2021 Decade of Centenaries exhibitions/book with dlr Historian in Residence – *Shifting Foundations - Big Houses of Dún Laoghaire* exhibition/book launch at Lexicon, *Cottages in Livery* online gate lodges exhibition on website, Treaty centenary exhibition installed at Moran Park “*Dún Laoghaire - Gateway to Independence*” (slight damage to outdoor expo by Storm Barra, exhibition now online, indoor option in consideration), three online talks and second Big House Book Club planned for January
- Webinar for dlr Community Heritage Grant 2022
- Interview on Dublin South FM on *Shifting Foundations* book
- Progression of Augmented Reality historic photo project (Creative Ireland funded)
- Progression of Interpretation planning/design for Williamstown Martello Tower
- Ongoing liaison with relevant agencies, landowner and local group in relation to access to the Brennanstown Dolmen
- Progression of Casement publication to coincide with statue launch
- Progression of Illustrating Cherrywood timelapse project for early 2022 launch
- Progression of Ulysses Centenary programme with dlr Tourism and Friends of James Joyce Tower including new brochure on the real people in Ulysses buried in Deansgrange Cemetery
- Progression of Community Archaeologist programme (to include guided walks, volunteer training, resource packs, webinar, short videos, new interpretive panels) – first community engagement end Dec, dlr launch planned for Jan to coincide with webinar promotion
- Planning for expansion of People’s History of dlr oral history programme for 2022
- In collaboration with dlr Tourism - progression of Fáilte Ireland-funded Dún Laoghaire Pier historic trail
- Heritage input to signage projects
- Ongoing liaison and advice to internal dlr sections, citizens and community groups

### CoCo Markets

During the month of December, we received 5 market applications. These applications fell under the following categories:

- 2 Christmas Market for Dún Laoghaire and Marlay (Non-Food Craft)
- 3 Seasonal Trading for Dún Laoghaire (Craft)

### Sports Development

#### dlr Leisure:

Set up and completed the following activities in December;

1. Sandyford youth group (10-14 age mixed group)
2. Sandyford girls group only (10 -14 age)
3. Boylan Centre mixed group (15 + age)
4. Boylan Centre group mixed group (12-14 age)
5. Dun Laoghaire youth group mixed (12-14 age)

6. Ballybrack boys' group (10-14 age)
7. Loughlinstown community rooms girls group (10-14 age)
8. Carmona services 2 groups (18 + age)
9. Lakelands special needs group for archery (18+ age)
10. Continuing to work with Keith from Loughlinstown Community Rooms and running a healthy eating programme for all groups.

#### **Other activities**

- Dlr Leisure finished the Men on the Move programme with the sports partnership.
- Met with Sandra Kelly in relation to setting up programmes in the new year meeting again in January to confirm programme set up.

#### **Leinster Rugby:**

##### **Schools**

Jonathan Sharkey (Leinster Rugby CRO DLR)

Primary Schools

3 – 132 males and 126 females

Secondary Schools

1 – 19 males and 22 females

Emily McKeown (Leinster Rugby WDO DLR)

Primary schools

1 – 119 females

Secondary schools

2 – 97 females

Andrew Egan (Leinster Rugby CCRO – Old Wesley RFC)

Primary Schools

5 – 195 males and 96 females

##### **Rugby clubs**

DLSP FC – U14s kicking session – 10 males (hosted by Robert Mullen) – JS

Leinster Rugby 'Met Touch' first/second year event in Seapoint RC – 540 females (110 from DLR) – EMcK

X7s rugby blitz hosted in Monkstown RFC – 48 females (20 from DLR area) – EMcK

Old Wesley RFC – U7s coaching – 10 males and 2 females – AE

Old Wesley RFC girls – Match versus Lansdowne FC – 14 female players – AE

#### **DLR rugby development schools**

##### **Junior and senior development cup and shield – knock out stages**

Junior shield

- Newpark School have progress to the second round after a win against Confey College – Confey College (7) V Newpark School (19).

Senior shield

- Clonkeen College have progress to the second round after a win against Coláiste an Átha, Kilmuckridge (7) V Clonkeen College (52).

Junior cup

- Oatlands College first round game was postponed due to a death of a teacher in Coláiste Chill Mhantáin and has been organised to be played on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2022.

Senior cup

- Oatlands College got a bye into the second round & will be playing their first game in January 2022.

### **Development school sessions**

Woodbrook College – tackle session – 13 males – JS

### **Vision 22 school sessions**

Newpark School – passing session – 26 males – JS

### **Leinster Rugby & DLR sports partnership CLUE program**

The CLUE program is running in the following five schools in DLR:

- De La Salle College (completed) – JS
- Ballinteer Community School (two classes will finish before Christmas & the third class is starting in 2022) – JS
- Cabinteely Community School (starting in 2022) – JS
- Holy Child Community School (starting in 2022) – EMcK
- St Tiernan’s Community School (starting in 2022) – JS

### **FAI:**

- **Girls Emerging Talent:** 50+ girls attending every week. Player ID ongoing at DLR and South Dublin clubs.
- **Child Welfare:** Both DOs completed Tutor Training to deliver Safeguarding 1 courses.
- **Coach Education:** three PDP1s delivered at Wayside Celtic, St Joseph’s AFC and Leicester Celtic. Sixty coaches attended from all DLR clubs.
- **Futsal in the Yard:** Finished primary schools Futsal in the Yard programme. Ten schools involved from September to December, 1,200 boys and girls participated.
- **Show Racism the Red Card:** Educational workshop delivered to four classes.
- **Disney Playmakers:** Girls 5-8-year-old Programme at St Joseph’s AFC. Thirty girls attended.
- **Late Night League:** Dundrum area, 40 youth attended on Friday nights.
- Assisted Loughlinstown LAB group and Garda diversion groups with equipment for their Friday night football. Attended in November and December. Planning Coach education courses in conjunction with LAB for 2022.

### **Leinster Cricket:**

- Sessions continue in schools with sessions delivered in the following schools
- Continued planning for next year’s Leprechaun cup softball competition.
- Continued planning and liaison with DLR CoCo and local cricket clubs regarding development of Shanganagh Park. Dalkey Archives cricket club will now be using the pitch midweek for Taverners matches (social matches played generally by older members of cricket community and those interested in playing cricket for fun).
- Continued liaison with both Sandyford CC and DLRCO to help them provide junior sections for the 2022 season.

### **Sports Partnership:**

- **Staffing** – Sports Inclusion Disability Officer role now vacant and disability sport projects now on hold. Another 3 externally funded positions awaiting advertising.
- **DLR Women In Sport Leadership Programme** – new 8-week leadership course to provide training, guidance, and expertise to support women to thrive in leadership positions (20 women).
- **Poolpod** – this fully accessible hoist has been installed in dlr Leisure Loughlinstown. 50% Sports Partnership funding (Dormant Accounts) and 50% DLRCOCO.
- **Club Participation Grants Scheme** – 2022 scheme is now open in line with DLRCOCO grants. Closing off last year’s scheme with required reports/receipts.
- **COVID-19 Club Small Grants Scheme** – Round 2 payments to clubs currently being administered. Have applied to Sport Ireland for Round 3 funding for 2022.

- **Operation Transformation** – a range of physical activity programmes starting in the New Year including a public walk event in Cabinteely Park on the 16<sup>th</sup> January.
- **Active Dublin** – Initial planning and promotion work continuing with some programme delivery being funded by and linked to the project.
- **Dormant Accounts 2022** – Grant Application made to Sport Ireland for funding totaling €48,00 across three participation programmes.
- **Couch To 2K** – new online/remote programme starting in January for those looking to start jogging or return to exercise.
- **Marathon Kids** – 8-week education and running programme for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> classes with four sessions a week to the marathon distance (834 children across 13 schools).
- **Swimmin Women** – delivered new programme with Swim Ireland that used aquatic exercise to enhance quality of life during menopause (20 women).
- **Men On the Move** – 2nd in-person and online programme for middle-aged men in Ballyogan now completed (25 participants).
- **Older Adult Activity Classes** – 8-week Strength & Balance programme in Balally Resource Centre now complete (24 participants).
- **Walking Programmes** – weekly group in Dun Laoghaire with Southside Partnership now complete (15 participants). Marlay walking group continuing.
- **Child Safeguarding** – delivered 1 x course in December (12 attendees).
- **Get Going Get Rowing** – delivered a TY Coaching programme and Taster programme to 1<sup>st</sup> Years in St. Tiernans through Rowing Ireland (80 students).
- **Woodlands For Health** – second programme completed with weekly walks for adults experiencing mental health difficulties (27 participants).
- **Inclusive Bike Fleet** – free hire service for bikes suitable for older adults and people with disabilities ongoing. Interest through Winter months is still high.
- **Multi-Sports IWA Club** – weekly activity club for children with a physical disability started back in partnership with IWA Sport and South Dublin LSP.
- **Youth Leadership** – working with Leinster Rugby and LIFT Ireland to deliver leadership training through sport to TY students (2 schools each) Sept. to Nov