

DUN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

JULY to SEPTEMBER QUARTERLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

1 July – 30 September 2020

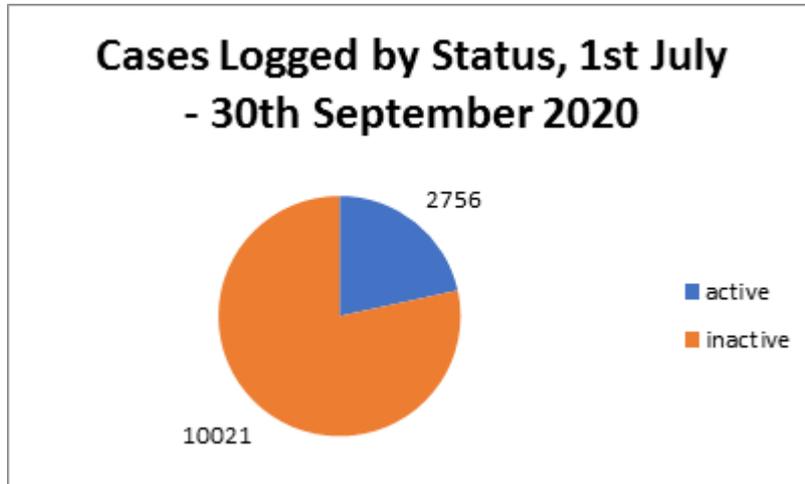
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1. CRM Statistics

Cases logged



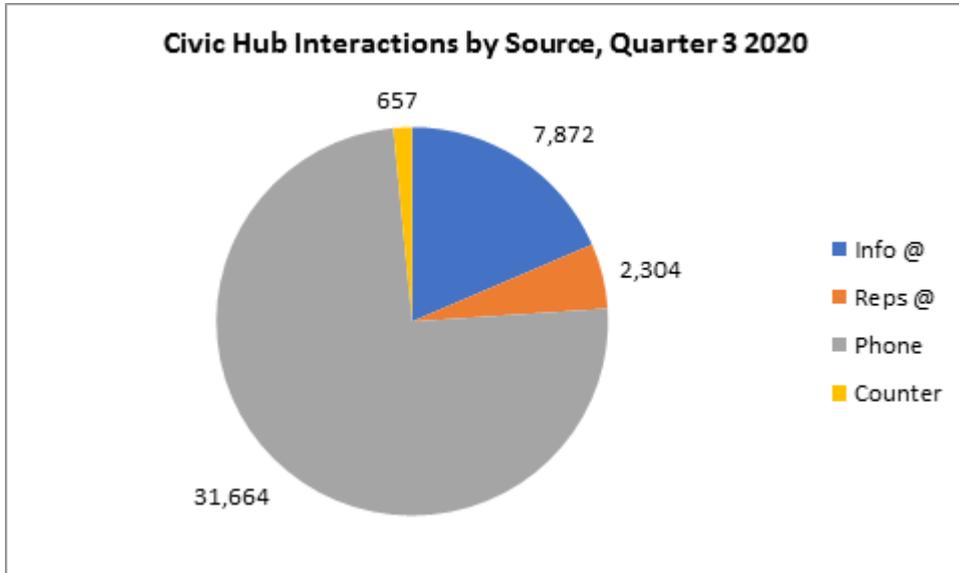
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Closed	10,021

Case logged by section

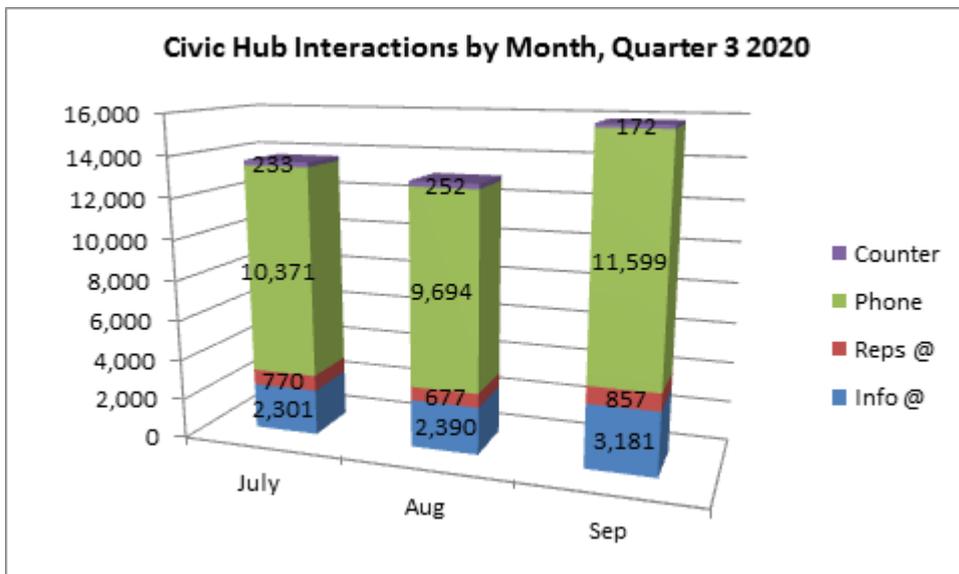
Section/Dept	Active	Inactive	Total
Architects	8	14	22
Ballyogan Depot	3	10	13
CoCo	53	35	88
Comms & Civic Hub	59	2491	2550
Community	5	3	8
Corporate Services	13	3	16
dlrcoco	22	4	26
Enterprise	2		2
Environment	624	1748	2372
Finance	143	645	788
Housing	98	2188	2286
HR	3	5	8
Law	1		1
Libraries		4	4
Parks	595	745	1340
Planning	26	107	133
Property	37	150	187
Transportation	1046	1704	2750
Waste Enforcement	14	121	135
Water Services	3	44	47
Grand Total	2756	10021	12777

2. Dlr Civic Hub:

In Quarter 3 of 2020, the Civic Hub has dealt with over 42,497 customer interactions.



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



Finance and Economic Development

Finance

Local Property Tax

The total LPT allocation of €33.7m for 2020 has been received from the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government.

No agreement was reached at the September Council meeting on whether to raise, lower or leave at the base rate the Local Property Tax for 2021. As a result, the base rate of Local Property Tax will now apply in 2021 on relevant residential properties.

The prescribed notification was sent to the Revenue Commissioners.

Provisional Local Property Tax Allocation 2021:

By Circular Letter Fin 12/2020, dated 28th July, 2020, from the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government, the Council was informed of its provisional local property tax allocation for 2021. Details on the LPT allocation was contained in the report on the variation to the basic rate of LPT presented to the September Meeting of the Council. The circular letter from the department also contained details of local property tax collection statistics & property valuation bands.

Budget Meeting:

Circular Letter Fin 14/2020 dated 31 August, 2020 was received from the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government regarding the holding of 2021 budget meetings and other budgetary matters.

Overdraft

Overdraft facility of €10m in place but not availed of in 2020 to date.

COVID 19

- **RATES WAIVER**

The Government announced on the 23rd July that the waiver of commercial rates was to be extended for a further three month period to the 27th September.

A 100% waiver has been applied to all eligible businesses as a credit in lieu of rates for a six-month period to the 27th September. There are a number of categories excluded such as vacant properties, utilities, banks, building societies, large supermarkets.

It was not necessary for Ratepayers to apply for the waiver. It was automatically applied where the business is not in an excluded category. We wrote out to all Ratepayers advising them that the waiver was applied to their account.

- **RATE SUPPORT GRANT**

The rate support grant for ratepayers whose rates bill is less than €21,019 remains in place. The Scheme provides for those eligible to receive a grant ranging from €300 – €800 subject to meeting the terms and conditions of the Scheme. The Scheme has been revised to extend the date to pay the 2020 rates bill (including arrears if any) in full or enter into an agreement to pay from the 1st July to the 1st November 2020.

There is no need to apply for the grant. If ratepayers qualify, it is automatically applied to their accounts.

- **RESTART GRANT**

The Government announced details of the Restart Grant on the 15th May. The grant was aimed at helping micro and small businesses with the costs associated with

reopening and re-employing workers following COVID-19 closures. The scheme was enhanced, and the Restart Grant Plus was launched on the 10th August 2020. The Government had allocated €250m for the Scheme and subsequently increased the funding by €300m. The closing date has been extended to 31st October 2020. A business will be a "Qualifying Business" for the purpose of the Restart Grant Plus Scheme if it meets each of the following criteria:

- i. it is a rateable and trading commercial business,
- ii. it is a micro, small or medium enterprise with turnover in its last financial year of less than €25m and employing 0 - 250 people,
- iii. it has a turnover of less than €100k per employee to a maximum of €25m;
- iv. it declares that it is impacted by a 25% or more reduction in expected turnover in the period from 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2020, and
- v. it declares its intention that employees in receipt of the Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme will continue to be employed in the business.

Qualifying businesses will receive a grant equivalent to their commercial rates demand for calendar year 2019, subject to a minimum grant of €4,000 and a maximum of €25,000.

We have received 3,177 completed application and declaration forms to 2nd October 2020, with an estimated value of €19m. We are currently working on a further 30% top up for approximately 913 applicants whose payments had already been processed. The Top Up is due to the additional restrictions in Dublin. The total approved applications is 2,084, with a value of €13m to 2nd October 2020.

- **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 will not be known for some time. In the meantime budgets and cash flow continues to be monitored closely.

Local Enterprise Office (LEO)

Dublin Canvas

As part of its remit to undertake public realm works to increase footfall and economic activity, the Economic Development Unit participated in this year's Dublin Canvas project under the theme of "Colour in the County". The project, which also involves Sandyford Business District, will see a total of twenty-five traffic boxes painted at various locations across the County. The reaction to the pieces has been extremely positive, and has brought colour to previously grey, often tagged, traffic boxes.



Local Enterprise

The Local Enterprise Office has seen a sharp increase in enquiries and applications over recent months. A number of new supports were introduced in the light of the Covid-19 pandemic and existing supports were expanded. The Trading Online Voucher scheme was substantially expanded, and uptake has been extremely strong. Details of all supports are available [here](#).

A full training programme is in place for the autumn, and the National Women's Enterprise Day event, a key annual event, will take place online this year on October 14th. The theme for this year's event is "Stronger Together", and it comes in a year when 20,000 women entrepreneurs have accessed the services of their local enterprise officers in the first six months alone. Full details are available [here](#).

Dublin Economic Monitor

The Dublin Economic Monitor is produced by the four Dublin local authorities on a quarterly basis. Established in response to the last recession, it provides a picture of the current health of the Dublin economy, looking at a number of key metrics.

The most recent edition was produced in September and provides a comprehensive picture of the impact of Covid 19 on Dublin. The full report is available to view [here](#).

Street Furniture Grant

The Economic Development Unit launched a new Street Furniture Grant in May. Aimed at encouraging businesses in the food services industry to provide additional outdoor seating in response to social distancing requirements post-Covid lockdown, the grant provides funding of up to 75% of the ex VAT cost of equipment, with a maximum allowable contribution of €2,000 per applicant.

Available to small, independently run businesses where food is sold for consumption on the premises, fronting onto a public space, applicants must already have been granted a Street Furniture Licence by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

Full details of the scheme, which is due to run to October 31st 2020, are available [here](#).

Myrtle Square

A Part 8 public consultation for proposed works at Myrtle Square and Convent Lane is now open. This project aims to stimulate a vibrant streetscape which will encourage footfall in this location and throughout Dún Laoghaire town centre and full details are available [here](#). The consultation is open until October 31st 2020.



Tourism Development

The Tourism sector continues to be severely affected by the Covid 19 pandemic. All tourism providers are operating at a much reduced capacity in order to comply with social distancing requirements. The changing circumstances of moving between level 3 and level 2 has severely impacted on local tourism businesses.

DLR Tourism Information Kiosk

The DLR Tourist Kiosk reopened the information service in July. This service is now operated in collaboration with the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Chamber of Commerce. Initial indications show footfall to be low during the week and busy at the weekends. Access to public toilets is a key issue for visitors during the Covid pandemic.

Fáilte Ireland Destination Towns Project

A new Historic Trail and Harbour Trail are under development. Contractor appointed for the 3D lighting element of the Destination Town project. This element of the project will be in place for November.

Dublin Coastal Trail

Site visits took place in September with Fáilte Ireland. Final locations for signage have been agreed. Content development for each location has been reviewed. This is due for implementation in Q1 2021.

Tourism Friendly Cities Network

Following a meeting of the Dún Laoghaire project committee (ULG), a series of individual meetings to discuss the project and plan the next steps took place in July.

Tourism Promotion

DLRCC have participated in the development of a new Travel programme which will promote Ireland in the USA (Jan – March 2021). ***Ireland, County By County***, will be a 30 minute travel show featuring the main visitor attractions in DLR.

DLR Tourism ran a promotion campaign on our social platforms “Rediscover your County” encouraging local people to shop local and use local services.

Social Media Analysis dlr Tourism July-Sept 2020

Q3 July, August, September 2020				
dlr Tourism Facebook	No of followers	No of New followers	no of posts	Impressions
July	5,304	90	13	117,757
August	5,376	72	14	94,539
September	5,406	30	11	21,608
Total Q3	16,086	192	38	233,904
dlr Tourism Twitter	No of followers	No of New followers	no of posts	Impressions
July	2,943	51	28	27,000
August	2,978	35	30	27,900
September	3,015	37	21	17,700
Total Q3	8,936	123	79	72,600

**DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/08/2020**

SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2020 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/08/2020 €
A Total Housing & Building	-11,150,942	15,576,488	-14,582,242	-10,156,695
B Total Road Transport & Safety	-9,485,702	3,798,219	-1,813,334	-7,500,817
C Total Water Services	-3,339,681	285,361	-176,152	-3,230,472
D Total Development Management	-58,562,198	5,797,563	-9,124,478	-61,889,114
E Total Environmental Services	-8,557,016	33,134	-353,800	-8,877,682
F Total Recreation & Amenity	-14,795,623	5,674,390	-3,079,441	-12,200,675
G Total Agriculture, Education, Health&Safety	-4,029,685	83,631	0	-3,946,054
H Total Miscellaneous Services	-37,024,959	1,847,322	-3,259,777	-38,437,414
Grand Total	-146,945,806	33,096,108	-32,389,225	-146,238,923

SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 31/08/2020

	Balance at 01/01/2020 €	Balance at 31/08/2020 €	Arrears from current year debit	Arrears >1 year
RATES	14,468,049	59,665,228	46,612,434	13,052,794

DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/08/2020

66.67%

SERVICE DIVISION	EXPENDITURE		
	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A Housing & Building	31,796,821	49,324,900	64.46%
B Road Transport & Safety	21,745,315	30,748,700	70.72%
C Water Services	7,862,097	12,388,600	63.46%
D Development Management	20,375,707	21,872,800	93.16%
E Environmental Services	20,522,859	30,671,800	66.91%
F Recreation & Amenity	20,867,524	34,532,100	60.43%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	4,170,371	4,748,900	87.82%
H Miscellaneous Services	9,041,902	8,207,900	110.16%
Total Expenditure	136,382,596	192,495,700	70.85%

SERVICE DIVISION	INCOME		
	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A Housing & Building	28,114,372	42,936,600	65.48%
B Road Transport & Safety	10,855,973	13,492,400	80.46%
C Water Services	5,596,587	8,557,300	65.40%
D Development Management	10,203,865	5,380,400	190.36%
E Environmental Services	3,854,257	5,627,200	68.49%
F Recreation & Amenity	3,015,376	5,551,400	54.32%
G Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	3,009,679	3,934,400	76.50%
H Miscellaneous Services	4,357,087	6,617,300	65.84%
Sub Total	69,007,196	92,077,000	74.95%

LPT Local Property Tax	7,246,336	10,869,500	66.67%
RA Rates	59,434,070	89,549,200	66.37%
Total Income	135,687,602	192,495,700	70.49%

Deficit as 31/08/2020	€694,994
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Housing

Housing Progress Report Q3/2020

1. Executive Summary

1.1 Overview

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

Data included in this Q3 Report covers the period from 20th June to 18th September 2020 inclusive. Data regarding the activity of the Department prior to this report can be found at <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/how-we-deliver-our-homes/housing-statistics>

It should be noted that while the majority of housing services continued during the period of restrictions introduced by the Government to contain and control the spread of Covid-19, some services were impacted, such as construction and private rented standards inspections. Housing Adaptation grants were accepted and processed during the period of restriction, but the completion of works by private contractors was delayed with a consequential reduction in the drawdown of grants.

This Report considers the following areas:

Housing Delivery

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

Support

- Management, Maintenance and Improvement of Housing Stock
- Retrofits
- Housing Adaptation Grants
- Allocations & Assessments
- Choice Based Letting
- Homeless Services

2. Housing Delivery

2.1 Overview

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

Table 1: Homes Delivered per Quarter during 2020

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Target
DLR Build	0	0	0		0	
DLR Part V	0	1	9		10	
AHB Build	0	0	7		7	
AHB Part V	0	0	5		5	
DLR Acquisition	2	2	0		4	
AHB Acquisition	5	10	1		16	
DLR Lease	0	0	1		1	
AHB Lease	0	0	1		0	
Total Build, Acquisition & Leasing	7	13	24		44	

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Target
RAS	5	2	9		16	16
HAP - Standard	46	57	61		164	240
HAP - Homeless	46	42	47		135	
Total RAS & HAP	97	101	117		315	

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Target
Total Delivery All Social Housing delivery streams exc. bad relets	104	114	141		359	

Table 2: Traveller Specific Accommodation 2020

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Refurbishment Works and New Sites	1	0	0		1
Casual Vacancies	0	2	0		2
Standard Housing	0	0	2		2

2.2 Housing Construction

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

DLRCC CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME 2018 – 2021

Includes SHIP, Major Refurbishments and AHB New Build

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

Table 3: Schemes on Site

Site Name	No. Units	Status Detail	On Site Date	Handover (estimated)
Broadford Rise	21	Construction in progress	Q3 2017	Q4 2020
Enniskerry Road (AHB)	155	Construction in progress	Q2 2019	Q4 2021
Abbey View House (AHB)	11	Construction in progress	Q2 2019	Q4 2020
Ballyogan Ave (New Homes)	2	Construction in progress	Q4 2019	Q2 2021
Ballyogan Square	67	Enabling works in progress. Tender package being finalised.	Q4 2020	Q3 2022
TOTAL	256			

Table 4: Schemes with Part 8 Planning Approval

Rockville Green	13	Tenders currently being evaluated	Q4 2020	Q1 2022
Ballyogan Rise	52	Tender package being prepared		
Shanganagh	597 (200) Social	Part X Planning application approved	Q1 2021	Phased delivery from Q1 2024
TOTAL	662			

Table 5: Schemes at Design/Tender Stage

Site Name	No. Units (estimated)	Status Detail	On Site Date (estimated)	Handover (estimated)
St. Laurence's Park	88	Part 8 Public Consultation Complete	Q3 2021	Q3 2023
Moyola Court Infill	4	Part 8 Public Consultation Complete	Q3 2021	Q2 2022
Loughlinstown Wood	42	Contract Negotiations Ongoing	Q4 2020	Q2 2022
Roebuck Road Infill	3	Stage 1 Approval received	Q3 2021	Q2 2022
37 Rollins Villas	1	Stage 1 Approval received	Q2 2021	Q1 2022
Coastguard Cottages	4	Stage 1 Approval received	Q1 2021	Q2 2022
Total	142			
<u>OVERALL TOTAL</u>	<u>1060</u>			

3. Housing Support

3.1 Management, Maintenance and Improvement of Housing Stock

Table 6: Retrofits 2020

Retrofits	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Voids	0	0	0		0
Relets	15	15	13		43
Traveller Specific Accommodation	4	0	0		4

Table 7: Maintenance Requests 2020

Routine Maintenance	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Requests received	1897	991	1464		4,352
Requests in process	467	240	565		1,272
Requests completed	1430	751	899		3,080

Table 8: Disabled Persons Alteration Scheme 2020

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Works on Hand at beginning of Quarter	129	130	126		385
Requests Received	24	8	24		56
Works Completed	14	2	3		19

3.2 Allocations

Table 9: Allocations 2020

Allocations	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Social Housing List	78	25	26		129
Transfer List	19	12	10		41
Total Allocations	97	37	36		170

3.3 Choice Based Letting (CBL)

Table 10: CBL Adverts by Area of Choice in 2020

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Dún Laoghaire/Dalkey	0	5	0	
Blackrock/Stillorgan	0	2	1	
Ballybrack/Shankill	1	3	7	
Ballinteer/Ballyogan	8	5	3	
Total	9	15	11	

Note: Figures shown are cumulative from 1st January 2020 and the number of adverts put on CBL. Some adverts represent multiple properties.

3.4 Homeless Services

Table 11: Homeless Services 2020

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
No. of Homeless Families	87	72	73	
No. of Homeless Individuals	177	190	214	
No. of Allocations to homeless individuals/families	17	9	5	
No. of SHS offers currently accepted by homeless individuals/families	5	1	4	

3.5 Housing and Disability Steering Group

The Council continues to work with the Steering Group on implementing the Terms of Reference. A meeting was held on 23rd June 2020 with the next meeting scheduled to take place on 22nd September.

To date, 27% of allocations were made to people with disabilities.

3.6 Grant Assistance to Older Persons and People with Disabilities

Table 12: Breakdown of Grant Assistance to Older Persons and People with Disabilities 2020

Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
No. of Applications received	17	23	46		86
Provisional approvals issued	32	12	36		80
Grants paid	39	9	31		79
Value of Grants paid	€293,135	€110,733	€277,035		€680,903

Housing Aid for Older Persons

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
No. of Applications received	6	3	5		14
Provisional approvals issued	1	0	3		4
Grants paid	2	0	1		3
Value of Grants paid	€9,660	€0	€7,105		€16,765

Mobility Aids Grant

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
No. of Applications received	10	6	3		19
Provisional approvals issued	6	3	7		16
Grants paid	12	3	6		21
Value of Grants paid	€46,611	€11,253	€31,187		€89,051

Budget Provision (3 Schemes)	€1,550,000
Budget Spent	€786,719
Budget % Spent	50.8%

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

3.7 Rent Arrears

Table 13: Rents 2020

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Accrued Rent Arrears	€4,327,673.03	€248,077	-€57,658		€4,518,092
Rental Income	€3,893,283.96	€3,897,640	€4,210,059		€12,000,982

3.8 Private Rented Housing Standards

Table 14: Private Rented Housing Standards 2020

Private Rental Inspections	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Inspections Carried Out	305	100	485		890

3.9 Tenancy Management and Anti-Social Behaviour

Table 15: Estate Management 2020

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Pre-tenancy training	54	0*	0*		54

Figures at 0 due to COVID-19 restrictions

Table 16: Anti-Social Behaviour 2020

Anti-Social Complaints	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Received	15	29	30		74
Completed	10	15	41		66
On-going	5	14	8		27
Tenancy Warning	2	3	3		8
Tenancy Notification	1	2	3		6
Verbal Warning	1	1	3		5
Advice Given	2	3	24		29
Refer to Other Depts	4	10	5		19
Court Case	1	1	1		3

Table 17: Tenancy Management Interviews 2020

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Tenancy Management Interviews	10	0*	8		18

Figures at 0 due to COVID-19 restrictions

3.10 Loans

Table 18: Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan 2020

Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Applications received	15	7	10		32
Applications approved in principle	6	0	5		11
Loan Drawdowns	2	0	1		3

Section 48 and Glenamuck Scheme:

1/7/2020 – 30/09/2020 Invoiced = €12,516,090.48 Received = €3,761,907.88

1/7/2019 - 30/09/2019 Invoiced= €5,114,271.36 Received = €7,950,676.72

1/7/2018 - 30/09/2018 Invoiced = €3,287,379.45 Received = €6,296,160.45

Strategic Housing Development (SHD) Applications:

Planning Applications received under section 4 of the P&D (Housing) & Residential Tenancies Act 2016

The Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Government have made orders which have the effect of freezing all current time limits on planning matters including planning appeals and submissions on appeals and on strategic housing and strategic infrastructure applications. You can read the [Minister's press statement](#) and these orders announcing this extension on the Department's website www.housing.gov.ie.

Case No	Applicant's Name & Brief Description of Development	Date Application Received	Last Day for Submissions / Observations	Application Website	Due to be decided by ABP
ABP 30750620	Shaldon Grange, Kilternan, Co. Dublin Heronvale Developments Ltd. 130 Units	08-Jul-2020	11-Aug-2020	www.landsats.haldongrange.kilternanshd.com	27/10/2020
ABP 30754520	Walled Garden, Gort Mhuire, Dundrum, Dublin 14 Walled Orchard GP3 Limited 26 additional apt	13-Jul-2020	17-Aug-2020	www.walledgardenshd2.ie	02/11/2020
ABP 30768320	Green Acres Convent, Drumahill House and the Long Acre, Upper Kilmacud Road, Dundrum, Dublin 14 Greenacres GP3 Limited 54 additional Apt	24-Jul-2020	27-Aug-2020	www.greenacresshd2.ie	12/11/2020
ABP	Frascati Shopping Centre, Frascati	28-Aug-2020	01-Oct-2020	www.frascatie.com	17/12/2020

30804620	Road, Blackrock, Co. Dublin IMRF II Frascati Ltd Partnership acting Davy IMRF II GP Ltd 102 Apt			entreshd.ie	
ABP 30815720	Marmalade Lane, Wyckham Avenue, Dundrum, Dublin 16 1 Wyckham Land Limited BTR 628 Apt	11-Sep-2020	15-Oct-2020	www.marmaladelaneshd.ie	11/01/2021
ABP 30822720	Murphystown Way, Dublin 18 Murphystown Land Developments DAC 249 Apt	21-Sep-2020	27-Oct-2020	www.murphystownwayshd.ie	19/01/2021

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

Planning Statistics:

1st April 2019 – 25th June 2019 / 1st April 2020 – 25th June 2020

	Outline Permission		Permission		Total	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
New application Received*	2	1+1 Perm on foot of Outline permission	382	352	384	354
Decision Deferred	1	0	118	149	119	149
Decisions to Grant**	2	0	252	310	254	310
Decision to Refuse**	2	0	53	52	55	52
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	2	0	233	187	235	187
Invalid Applications	1	1 Perm on foot of Outline permission	65	56	66	57

*Includes 35 Applications for Retention in 2019 and 40 in 2020

**Split decisions; Grant Permission & Refuse Permission (inc. For Retention) are entered in as a decision under both "Decision to Grant" and "Decision to Refuse".

4 Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse) in 2019 and 3 in 2020

Building Control	Jul-Sep 2020
Fire Safety Certs applications received	20*
Fire Safety Certs Applications Granted	40*
Fire Safety Certs Applications Refused	0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received	26
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted/Refused	49/3
Commencement Notices Validated	205
7 Day Notices received	8
Completion Certs Validated	67

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

Customers to Planning Counter 1 st July–30 th Sept 2020	887 Customers
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Active Land Management – DLR Q1 2020

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

Please note that due to delays arising from Covid-19, the DHSCT 'Red Book' compilation of the four Dublin Authorities data sets for Q2 2020 has not yet been posted on the DHPLG website, and is currently unavailable. As the information is not available for the other 3 no. Dublin Local Authorities, it is not presently possible to provide a comparison between DLR and the other 3 no. Dublin Local Authorities for Q2 2020. The data below, as a consequence, relates to Q1 2020

Below, is a comparison of the Q1 2020 HTF Returns which was not available at the time of preparation of the previous Quarterly report.

The most significant performance indicators - within DLR- are based on growth rates between **Q1 2019 and Q1 2020**. This includes:

- 26% increase in the **number of sites with planning permission** from 98 to 123 sites.
- 39% increase in the total **number of units with planning permission** from 11,288 to 15,698 units.
- 2% decrease in the **number of active sites**, from 41 to 40 sites.
- 64% increase in the **number of units under construction** from 1,531 to 2,504.
- 231% increase in the **number of completions** in this quarter from 156 to 516.

This section presents a comparison of DLR's HTF Q1 2020 data with that from the other 3 no. Dublin Local Authorities. The most salient performance indicators are as follows:

- 26% of all **units with planning permission within the Dublin Region**. (Decrease of 3% from Q4 2019).
- 19% of all **Active Sites within the Dublin Region**. (Decrease of 4% from Q4 2019).
- 23% of all **units under construction within the Dublin Region**. (No change from Q4 2019).

- 26% of all **units currently being processed in the planning system within the Dublin Region.** (Increase of 8% from Q4 2019).
- 27% of all **units permitted but not commenced within the Dublin Region.** (Down from 30% in Q4 2019).

Please see below for some trends and Regional comparisons

Q1 2020:

Dublin Authorities – Q1 2020 Data	% of Residential Units with planning permission	% of Residential Units within the planning system - awaiting final determination	% of Residential Units permitted but not commenced	% of Residential Units under construction	% of Active Sites	% of Residential Units completed in completed developments
Dublin City	30%	34%	34%	38%	28%	21%
DLR	26%	26%	27%	22%	19%	23%
South Dublin	16%	16%	15%	19%	15%	22%
Fingal	27%	23%	23%	20%	38%	33%
Total (Figure)	52,268	9,134	39,192	11,169	215	1,156

Forward Planning Infrastructure

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

LIHAF

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

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

The residential development for all 3 DLR LIHAF sites will progress as and when developers obtain their required planning consents.

An overview of these infrastructure projects is as follows; -

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

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

http://www.housing.gov.ie/sites/default/files/publications/files/lihaf_information_table_-_march_2018.pdf

DLR will deliver and administer an Affordable Housing scheme to the value of the LIHAF. Forward Planning Infrastructure and Housing Departments will work together in preparation for the LIHAF sites. Guidance on the criteria selection for house owners will

be informed by, Circular APH 01/2019 dated 22nd March 2019, Affordable Housing (Part 5) Regulations 2019 made under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2009 (S.I. No. 381 of 2019) with further regulations awaited from the DHPLG.

The Council will continue to work with the Department and the Landowners in addressing infrastructure deficits required in opening up land for development, particularly for housing.

A status of each projects is as follows:

- **Clay Farm – Construction of 600m of Loop Distributor Road - Preliminary Design Stage**

Forward Planning Infrastructure Department has convened meetings with the respective Landowners. In order to access and build the new section of the loop distributor road, an already constructed section of the loop distributor road will require to be taken-in-charge (TIC). DLR has acted as a facilitator between a set of private landowners to see if an agreement can be reached to allow for the commencement of a process of TIC of a section of the constructed section of the Clay Farm Distributor Road.

If agreement can be reached this, will provide for the progression of the next section of the Clay Farm Loop Road to further the opening up of lands for housing development.

- **Woodbrook Shanganagh - Preliminary Design Stage**

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

The access (avenue) road design to support housing development and access to the future DART station has advanced as part of the Landowners' master planning for the site and formed part of a Strategic Housing Development planning application lodged to ABP on 6th November 2019. This application was granted on 25th February 2020 by ABP and includes for 685 residential units. dlr has engaged with the developer in relation to updated construction and delivery schedules following this decision. There is also close engagement with the DHPLG with regard to agreeing suitable infrastructure delivery methods noting the road infrastructure and housing development may be delivered in tandem.

The BusConnects programme has informed the design on the Old Dublin Road and at the Wilford Roundabout. These designs are being progressed by the dlr Road Projects Office. The recent public consultation on the NTA's Bus Connect programme closed on Friday 17th April 2020, however, due to COVID19, a further public consultation is expected to commence in October 2020 and updated plans will be available at that stage.

Preliminary designs are being advanced by Irish Rail on the new DART station and a planning application in this regard is due to be lodged imminently.

- **Cherrywood**

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

Within Cherrywood SDZ, grants of planning have been secured by developers for approximately 2,406 residential units. Construction has been ongoing on the Town Centre development which includes 1,316 residential units with the nearby residential site at Domville coming onstream, a Commencement Notice for which was lodged recently.

Construction activity has been ongoing at the sites in the SDZ, however, it is not possible to say at this stage how the Coronavirus (COVID19) restrictions have impacted on developer timelines, if at all.

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

LIHAF Infrastructure

Phase 1 – at Construction Stage

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

Phase 2 – at Detailed Design Stage

The next section of road (circa 315m of road and a 40m short bridge spanning the Cabinteely Stream) is in design stage and forms part of a grant of planning application (to include housing development). This is the subject of Judicial Review proceedings which has recently being fast tracked to the Commercial Court. No decision is expected until the end of 2020. Dlr is still advancing the detailed design, tender documentation, pre-commencement surveys and land acquisition to complete the final section of the Phase 2 infrastructure, with a view to an immediate commencement on site following the conclusion of the Judicial Review process

Phase 3 – at Preliminary Design Stage

The final section of the road comprises of (circa 55m of road and a 120m bridge spanning the Carrickmines River). An updated infrastructure delivery timeline, cost estimates and a business case for approval for additional funds were submitted by dlr to the LIHAF Management Committee in March 2020 following a meeting with dlr and the Department on the 9th January 2020. A decision on this is still pending, however, in progressing with the infrastructure delivery, dlr have recently appointed a consultant following a tender competition to prepare Concept Design Photomontages, preliminary land acquisition drawings and cost estimates to better inform the design. Dlr expects receipt of the above information from the consultant at the end of October 2020.

Cherrywood URDF Infrastructure

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

DLR was successful in obtaining funding under the URDF in respect of the Category A Cherrywood Parks, Greenways and Attenuation Project, the total cost of which is

estimated at €17.8M, formal approval of which issued from the Minister in early 2019. Confirmation of funding was received in respect of €870,000 for 2019 with confirmation of funding approval for the total project received in June 2020. As with LIHAF, this funding is by way of 75% direct government funding and 25% funded by DLR (separate Section 48 Cherrywood Development Contributions). The Department has undertaken to recompense local authorities in respect of 100% expenditure under the Fund as a temporary measure to the end of 2020, to assist with alleviating any cash flow issues being experienced by local authorities in progressing the projects.

This will see the development of 4 distinct sub-projects comprising the Linear Park, surface water attenuation ponds 2a and 5a and completion of Tully Park Phase 2. Recent Government correspondence has reaffirmed the DHPLG's objective to maintain the continuity and momentum of the URDF supported programme.

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

Linear Park – at Preliminary Design Stage

The consultant was appointed following a competitive tendering process to develop a design for the supporting greenway infrastructure to include the Linear Park within the SDZ area and this is progressing. The route alignment is nearing completion with some additional surveys required. This project is being advanced in collaboration with the NTA.

Pond 2a – at Preliminary Design Stage

Preliminary design is nearing completion. Project to proceed to Part 8 stage towards the end of 2020.

Pond 5a – at Detailed Design Stage

Site clearance works have recently been undertaken and a tendering process has completed to appoint a consultant to undertake costings, contractor procurement and development supervision, with tenders now being evaluated. Construction is due to commence in late 2020.

Tully Park Phase 2 – at Detailed Design Stage

This has received planning permission and a multi-disciplinary design consultant has been appointed for the detailed design, which is nearly completed. A tendering process is underway to appoint a consultant to undertake construction and development supervision. Minor restoration works are underway at the Tully Graveyard at present. Construction on the Park is due to commence in late 2020.

URDF Call 2

A second call for proposals under the URDF 2020 was advertised in January 2020 and had an advertised closing date of 31st March 2020 for local authorities to submit suitable applications, which was subsequently revised to 12 noon on the 29th May 2020.

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

dlr submitted 5 applications for consideration under this Call 2, listed in their ranked order as follows:

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

In addition a standalone request to initiate a study for Blackrock Village has also been submitted.

The DHPLG have acknowledged receipt of these applications and have advised that the assessment process is expected to commence in the coming weeks.

The Department requested dlr make a presentation to them on the 30th September 2020 on 2 of the 5 submitted projects; Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Amenity project and Project 2 – Dundrum – Civic & Community Centre.

Similar to the first call under the URDF Call 1 (in 2018), the Fund sought applications that will support the aim of compact growth as set out in Project Ireland 2040 whilst stimulating new residential and commercial development in our larger cities and towns. More details on the URDF can be found by accessing the following link:
<https://www.housing.gov.ie/planning/national-planning-framework/urban-regeneration-and-development-fund-urdf>

Cherrywood SDZ – Progress Report

The **current Main Work Streams** include:

- Cherrywood LIHAF - as reported above;
- URDF Call 1 Projects (2018) - Cherrywood Parks, Greenways and Attenuation – as reported above;
- URDF Call 2 Project (2020) – Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Amenity application submitted to DHPLG by the deadline of 12pm on the 29th May 2020, - as reported above
- Bride’s Glen to Shankill pedestrian / cycle Scheme - Dlr Road Projects continue to engage with the HSE Estates office/Loughlinstown Hospital to agree the more desirable route for the Greenway. Design consultants have been appointed and are currently examining all options in order to recommend the preferred route. Topographical surveys are underway to inform the route design. The Planning process will follow. The NTA remain committed to the delivery and funding of this project.
- The Cherrywood Steering Group, comprising the Chief Executive and Directors of Services in key service departments met 14 times since it was established in 2017. The Steering Group has been convened to provide oversight in all key aspects of the delivery of the Cherrywood SDZ that cover multi – disciplinary themes;
- Development of a Common Infrastructure Agreement with supporting Project Management Protocols for the provision of the common infrastructure required for the build out of Cherrywood SDZ is being progressed by the Development Agency Project Team (DAPT) with oversight by the Cherrywood SDZ Steering Group;
- A review of the Scheme, arising from the requirement for same as set out in the recently published ‘Urban Development and Building Heights Guidelines for Planning Authorities’ (December 2018) is underway with an informal ‘Have Your Say’ consultation opened for submissions/comments for a period of 5 weeks commencing Tuesday, 30th June 2020 and closed at 5pm on Tuesday, 5th August 2020. The DAPT is in the process of evaluating all submissions received;
- The DAPT has prepared Amendment No. 7 to the Cherrywood SDZ Planning Scheme in relation to a re-alignment of the Beckett Road from that as shown in the approved Planning Scheme. The re-alignment relates primarily to the southern portion of Beckett Road and to the underpass with the Wyattville Link Road (WLR). It is intended that this Amendment No. 7 will be submitted imminently by the dlr

Planning Authority to An Bord Pleanála for their determination as the competent authority to make this assessment;

- The DAPT is currently finalising a Wayfinding and Directional Signage Strategy for Cherrywood SDZ, the principal aim of which is to ensure a consistent and appropriate approach to signage and naming in the SDZ area; and
- The DAPT has established a cycling review group to draw from the expertise of the NTA and the dlr Sustainable Mobility Group to scope out enhancements to what has been provided in the area and explore new experiences in cycling (including technology). It is intended to bring a Report on findings and recommendations of this group to a future Area Committee meeting.

Planning Applications – for information

The following major infrastructural projects have been granted permission, with substantial completion on site achieved within the main Landowner lands.

DZ15A/0813 – Tully Park; DZ15A/0814 – Beckett Park; DZ16A/0570 – Ticknick Park and DZ15A/0758 – Roads and Infrastructure – Phase 1.

The Status of other applications from 30th June 2020 to 30th September 2020 inclusive is as follows; -

- DZ19A/1024 – Amendments to TC1 basement on Plot TC1, Cherrywood – Grant of Permission issued 09/09/2020.
- DZ20A/0002 – Re-orientation of 2 no. ESB Substations, Cherrywood – Grant of Permission issued 09/09/2020.
- DZ20A/0073 – Amendment to permitted residential scheme, Beechpark – Grant of Permission issued 02/07/2020
- DZ20A/0362 - Amendment to permitted residential scheme, Beechpark – Grant of Permission issued 01/09/2020
- DZ20A/0399 – Permission & works for 136 residential units, Laughanstown & Brennanstown – Request for Further Information issued 04/08/2020.
- DZ20A/0477 – Amendment to condition 10 of DZ17A/0122 & Condition 13 of DZ18A/1104, F Blocks, Cherrywood – Grant of Permission issued 02/09/2020
- DZ20A/0478 – Temporary Car Park, Cherrywood – Request for Further Information issued on 02/09/2020
- DZ20A/0491 – Amendment to permitted residential scheme, Beechpark – Request for Further Information issued 08/09/2020.
- Ref:6220 Section 5 – F Blocks, Cherrywood – Decision of Is Not Exempt issued on 03/09/2020

There are currently 6 SDZ applications for which reports are being prepared.

To date the total no. of residential units permitted is 2,406. A further 486 residential units are at Further Information Stage. The total amount of non-residential development permitted is circa 104,719sq.m of Mixed use (retail/non-retail/commercial) and circa 47,406 sq.m of High Intensity Employment (HIE).

Stakeholder Engagement

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

With Government’s focus on the housing crisis the DHPLG has taken specific interest in progressing the Cherrywood Planning Scheme and has designated it 1 of 23 key strategic national Major Urban Housing Delivery Sites (MUHDS). Meetings with all key stakeholders are on-going with the Development Agency facilitating progress meetings

on key issues, as they arise, that require a coordinated approach from a number of state agencies and service providers including high-level engagement with the DHPLG on the main issues.

Funding

The Cherrywood Planning Scheme Development Contribution Scheme 2017 – 2020, http://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/20170613_cherrywood_planning_scheme_development_contribution_scheme_2017-2020_adopted.pdf was adopted at the June Council Meeting 2017 and all decisions to grant planning permission relative to the Cherrywood SDZ area, made on or after 13th June 2017, are subject to the Conditions of this Scheme.

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

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

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

It is dlr’s intention to undertake a review of the current Schemes as stated in both Development Contribution Schemes.

In addition to the DCS, government funding, Local Property Tax Income, LIHAF and URDF has been secured and contributes to the funding of common infrastructure. However there still remains a funding gap in relation to the provision of the entire common infrastructure (i.e. the projects that are not LIHAF and URDF funded). The Report indicating the Programme of Capital Projects 2020 – 2022 presented under Item 12 of the 8th June 2020 Council Meeting provides further detail.

dlr lodged an application for Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Access under the URDF Call 2 on 29th May 2020 relating to projects that align with the requirements of the Fund for submission. This application has been acknowledged and the DHPLG have advised the assessment process will commence in the coming weeks. As outlined in the foregoing report, a presentation was made to the Department by dlr in relation to the top 2 ranked projects on the 30th September 2020.

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

dlr has concluded a confidential conciliation process with a main landowner in Cherrywood which arose due to a dispute in relation to the entitlement to offset development contributions payable in respect of common infrastructure provided.

Infrastructure and Climate Change

Climate Change Action

- An update on the dlr Climate Change Action Plan as required by the Government is being prepared for submission to the Department of Communication Climate Action and Environment and for noting at the Council meeting in November.

Climate Change Advisory Council

- The Climate Change Advisory Council issued its 2020 annual review http://www.climatecouncil.ie/media/CCAC_AnnualReview2020FINALWEB.pdf
- A number of the temporary CoVid19 measures and the projects in the July stimulus package will also support the reduction of CO2 emissions and support sustainable travel. <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/travel-transport/roads/covid-19-public-realm-works>

Waste Action Plan

- The Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy plan was launched by the Department of Communication Climate Action and Environment in September 2020 <https://www.dccae.gov.ie/en-ie/environment/publications/Pages/Waste-Action-Plan-for-a-Circular-Economy.aspx>

New proposed Safe Walking and cycle routes

- As part of the Active School Travel initiative, the Council has launched public engagement on three new pilot routes, to upgrade and connect the existing walking and cycling network in the County. These new, consolidated routes totalling approximately 20 kilometres in length, are aimed at encouraging increased walking and cycling to school, and for wider use by the general public.

Climate Action Fund 2020 – Expressions of Interest Call

- The Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment opened a call for Expressions of Interest from public and private sector bodies, as well as non-governmental organisations, for the Government's Climate Action Fund. This council submitted 5 Expressions of Interest relating to Local Authority work areas. We are awaiting update from the Department on the next stage.

Activities

Sustainable Energy Association of Ireland Awards

The Council will be submitting an application for the awards for its Energy Teams work and the sustainable works at Fernhill

ECO UNESCO Young Environmentalists Awards took place online in May 2020

Newpark Comprehensive won award for their "Biodiversity Back in the Park"- Project 2020

Climate Action Training for Local Authorities

The CAROs are currently finalising content for a 3-day Climate Action Training course to take place in partnership with key stakeholders including the Local Authority Environmental Services Training Group (ESTG), Climate Ireland, Energy Agencies, DCCAE, Met Éireann, SEAI and the Institute of Public Administration (IPA). It was intended to undertake the pilot training programme in late March/early April 2020 but has been postponed.

Trainers are currently being procured for a ½ day training programme for Elected Members & senior management and online training material is currently being prepared

by CARO and other training partners. Further information on training courses including revised dates for this pilot will be communicated in the coming weeks.

EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 and associated Action Plan

The European Commission has adopted this new Plan - a comprehensive, ambitious, long-term plan for protecting nature and reversing the degradation of ecosystems. It aims to put Europe's biodiversity on a path to recovery by 2030 with benefits for people, the climate and the planet. It is also the proposal for the EU contribution to the upcoming international negotiations on the global post-2020 biodiversity framework.

EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change

See link below to the public consultation on the new EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change which is open for 14 weeks until **20th August 2020**. You may be interested to circulate this consultation link through your communication networks https://ec.europa.eu/clima/news/commission-launches-online-public-consultation-new-eu-strategy-adaptation-climate-change_en

Environmental Awareness

- Tidy District's Consultation's completed, and feedback sent to the 15 participating groups. The aim of these consultations was to provide an opportunity to groups to share new ideas and provide consultation on projects and initiatives that could be carried out in 2021.
- Creation and publication of Plastic Free July Simple Swaps infographic.
- Publication of Environmental Awareness Autumn Newsletter -sent to schools and community groups.
- Creation and publication of new booklet guide to composting at home and composting at home short video guide are currently under development.
- Continued management of Green-Schools programme for dlr schools.
- Continued support for Tidy Towns, Resident Associations, Community Groups and Schools.
- Continued management of Community Environment Action Fund (LA21)- will continue until December 2020 due to DCCAE extension of completion date for participants.
- Launch of the dlr Environment and Climate Action Grant for 2020/2021.
- Continued management of dlr Environment Grant scheme for 2020 projects.
- Management of Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Fund .
- Launch of anti-litter pilot programme 'Picker Pals' in conjunction with Voice for 10 primary schools in dlr.
- Launch of 'Relove Fashion' competition for secondary schools within dlr. This competition is run in conjunction with other Local Authorities and the Rediscovery Centre.
- Continued support and promotion of anti-waste/litter initiatives such as promotion of DLR's Hazardous Waste Collections and Mattress Amnesty, Halloween Safety Messages, Reuse Month and the National Upcycle Competition

Environmental Enforcement Section - Waste Enforcement, Air, Noise

Complaints received	167
Complaints closed	174

Litter and Waste Fines

July – September 2020	Number	Comment
Litter Fines issued (Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws)	174	
Presentation of Waste (Waste Bye-laws) fines	9	Waste Bye-laws
Legal proceedings initiated	34	
Cases opened (Dumping/Litter)	793	Litter Section
Cases closed (Dumping/Litter)	730	Litter Section

Capital Projects

1. Blackglen Road/Harold's Grange Road Improvement Scheme

The Part 8 for this scheme was approved on the 13th June 2016 by the Elected Members. The CPO for the Blackglen Road Improvement Scheme was confirmed by An Bórd Pleanála on the 14th February 2019 without modifications.

The previous update for the road construction programme indicated that the issue of Tender Documents would be made before the end of Q2 2020, with the contract award to be made in Q3 2020 with an 18-month construction period.

The Tender Documents have been completed and final checks are being carried out. Tender Documents should be ready to be sent out before the end of June 2020 (Q2 2020), as per the previous update."

Update in connection with Covid 19

However, since the last update, the effects of the Covid 19 virus have become a major issue of concern for the Council, especially in relation to funding resources and the restrictions in the workplace.

The Council are currently undertaking a full review of all the Capital Projects which were included in the Capital Project funding Programme 2019-2021. It is possible that some of these projects will have to be delayed.

Accordingly, tenders for the Blackglen Road Improvement Scheme will not be sent out until decisions are made on the allocation of funding resources. The serious ongoing effects of the Covid 19 virus have also to be taken into account.

2. Corbawn Lane - Beach Access

Beach access and coastal protection works completed.

3. Glenalbyn Pool

Discussions are still on-going with Kilmacud Crokes to address the impacts of a pool rebuilding project on the club facilities in Glenalbyn in a comprehensive way. The Council applied for funding for the Glenalbyn Pool under the Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund scheme - Stream One funding.

The Department advised that the standard of applications was very high and that, given the level of demand the amount of funding available under the LSSIF programme, it was only possible to allocate a grant to the top 19% of applications by assessment score. The Glenalbyn Pool project progressed through the pre-qualification stage and for the Criteria Scoring Stage, the project received a score of 1,290. The lowest scoring project which received funding scored 3,796, thus, the Glenalbyn application was not successful in obtaining funding under this scheme.

4. M50 Junction 14 Link Road

Provision of a new road link between the existing signalised roundabout at M50 Junction 14 and Blackthorn Road. Part 8 and CPO approved. At detailed design stage. Notice to treat issued 7th Aug 2018. Discussions with landowners regarding accommodation works are on-going.

5. Enniskerry Road/Glenamuck Road Junction Upgrade (Golden Ball)

Part 8 approved in September 2017. Detailed design is being progressed and it is now intended to include these works within the tender for the Glenamuck District Roads Scheme.

6. Glenamuck District Roads Scheme (GDRS)

Glenamuck District Roads Scheme (GDRS) consisting of GDDR (Glenamuck District Distributor Road) and GLDR (Glenamuck Local Distributor Road). Approval of the scheme and confirmation of the Compulsory Purchase Order was received from An Bórd Pleanála on 18/12/19. Notice of the confirmation of the CPO was advertised on the 7th of February 2020. The detailed design of the scheme is underway, and it is intended to progress to tender stage before the end of Q4 2020.

7. Druids Glen Road Q -P*.

The first 135m of Druids Glen Road is scheduled to be substantially completed by mid-November 2019 having overcome unexpected archaeology and underground services issues.

The project remains on schedule for final completion by Q1 2020.

8. Druids Glen Road P*-P3.

This provides the next 135m of road including the 40m span bridge at Cabinteely stream. Detailed design is underway, and this will be followed by a contractor procurement process scheduled to commence in Q1 2020.

9. Dún Laoghaire Baths

Construction on the Baths Project is continuing with work on the concrete sea walls and Pavilion building currently under construction. Progress on the project is significantly behind programme and has been further impacted by the site closure caused by the Covid-19 Pandemic. The project is now scheduled by the Contractor to be complete by July 2021.

10.dlr LexIcon Environs

Construction on this project along with greening projects along George's Street is now substantially complete; the overall outcome has been to upgrade the streetscape by using high quality hard and soft landscaping and street furniture to match the works completed by DLR along Marine Road, Queens Road and the Metals.

11.Samuel Beckett Phase 2

The report on the Three Year Capital Programme 2020 - 2022 includes provision for the completion of the Samuel Beckett Civic Campus and lists it as a committed project.

The Council submitted the Samuel Beckett Civic Campus Phase 2 project to the Department for a grant from the Large-Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund (LSSIF). A grant of €13,901,372 had been sought. The Department has allocated a grant of €5m.

Following on from the Department's review (Stage 7 - Due Diligence) of the grant application, the Council is preparing to submit additional information and clarifications. It is anticipated that the Main Contract's Bill of Quantities will be issued to the Council, for review, at the beginning of October.

With regard to the current COVID-19 situation and subsequent changes in work practices, at both the Council and its Consultants, the Project's programme timelines are currently under review.

12.Rochestown Road Improvement Scheme

The NRH's contractor is finalising the works onto the public footpath and pedestrian crossing integrating the new pedestrian entrance. DLR's legal and Property Management are finalising the 'seed of land' associated with the new recessed wall and the area will soon be available for to the Council.

The application for funding with the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport was unsuccessful. A parallel application for funding to the National Transport Authority was successful and the agency allocated €100,000 (One hundred Thousand euro) to the project.

The budget in the capital programme (non-committed) of €2m is not sufficient for a complete intervention. Senior management check available budgets and commit to phase delivery.

13.New Crematorium at Shanganagh

Detailed design work has been substantially completed and progression of the proposal to tender can be considered.

14. Dublin Bay Trail / S2S

The environmental consultant is progressing with the surveys – The restriction on movement associated with Covid affected the breeding birds survey, which might need further expanded next breeding Season.

The appointment of the design consultant is pending approval from the NTA to establish a Framework Agreement for Consultants.



The project has interfaces with Blackrock Park Master Plan and with the Covid19 Initiative and associated mobility measures being proposed on Seapoint Avenue, Old Dunleary Road, Harbour Road, Queen's Road, Windsor Terrace and Marine Parade.

Former George's Place Depot site

As previously reported the Department of Education and Skills has advised the Council that the Department has assessed various site options for an Educate Together school for Dun Laoghaire. Their preferred choice of site is the Council's Former Depot site at George's Place, Dun Laoghaire.

The Council's Executive is now in active engagement with the Dept. of Education with regards to the site. In line with the DPER circular on the potential exchange of property between state bodies, a valuer from the valuation office will be now assigned to put an independent valuation on the site for the information of both parties.

The potential use of this site for a primary school is of course subject to appropriate Planning approval, the agreement of the Members to a Section 183 disposal and the protocols governing the transfer of State property assets between public bodies.

The Council's Executive will continue to keep members updated on this matter and an update will be brought to Area Meeting in October 2020.

Architects

Energy

Based on the 2019 data returns DLR has improved its energy performance by 37.2%, compared to the baseline year of 2009. Therefore, DLR has achieved its energy efficiency obligation of 33% energy efficiency savings by 2020.

Dangerous Buildings

1 July 2020 – 30 September 2020

Dangerous	3
Potentially Dangerous	10
Not Dangerous	8
Total	21

Community and Cultural Development

Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP)

- The [dlr Local Economic & Community Plan 2016 – 21](#) is a key statutory plan to support and enhance quality of life and well-being of our communities in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.
- DLR is an Age Friendly County, and work is ongoing to implement [DLR's Age Friendly Strategy 2016-20](#) working with dlr's Age Friendly Alliance Partners. The Alliance held a meeting on 16 September.
- The Council supports community engagement and participation, and the ongoing development of the dlr Public Participation Network. The PPN is an independent umbrella group through which the Council consults with community groups. <http://dlrppn.ie/>
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) held 2 meetings in Q3- 1st July and 16th September.
- The Healthy Ireland Steering Committee met on 15th and 22nd July and, also on 9th September.
- 3 applications were submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development under the Towns and Villages Renewal Scheme 2020.
- The Community Enhancement Programme (Round 1) closed for applications on 10th September. This programme, funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development, is administered by the LCDC and provides capital funding for community groups to enhance community facilities in disadvantaged areas. The Community Enhancement Programme – Community Centres and Buildings (Round 2) closes for applications on 30th September.
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Children & Young People's Services Committee held a digital launch of the Children and Young People's Plan 2020-2022 for Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown on 21st September

Capital Projects

Dundrum Carnegie Library

Work has been completed to provide a new roof at Dundrum Library. This work is supported by grant funding from Historic Structures Funding.

Cultural Development

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

- DLR Libraries Library Development Plan 2016-2020
<https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/files/using-your-library/Library%20Development%20Plan%20English%20version%20Final.pdf>
- DLR Arts Development Plan 2016 -22
https://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/arts_development_plan_eng_.pdf

- DLR Cultural and Creative Strategy 2018 – 22
<https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/creative-communities/dun-laoghaire-rathdown>

What's On Guide (Oct-Dec) and (Jan-Mar) provides information on events and services from dlr Libraries. <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/event-calendar>
https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/whatson_janmar2020_web_friendly_pdf_0.pdf

- [My Open Library Deansgrange](#) marked its first anniversary with 1700 members having signed up for the service. The most frequent users are second-level students, many returning as third level the following year and a steady cohort of Internet users. Figures peaked during June Bank Holiday-before Leaving Certificate exams at 514 on Monday, 460 on Sunday, 429 on Saturday. Reservation pick-up and Sunday newspapers now available during MOL hours. There are increasing number of parents and children coming in on Sundays and older regular newspaper readers also. It opened over Christmas 2019 with 31 unique users on Christmas Eve, 9 on Christmas Day and 17 on Stephen's Day.

MOL emails received contained the following comments:

'Peaceful'

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

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

COVID-19 Community Call Helpline

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

Community Response to Covid 19

- Helpline and email address set up and promoted across all communication channels
- Operated 7 days a week from 9am to 5pm. Responded to over 3700 calls since established in March.
- Issues range from transport, shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation
- A stakeholder forum established providing a multi-agency response to the individuals in the community that are negatively impacted arising from the measures implemented by the Government to stem the spread of Covid 19.
- 3 stakeholder meetings held
- 2 Family Forum meetings held