

DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN

Annual Progress Report 2019





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Background

Following legislative changes in 2014 related to the local government strategy ‘Putting People First’, the remit of local authorities includes a renewed and clearer role in economic and community development. In this regard, each Local Authority is required to develop and make a Local Economic and Community Plan which is a statutory plan for the area.

Dún Laoghaire –Rathdown’s Local Economic and Community Plan 2016 – 2021 was developed throughout 2015 and adopted by the County Council on the 14th December 2015. The LECP is structured around 8 high level goals, 21 thematic objectives and 156 individual actions which are aimed at supporting community development, enhancing quality of life and driving economic development for the County.

Monitoring of the progress and implementation of the Community Objectives and relevant shared Community and Economic Development Objectives is undertaken by the Local Community and Development Committee during the year with reports, presentations and updates to the LCDC which includes this Annual Report.

This Report tracks overall progress during 2019 with implementation of the LECP Objectives that come under the remit of the LCDC for oversight. It also highlights issues which may require further consideration or may need review.

The Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee monitor progress and implementation of the economic development and enterprise objectives and related shared economic and community objectives for which the SPC is responsible.

Progress on the LECP is dependent on the County Council and Lead Partners supporting implementation of key objectives for which the LCDC has oversight. These include shared Community Objectives numbers 7 to 14 as well as Community Objectives numbers 15 to 21 inclusive.

Partners who have directly supported implementation and in many cases, delivery of key objectives during the past 4 years include; all departments of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, Southside Partnership DLR, An Garda Síochána, County Childcare Committee, Health Service Executive, Crosscare, DLR Children’s and Young People’s Services Committee, Túsla, Comhairle Na nÓg, DLR Volunteer Centre, Drugs and Alcohol Task Force, DSP, PPN, IADT and DDETB. The on-going support and



engagement of partners is much appreciated and is vital in helping the LCDC in achieving the LECP goals and objectives which were developed and agreed by the LCDC in 2015.

There have been 4 full years of implementation since the adoption of the Strategy and good progress is being made overall. It is timely now for the LCDC to review overall progress for 2019 and to consider areas for potential focus or greater collaboration as we move in to the final two years of the current plan.

The LCDC held one workshop in 2019 that focused discussion on areas of interest to the LCDC. The workshop explored issues highlighted during LCDC meetings in 2019 that required further exploration in 2019 and 2020. The mid-year progress report was also considered at the workshop. The workshop held on the 23rd of October was worthwhile in establishing areas for particular focus in 2020 and the benefits of interagency collaboration for achieving progress. Further discussion took place as part of an extended meeting on the 4th December 2019 when time was set aside to consider a number of presentations on key topics.

The following report clarifies key achievements made on implementation during 2019 and highlights some of the key issues to be considered by LCDC.

Actions are wide and varied in terms of scope, definition, responsibility and level of stakeholder engagement. An owner, lead departments, support departments, and timelines have been assigned to each action. Action owners were requested to provide updated information on their actions for 2019.

The current status of each action has been assessed and highlighted using a traffic-light system. This system assists with reporting and monitoring progress and in identifying actions that require attention or review.

Green	• Action on schedule / completed
Orange	• Action is on schedule / but more work to do
Red	• Action needs further development / Review

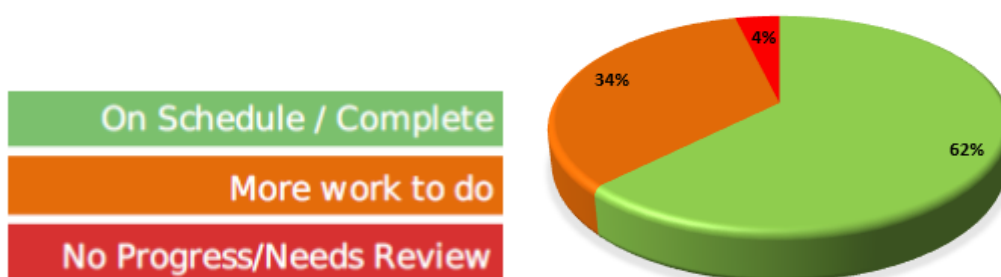
The online reporting system 'Viclarity' was developed to aid monitoring, tracking of progress and reporting of LECP actions. Each action owner is required to update their progress on action and the system enables reports to be generated regarding specific objectives and this aids with collection of data, analysis, reporting and implementation monitoring.



Overview of DLR LECP actions by Objective

The pie charts below provide the breakdown of progress being made on both Community and shared Community actions (shared Economic and Community Actions) under 15 of the LECP objectives.

The Plan is in place until 2021, and to date some 62% of Actions have been completed, with a mix of on-going activities and other areas where more work is needed or in some cases, there may be Actions that require further consideration or review, and these will be raised under each of the relevant objectives in the following sections of the report.

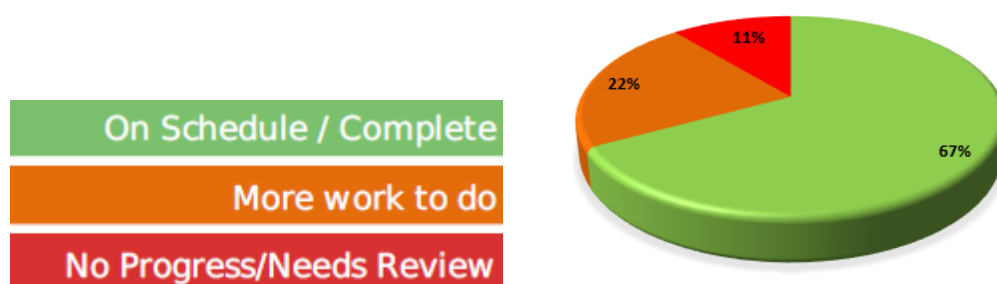




Community Objectives

Community Objective 15: Develop a Supportive Environment and Promote Healthy Lifestyle Choices so that Everyone, Regardless of Ability, Education or Income, has the Opportunity for Better Physical and Mental Health and Well-Being, through access to Community Services, Amenities, Sports, Recreation and a High Quality Public Realm

9 Actions, of which 9 are for LCDC oversight



2019 Achievements for Objective 15 include;

- DLR LCDC with other public and private partners continued working in collaboration with HSE and DLR CYPSC to implement actions for Healthy Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown.
- Round 2 Healthy Ireland Actions completed, and report presented to LCDC on September 2019 <http://www.healthyireland.ie/>
- Round 2 Healthy Ireland Actions had a direct impact on 500 individuals across a range of target groups in the county.
- Joint application for Round 3 Strand 1 Healthy Ireland Funding submitted by DLR LCDC/CYPSC for maximum funding of €374,100 and approved for actions until June 2021. The LCDC funding under this application is €246,050.
- Southside Partnership, in partnership with DLR Healthy Ireland (hosting of project and line management of development worker) successfully completed a series of actions targeting young people, adults and seniors in DLR.
- Southside Partnership continued to link with schools and relevant agencies to support after-schools and out of school clubs in Mounttown and Loughlinstown, to support families within the County.



- Healthy Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Plan 2019-2022 launched in 2019 and application for membership of Healthy Cities & Counties Network submitted.
- DLR Libraries supported wellbeing through a diverse cultural and community development programme across the 8 branches. ‘My Open Library’ service piloted in Deansgrange Library with over 1000 participants, allowing library access 365 days per year from 8 am to 10 pm.
- Arts office Arts for All Commission developed and produced ‘Double Rainbow’ in Grainstore in 2019
 - DLR events programme spread throughout the county with events in all areas: dlr headline events included in 2019;
 - Mad Hatters Tea-Party
 - Bike Fest
 - Teddy Bears Picnic
 - Atmosphere
 - Outdoor Movies at Marlay
 - Cabinteely Carnival
 - Samhain

<http://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/parks-outdoors/sport-recreation>

- County Sports Participation Strategy 2018-2022 – research, consultation and development of new 5 year strategic plan completed and launched
- The Sports Partnership organised and delivered a wide range of training courses, workshops and targeted physical activity programmes for all ages, levels of ability and sporting types – 9,100 individuals engaged.
 - Participation Programmes & Events (6,700 Participants)
 - Operation Transformation – public walk event in January
 - dlr Community 5K – flagship participation event with a number of local partners, which attracts all ages and abilities.
 - The Daily Mile - supporting this initiative among 13 Primary schools including local launches and promotions as well as events during Active Schools Week and at the Ballyogan Sports Hub.
 - Active Dance – TY girls fun activity programme in 7 secondary schools. Included final dance events in UCD.
 - Parkrun - supporting three parkruns and three junior parkruns in DLR.
 - Women in Sport – working with a small number of minority sport NGBs to identify participation projects that will link into our support of 20 x 20 Campaign - Sailing, Boxing, Calisthenics.
 - Volunteer Training & Development (917 volunteers) including autism in sport workshop, first aid, development networking, insurance.



- Disability Sports Inclusion (467 Participants) including Open evenings, autism camps, health interventions, multi sports club, cycle training, dementia friendly walks, inclusive GAA
- **Ballyogan Sports & Physical Activity Hub (1,010 Participants)**
 - Be Active in Ballyogan – family sports taster event with Yoga, Cricket, Table Tennis, Archery, Rugby & fun games.
 - Ballyogan Junior Parkrun – weekly children’s 2km initiative launched led by local volunteers and supported by the LSP.
 - The Daily Mile – 3 local primary schools to taking part in the initiative and hosted a joint event in November.
 - Cycle Safety Programme - 6 week learn to cycle afterschool programme working with the Family Resource Centre.
 - Get Going Get Rowing – 4-week programme being rolled out in 3 secondary schools to introduce the sport and develop leadership /coaching skills.
 - Basketball Development – introductory/skills sessions for 4 x groups of young people with the aim to develop a local club.
- HSE launched Community Healthcare East Directory of Services in 2019 and it is available [online here](#).
- HSE continued development of e-learning programmes for front line staff - Making Every Contact Count (MECC) was developed in 2018 and rolled out in 2019.
- Site for Primary Care Centre identified by HSE Estates and considerable progress made towards realisation of this goal in 2019. Further progress expected in 2020.

Overview of Progress with Objective 15:

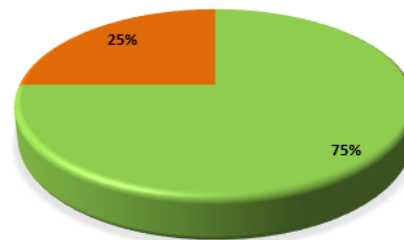
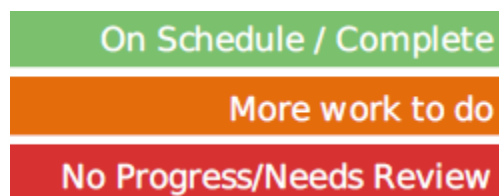
Significant progress and activity underway in relation to the Actions for this Objective, including the launch of the dlr Healthy County Plan, completion of Healthy Ireland Round 2 Programme, successful funding application for Healthy Ireland Actions Round 3 within dlr and HSE progress towards a Primary Care Facility for the county.

This Action was a particular focus topic at the LCDC workshop in October 2019 and future actions to progress this action include: Inviting Department of Youth Affairs to present to LCDC on ABC programme;



Community Objective 16: Support Families within the County

4 Actions, of which 4 are for LCDC oversight



2019 Achievements for Objective 16 include;

- DLR CYPSC has continued to make good progress with interagency work to develop a Plan for Children and Young People in dlr.
- Draft CYPSC Plan 2020-2022 submitted to National CYPSC review panel in Q4 2019 and consists of 26 key priority areas with allied implementation plans to improve outcomes for children and young people (0-24).
- Intergenerational book project involving close collaboration between students in IADT, dlr Older Peoples Council and dlr Age Friendly Alliance completed and 'A Window to My World' published in October 2019.
- Southside Partnership continued to support and make progress including;
 - Hosting and Chairing Southside Addressing Violence Effectively (SAVE) and coordinating crisis counselling service into which 15 women were referred in 2019.
 - Convened first networking meeting of DLR DV Network with 44 participants exploring the theme of 'Coercive Control'.
 - Chairing DLR Youth at Risk Network and hosting 3 countywide network meetings in 2019.
 - Continued engagement with dlr 0-3 Working Group, CYPSC infant working groups, Parenting Support groups, PEEP etc.
 - Provided supports to 4 Parents Early Education programmes with 15 parents and 17 0-2 year olds participating in programmes in Loughlinstown and Shanganagh.
 - Through the Southside Community Training Network continue to work with Stakeholders in providing training, information and supports to targeted communities



- Supported the formation of Shanganagh Rathsallagh Family Support Working Group following closure of Cottage Home in 2019.
- Ongoing supports for people with dementia to remain active in the local community through the hosting and support of the Living With Dementia Volunteer Project. 7 community based activities in 5 locations each week.
- Exit 15 community arts programme continued to deliver an innovative programme of events within the Ballyogan and surrounding areas.
<http://exit15.ie/>
- Open art studios in dlr Lexicon Municipal gallery delivered weekly. Men's Shed curated exhibition 'Taking Time'. Gallery Learning Events and Cultural Connection events.
- A comprehensive programme of Library events took place, including Silver Screen Cinema Club, Will You Remember?, Tai Chi for Arthritis, Local History Societies' Day, Wonderful Weeds, Moving Skirts Dance Performance, Fuss on the Bus with Carnation Theatre, Intergenerational Lego Workshop, HOME: A film poem, Creating a Sensory Garden, Mandala Art Workshop, Dowries: a Walk and Talk Through Central Asia, Mindful Chair Yoga, Knitting for Health and Happiness Invest in your Mental Health, Herbs and Hanging Baskets, Magic of Watercolours Workshop <http://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/event-calendar>

Overview of Progress with Objective 16:

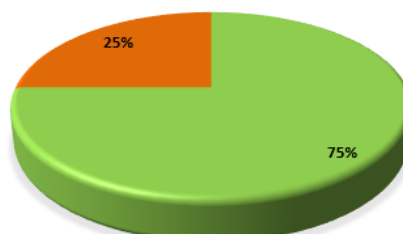
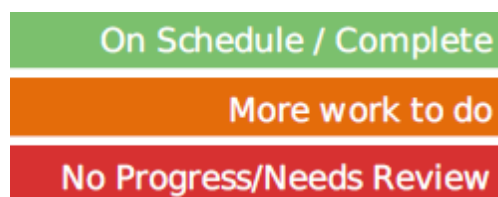
Significant progress and activity with most Actions in this objective underway and Dlr CYPSC is established and is making good progress through collaboration between services. DLR CYPSC Plan submitted to National Review Panel.

The LCDC workshop in October 2019 noted that this was a key area of focus for the committee. It was noted that families experiencing deprivation may not necessarily live in designated areas of disadvantage due to the dispersed nature of social housing provision and targeting resources to reach these families can be challenging. TUSLA to provided presentation to LCDC on CYPSC plan when complete.



Community Objective 17: Support an Age-Friendly County

4 Actions, of which 4 are for LCDC oversight



2019 Achievements for Objective 17 include;

- Implementation of the dlr Age Friendly Strategy 2016 - 2020 is on-going <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/community/dlr-age-friendly-county> and preliminary planning to develop a new strategy in 2020 undertaken.

Notable progress made in 2019 included;

- dlr Age Well Expo 2019
- Age Friendly Alliance dlr Intergenerational Book Project
- Touchstone programme (Civic Engagement)
- Active Exercise – Weekly older adult activity programme based in the dlr Leisure centres
- Age Friendly Ezine
- GOPA Valentines Tea Dances (Killiney Castle / Nursing Homes)
- Continued to support the dlr Network for Older People (Please note recent name change to dlr Older Person's Council or OPC)
- Age Friendly Community Grant Scheme
- Network of Older People Transport Grant Scheme (OPC)
- Age Friendly dlr Twitter Account
- Accessible bathroom facility launched at Marlay Park
- Age Friendly Alliance provided support with achievement of the aims of the dlr Age Friendly Strategy 2016-2020. The Alliance met four times to progress actions in the Strategy.
- Directory of Services for Older People revised and circulated
- Well Dance for Seniors (Dance Theatre of Ireland)
- Azure Tours (Dementia Friendly tours of LexIcon Gallery exhibitions)
- Intergenerational Digital Skills Coaching (Dalkey Library)



- Support Co-ordination and Befriending Service provided by Alone to older people, with the support of dlrcoco
- Befriending service provided to older people by Making Connections with support from dlrcoco
- dlrcoco were awarded a World Health Organisation Charter as part of the Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities Programme

Age Friendly events held during the Festival of Inclusion including;

- Magic Table Demonstration (Award winning interactive approach to dementia care) – at dlr Lexicon and Deansgrange Library
- Make A Book Workshop with Eva Kelly
- Sandymount Men’s Shed – Open Day
- Safety & Security of Older People Workshops
- Sweet Memories Choir – Living Well with Dementia
- Age Friendly Alliance – Intergenerational Book Launch
- Well Dance for Seniors (Dance Theatre of Ireland)
- Entertainment Evening
- Intergenerational Speed Talking (OPC)
- Pins & Needles Big Breakfast
- Tea Dance
- Music Launch (Music Generation)
- Singalong – Music for all ages
- Diversity Fashion Show
- Zumba for the Ages
- Family Bingo
- Meet your Neighbour events

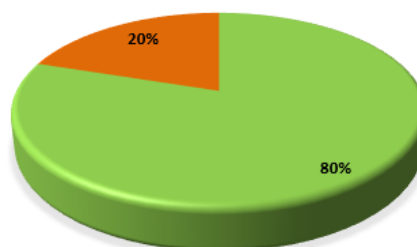
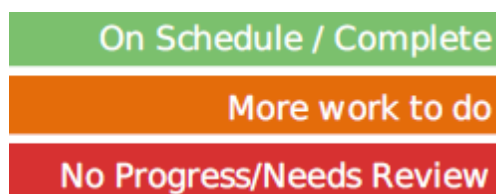
Overview of Progress with Objective 17:

Good progress being made on the Actions in this Objective, with support from Age Friendly Alliance partners, in progressing implementation of dlr’s Age Friendly Strategy, continue looking at ways to improve communications regarding activities, and explore opportunities for further inter-generational engagement.



Community Objective 18: Support a Safe and Secure County

5 Actions, of which 5 are for LCDC oversight



2019 Achievements for Objective 18 include;

- The Joint Policing Committee and Local Policing Fora provide a forum for identifying and discussing appropriate responses to issues relating to public safety and policing. A 6 year JPC action plan has been developed and is being implemented <http://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/community/joint-policing-committee-local-policing-forums>
- The JPC Strategic Plan 2016-2021 contains 18 individual actions across three strategic Goals:
 1. Supporting and promoting Crime Prevention in DLR
 2. Enhancing Community Safety & Security in DLR
 3. Facilitating Community Engagement and Collaboration on Safety Issues
- An annual Implementation plan for 2019 was developed with progress achieved against objectives related to the 3 goals. There was ongoing engagement with Policing Authority regarding Policing Priorities.
- JPC held two meetings in 2019 with the annual public meeting taking place in November and highlighted key safety and crime statistics for the County and addressed any issues of concern.
- Three Local Policing Forums are in place and each met 6 times in 2019.
 - (1) Loughlinstown / Shankill / Ballybrack,
 - (2) Sandyford / Stepside and
 - (3) Central Dún Laoghaire.Each LPF held one public meeting in 2019.
- AGS Crime Prevention Officer liaising with key transport providers in dlr regarding safety and security at transport hubs (bus and rail).
- Operation Crossover is in place to ensure maximum high visibility beats and patrols by An Garda Síochána across the County. All personnel (uniform, plain clothes etc.) are made available for the Operation
- Operation Irene operated very effectively with positive feedback received through the Central Dún Laoghaire Local Policing Forum
<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/news/general-news/launch-operation-irene-2019>



- There are now 157 Neighbourhood Watch schemes being supported by the AGS and Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, together with 14 Business Watch schemes
- Safety and Security Workshops delivered at five events in dlr with presentations on;
 - Crime Prevention focusing on Home Security (public meetings of JPC and 3 LPFs)
 - Safety and protection in the home (dlr Age Well Expo).
- Three Youth Diversion Projects currently exist in dlr
 - Castle Project – Ballyogan
 - LAB (Loughlinstown & Ballybrack)
 - SAY – Sandyford Area Youth Project
- A number of text alert projects are in place in some parts of the county. Dún Laoghaire Garda Superintendent is exploring further avenues for development.
- <https://www.garda.ie/en/Crime-Prevention/Text-Alert-Guidelines-.pdf>

Overview of Progress with Objective 18:

Good progress continues in line with JPC Action Plan and with support of Local Policing Fora.

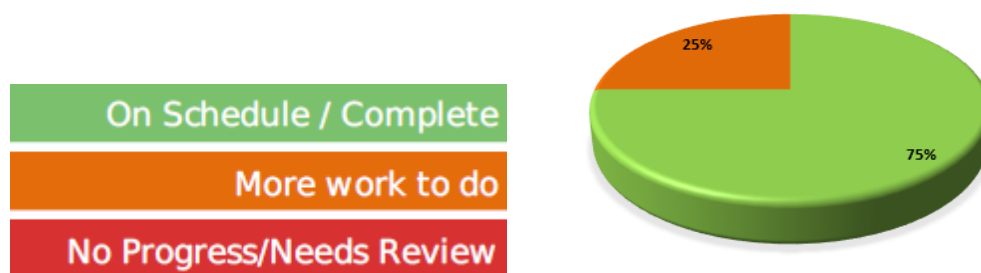
Action 18.5 In relation to: *Investigate the preferred future approach to delivery of domestic violence response services – requires future exploration, there has been good progress and a TUSLA Project worker to be recruited in 2020.*

TUSLA Domestic, Sexual, Gender based Violence Service (DSGBV) agreed to fund a full time Domestic Violence Project Worker for the dlr area following interagency meetings in 2019 of key partners arranged by LCDC/CYPSC.



Community Objective 19: Develop Capacity Building within Communities to create improved support for Individuals and Community Organisations, enabling them to meet the needs of their areas more effectively

4 Actions, of which 4 are for LCDC oversight



2019 Achievements for Objective 19 include;

- 62 “Street Feasts” involving over 5,700 residents took place throughout dlr in May 2019 <http://streetfeast.ie/> across the County with financial assistance from dlr Community Development Department.
- Funding of €10,000 from the Department of Rural and Community Development was made available through the Community Department for community groups to run events as part of the ‘Big Hello, national Community Weekend’ in May 2019.
 - 27 local groups shared the funding and in excess of 2,500 residents took part in the resulting community building events.
- Support is provided on an on-going basis to Communities, Residents Associations, Clubs and other organisations in the development and use of their public open spaces within Estates and in the Public Parks
- Capacity Building Training Programme developed and rolled out to management committees of all Community Facilities and community groups by the Council
- The Community Development Team held information sessions in September providing advice and guidance to help groups to maximise their chances of securing funding with the Councils new online grant system.
- During 2019 the Volunteer Centre saw the further development of the DLR Volunteer Corps supported by DLRCC <http://dlrvolunteercorps.ie/>

2019 Events and Highlights



- Events supported in 2019 included:
 - dlr Core Credit Union Community 5k
 - An Taisce Autumn Clean Up Booterstown Nature Reserve
 - Dlr Age Well Expo
 - Woolapalooza festival at Airfield
 - The Vinyl Festival
- 223 Volunteer hours coordinated by dlr Volunteer Corps in 2019
- Active promotion of dlr Volunteer Corps on social media resulting in 520 Facebook and 698 Twitter followers. (11% and 17% increase respectively).
- Total membership 372. 123 new sign ups managed in 2019 (49% increase).
- Induction video shared with volunteers prior to each event.
- 100% of volunteers who fed back post event comments, felt supported by the Centre and would volunteer again.
- A total of 12 Estate Management areas within the County are engaged in the Estate Management Programme. Training audit completed to identify gaps where impactful support can be provided. Additional voluntary committee members recruited to Estate Management Fora.
- Each Estate Management Forum submitted 2 Service Plans for 2019. Service Plan 1 detailed the works that would be carried out/overseen by the group with financial assistance from the Council while Service Plan 2 detailed the works to be undertaken by Council Departments
 - Internal Management Implementation Team (MIT) met throughout 2019 to progress specific actions as identified in Services Plans 2
- The Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) was announced by the Department of Rural and Community Development in May 2019 <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/community/community-funding-support/community-enhancement-programme>
 - The CEP sub-group made recommendations to the LCDC at the meeting on the 10th of July and the LCDC approved 32 separate grants to a total of €142,108

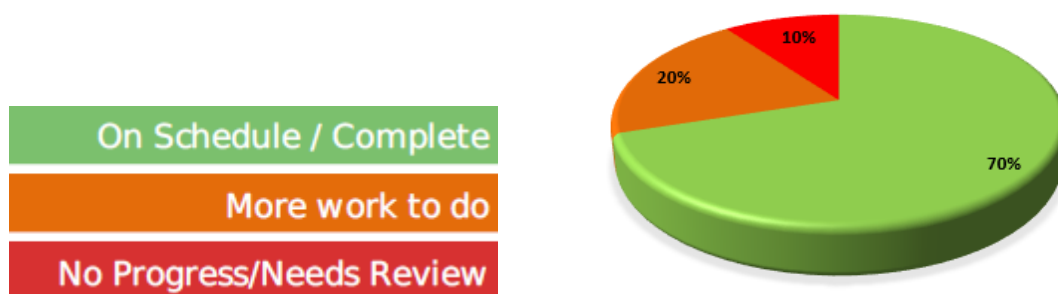
Overview of Progress with Objective 19:

Significant progress and activity have been completed and is on-going with the Actions in this Objective related to building community capacity, volunteerism and estate management.



Community Objective 20: Support Marginalised Communities through Collaboration with Local Communities and Agencies to Reduce Social Exclusion and Poverty, and Value Cultural Diversity, to include Individuals, Members of the Travelling Community, and Other Target Groups

10 Actions, of which 10 are for LCDC oversight



2019 Achievements for Objective 20 include;

- Continued development of the Community Facilities Network by the Community Department with a view to enhancing cooperation between community facilities to deliver an integrated programme of activities across the county.
- The dlr Integration Forum (formerly dlr Ethnic Minority Integration Forum) received continued support in 2019.
- SICAP programme continued to work with the most marginalised groups in the county working with some 38 community groups and in excess of 1000 individuals in both caseload and non-caseload capacity.
- Dept of Social Protection undertook an analysis of the live register in the dlr area and targeted 50 of the longest claims for intervention with relevant agencies.
- The 2019 annual Festival of Inclusion which was themed "Celebrating Generations" took place from the 4th-12th of October, with events taking place countywide. <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/news/general-news/dlr-festival-inclusion-2019>



Key events included;

- Age Friendly Alliance Intergenerational Book launch
- Diversity Fashion Show
- The 'dlr Community 5k' in Kilbogget Park
- Safety and Security of Older People Workshops
- Multi Cultural Variety Show
- Men's Shed Open Days
- Primary Schools Drawing Competition and Awards Event
- Traveller History and Cultural event (Studio at the Lexlcon)
- International Women's Breakfast
- DLR County Council approved grants supports through 232 community grants to a value of €221,014 in 2019

Grant Category	2019
Community Facilities Grant	5
Equipment Grant	67
Activities Grant	28
Community Development Grant	94
Summer Projects	24
Age Friendly	14
Total	232

- Crosscare Community Café in Dún Laoghaire continued to operate a community inclusive service in central Dún Laoghaire.

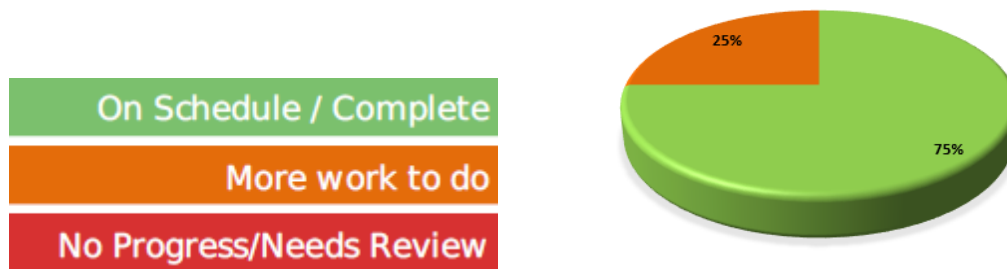
Overview of Progress with Objective 20:

Good and on-going progress achieved during 2019 to support marginalised communities, reduce social exclusion and poverty and value cultural diversity. The SICAP programme achieved its headline targets, and there is on-going support from a range of partners to reduce social exclusion and value cultural diversity in dlr



Community Objective 21: Develop and Encourage Community Spirit, Public Participation and Volunteering which Allow Greater Community Development for All within the County

8 Actions, of which 8 are for LCDC oversight



2019 Achievements for Objective 21 include;

- 570 groups were registered with the PPN at the end of 2019, an increase of 76 groups compared to 2018 - <http://dlrppn.ie/>
- The PPN Steering Committee met on a monthly basis to plan and organise the 2019 programme of work and two (2) plenary meetings of members were held in 2019.
- 17 nominees represented the PPN on six Strategic Policy Committees
- The PPN was also represented on the Local Community Development Committee, Joint Policing Committee, Rural Taskforce, and the Smart Dublin Advisory Group
- DLR PPN and Dublin South FM piloted two radio programmes based on PPN monthly ezine. The programme, 'Community Connections' was aired in December and will be available as a podcast on dublinsouthfm.ie and dlrppn.ie
- The PPN delivered 9 training sessions for members in September, October, November and December 2019
- DLR Integration Forum ran a voter registration campaign in advance of local elections to encourage under-represented groups to engage in the democratic process.



- Community & Cultural Development Department engaged an external contractor to design and build a web based-directory of community services for residents in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area and to deliver an online booking facility for the community facilities in the greater DLR area
 - Significant progress was made on this project with the training for Key Community centre staff taking place in Q3 & Q4 2019.
 - www.dlrcommunity.ie is now live
- Comhairle na n'Óg continued to grow in dlr in 2019 and met on a monthly basis to progress their 2019 work plan. The AGM took place in county hall in November with 126 young people from 20 schools across the county in attendance
 - 2019 project saw a poster campaign designed and commissioned 'Peer Pressure – Say no' – distributed to schools, services and agencies countywide.

Overview of Progress with Objective 21:

Progress is on-going with activity progressing well under the objective to develop and encourage community spirit, public participation and volunteering within the county.

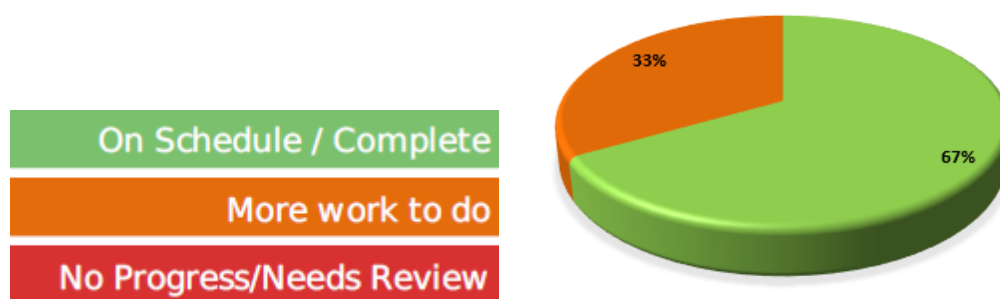
It is noted that Action 21.6 Develop a community garden programme is to be explored in 2020. To date there are two community gardens in the county (Shanganagh & Fernhill).



Shared Economic and Community Objectives

Shared Objective 7: Access to a range of services and amenities, including good quality housing at affordable levels, suited to needs, and as far as possible, at the tenure of choice

13 actions, of which 12 are for LCDC oversight



2019 Achievement for Objective 7 includes

- 208 units delivered through Construction, Part V, CAS, leasing and acquisition Strategy for period Jan to Dec 2019.
- 442 units were provided under RAS, HAP and Homeless HAP under re-building Ireland Delivered 161 allocations to homeless households
- Homeless Action Framework for Dublin 2019-2021 agreed at April 2019 Council meeting and housing department continued working with DRHE.
- New 8 bed singles TEA opened Dun Laoghaire and 7-unit Family TEA in Blackrock opened in 2019.
- Significant progress in 2019 on three dlr LIHAF sites.
 - Cherrywood Town Centre
 - Woodbrook / Shanganagh
 - Clay Farm
- Choice based letting fully implemented in 2019. 70 Choice Based Lettings offered in 2019.
- 1,135 total inspections carried out in 2019. Joint Regional Tender with Fingal County Council in place to deliver this service.



Overview of Progress with Objective 7:

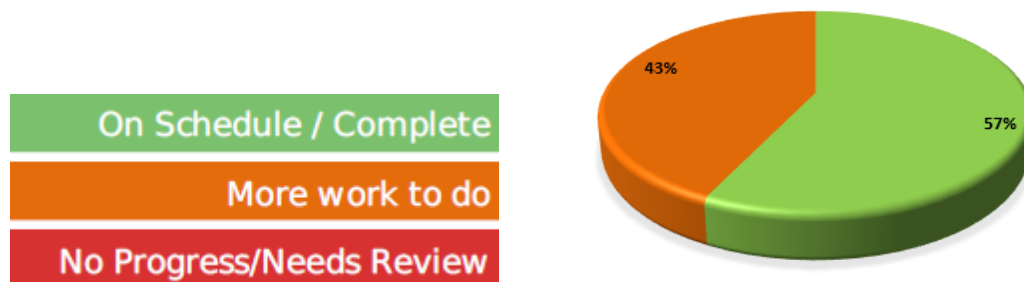
The majority of actions under this objective relates to access to housing and related services. There has been a significant focus of activity and resources, particularly by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, to help ensure that targets for social housing in 2019 have been achieved, and that good progress is made on developing a pipeline for the future to support with increasing availability of social and affordable housing across the country. Good progress has been achieved and the actions here are significant and on-going to maintain progress.

In relation to action 7.10 'Explore models for the development of community energy schemes in the county' it is noted that the Community Department are progressing energy upgrades in community centres and funding of €40,000 was used in 2019 to implement LED lighting upgrades in 8 community centres in the County. Further work in this realm will be completed in 2020 subject to budget.



Shared Objective 8: Support life-long learning, enterprise development and strengthen employment in local communities

13 Actions, of which 8 are for LCDC oversight



2019 Achievement for Objective 8 includes;

- Dlr Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) implemented by Southside Partnership provided assistance to support community and enterprise development and supports with access to employment and learning for individuals during 2019 – achievements include;
 - 603 were assisted on a one-to-one basis
 - 38 Community Groups received advice and support
 - 362 children received advice and development support
 - 287 individuals received employment support
 - 102 individuals were supported into self-employment
- Southside Partnership RePower programme supported 133 women to engage in a range of opportunities such as employability skills, computer literacy, job seeking skills, etc
- European Funded Integration Project, WEMIN funded by the AMIF funds concluded in 2019 with 256 participants supported to develop the social, educational and professional aspects of inclusion for targeted women, migrant and Irish, in DLR.
- Direct support provided to 26 young people who self-identified as ‘at risk of substance misuse’ through the SICAP programme.
- 2 social enterprise workshops held in the county in 2019 to highlight the benefits of social enterprises in empowering people.
- 6 information sessions on social enterprise and start your own business facilitated for UCD springboard students in 2019
- 19 individuals and 4 social enterprises supported through Southside Partnership in 2019 – Chrysalis Training Programme provided



- OGP Circular published in October 2019 set out principles in relation to social consideration in procurement and dlr are guided by these principles.
- In partnership with DDL ETB 9 migrant women completed training to become Integration Guides and 40 participated in English conversation and grammar classes.
- On-going engagement and collaborative work with the DDL ETB and Southside Partnership resulted in the delivery of lifelong learning opportunities to 104 individuals in the county.
- The Library service removed library fines in January 2019 to improve barriers to access and increase the use of libraries as learning centres and community hubs throughout the county.

Overview of Progress with Objective 8:

Good Progress has been made through the SICAP Programme with headline targets achieved for 2019, through Southside Partnership providing assistance to support community and enterprise development and access to employment and learning in partnership with DDLETB during 2019. This work is supported by the library services through the 'Our Public Libraries 2022' strategy.

Actions are on-going and progressing well within this objective, however there are areas for consideration/focus for 2019. The following actions were identified at the Workshops for particular focus:

Action for Consideration/ Progression for 2019

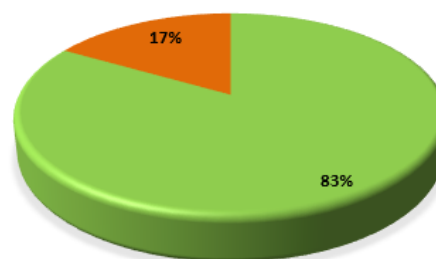
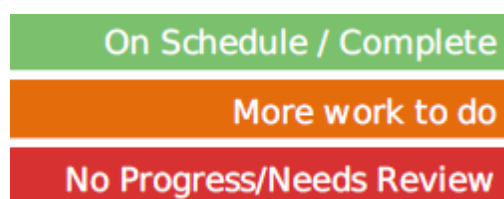
Action 8.4 – *Build an environment that makes it easier for people to start enterprises to address social issues and build a network for collaboration* - it has been discussed that a social enterprise hub would be beneficial to the rural parts of the county to encourage enterprise development.



Shared Objective 9: Support locally-based creative and knowledge enterprises, and strengthen up-skilling within the County, including support for start-ups and for business incubation facilities

This Objective includes Actions to support locally based creative and knowledge enterprises and strengthen up-skilling within the County. Oversight of the implementation of three of the four Actions under this Objective comes under the remit of the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC.

4 Actions, of which 1 is for LCDC oversight



2019 Achievement for Objective 9 includes;

- DLR LCDC Promoted the Social Enterprise Development Fund with all its stakeholders and on dlr social media platforms. The fund is a €3.2 million fund which will be delivered over four years; 2018 – 2022. The fund was created by Social Innovation Fund Ireland (SIFI) in partnership with Local Authorities Ireland and is funded by IPB Insurance and the Department of Rural and Community Development <http://www.socialinnovation.ie/social-enterprise-development/>
- SSP and DLR LEO collaborating to explore Social Innovation supports
- Work is on-going with an individual social entrepreneur from our ‘Introduction to Social Enterprise’ courses who has expressed an interest in possibly exploring ideas around development of a local Social Enterprise Hub.
- Preliminary planning for the development of a ‘Social Enterprise Strategic Plan’ for dlr underway through Southside Partnership Social Enterprise staff with multi agency meeting planned for 2020.



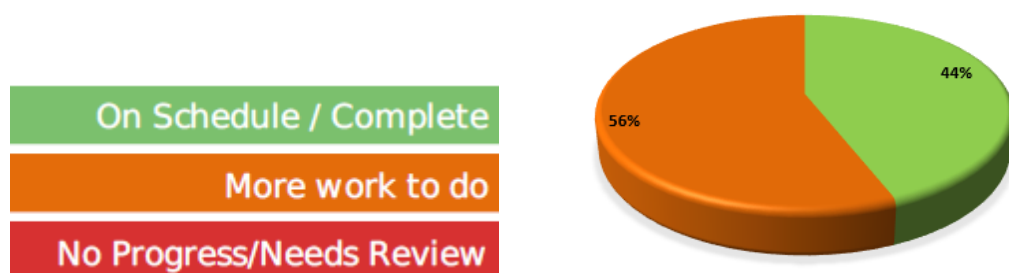
Overview of Progress with Objective 9:

Progress is on-going in relation to supporting economic development and enterprise. The Economic Development and Enterprise SPC has oversight in relation to monitoring implementation of the majority of actions under this Objective.

Action 9.1 - *Investigate potential for development of social innovation centre to support social enterprise within the county – consideration for leveraging LEADER funding to develop such a centre in rural dlr.*

Shared Objective 10: Facilitate access to affordable, quality early-childhood care and education

4 Actions, of which 3 are for LCDC oversight



2019 Achievement for Objective 10 includes;

- DLR County Childcare Committee continued to roll out of the national childcare schemes to all services on behalf of the DCYA
- The Learner Fund, a subsidised fund toward training childcare practitioners to level 5 or 6 was also provided, along with Learner Fund bursary for childcare practitioners who had completed recognised 3rd level courses. Capital grants, School-age Childcare grants, Parent & Toddler grants and Child-minder grants.
- Training delivered includes: Children First training to childcare practitioners, Equality & Diversity training under the Access and Inclusion Model (AIM)
- Continued to facilitate the Southside Childcare Action Network (SCAN) along with the Southside Partnership and Barnardos



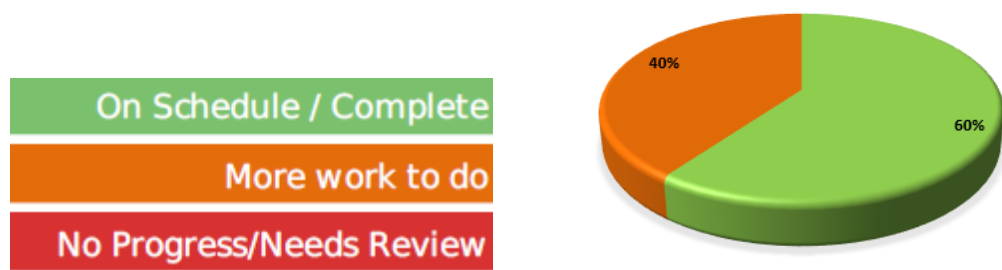
Overview of Progress with Objective 10:

Good progress has been made with a focus on training and support for Childcare workers, and roll out of national policy requirements. However challenges remain, particularly with high costs of childcare and availability of carers in the County. Additionally insurance costs are presenting as an escalating issue among childcare providers in the county.

Action for Consideration/ Progression for 2020 Action 10.1 - Continue to assess demand for childcare and supply of childcare facilities in dlr (last survey done 2016)

Shared Objective 11: Facilitate the delivery of transportation, enhanced connectivity and other infrastructure in the County

10 Actions, of which 4 are for LCDC oversight



2019 Achievement for Objective 11 includes;

- Council Travel Plan and Walking Bus Guide issued to schools in the County <http://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/travel-transport/traffic-management/travel-planning>
- Bike week took place in June 2019 and events included Cabinteely Bike Fest. Schools Art Competition and Public Bike Clinics.
- Delivered school cycle training to more than 1500 pupils in conjunction with DTTAS and their 'give space to cyclists' campaign.
- Walkability audits completed in all 12 estate management areas in the county and outcomes to be discussed with relevant dlr County Council departments for action in 2020.



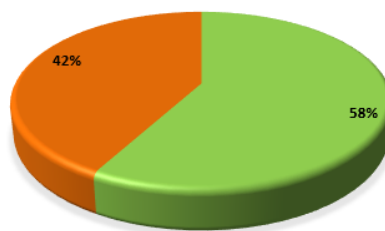
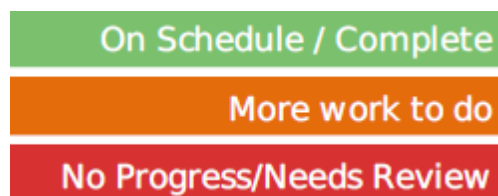
- dlr worked with NTA to identify bus priority measures helping deliver better bus routing in the County and assisted in developing Bus Connects
- Introduction of improved bus infrastructure along existing and new bus routes - new bus stops were provided on Wyatville Road
- Two Cycle Forum meetings held in 2019 to provide a focus on cycling issue
- ‘Light up Your Bike’ campaign in conjunction with an Gardaí Siochána and Dublin Cycling Campaign at 6 locations countywide.
- Continued participation on the board of ACTS providing transport solutions for people with mobility issues <http://www.actsltd.ie/>

Overview of Progress with Objective 11:

Good progress is being made on transport and enhancing connectivity and particularly for cycling as a means of active healthy and sustainable travel in dlr. Road safety has continued as a priority activity particularly with schools and students. The redesign of the Dublin Bus Network continues to present opportunities to consider better east west connectivity across dlr.

Shared Objective 12: Promote and improve the prosperity and sustainable development of Town, District and Neighbourhood Centres

9 Actions, of which 6 are for LCDC oversight



2019 Achievement for Objective 11 includes;

- dlr had four entries submitted into 2019 Irish Public Bodies (IPB) Pride of Place competition for which the judging took place in August. At the national judging event on the 30th of November 2019 dlr was awarded two overall prizes.



1. Meadowlands Fitzgerald Estate Management – runners up award in the Housing Estates Category
 2. National Maritime Museum – special award for an exceptional showcase of a heritage that is of the utmost importance and international interest.
 3. The Men’s Shed Forum
 4. Making Connections
- On-going support of CoCo Markets in Marlay and Peoples Parks.
<http://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/parks-outdoors/markets>
 - Town and Village Scheme announced by Department of Rural and Community Development in April 2019. The Scheme is administered by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. Selection of projects under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme for 2019 is by means of a competitive process. In this area, Expressions of Interest from rural Towns and Villages were sought from the villages of Kiltarnan, Glencullen, Stepside, and Sandyford Village Centre.
<https://drcd.gov.ie/subheader1/town-village-renewal-scheme/>
 - Village Audits have been completed - Actions and funding required – Stepside & Sandyford villages investigating possibility of preparing expressions of interests for funding application under 2020 Town & Village Scheme
 - On-going progress with highway maintenance and improvement works countywide
 - Tidy Districts, Tidy Towns and Pride of Place competitions continue to be promoted with resident groups and the wider public. Tidy Districts awards Held in September 2019

Overview of Progress with Objective 12:

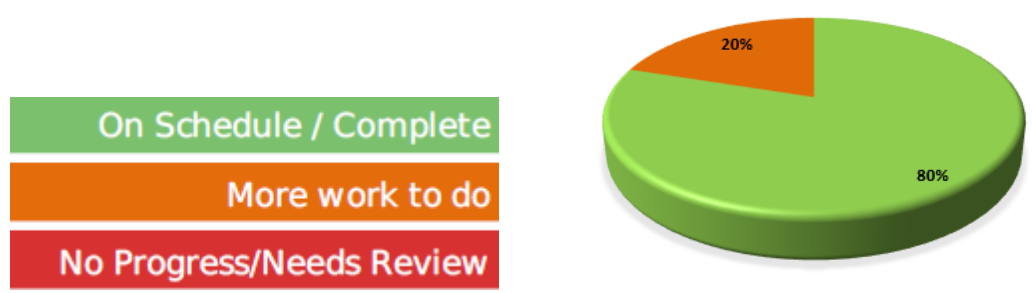
Good progress in relation to supporting Markets, Tidy Towns and Estate Management and with planning for the future development and on-going enhancement of towns and villages across the County.

Action 12.4 – *Develop a collaborative approach to identify the key economic and community needs for each village centre in the county – this action to be progressed in 2020 in conjunction with dlr Local Enterprise Office.*



Shared Objective 13: To increase the level of philanthropy in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and to expand the community of engaged donors who are regular, strategic, long-term contributors to good causes

6 Actions, of which all are for LCDC oversight



2019 Achievements for Objective 13 include;

- An exhibition was held in County Hall for judging of the dlr Community and Volunteer Awards. The Community and Volunteer Awards took place on the 24th October 2019. 75 groups entered and on the night 25 groups received awards in recognition for their great work. Shanganagh Park House Crèches was announced as the overall winner. 54 volunteers were also acknowledged on the night for their commitment to their communities and to recognise and celebrate their contributions.
- Significant philanthropic funding was received from Music Generation, Ireland’s national music education programme initiated by Music Network and co-funded by U2, The Ireland Funds and the Department of Education and Skills. Locally, Music Generation dlr is managed by dlr Music Education Partnership, led by dlr County Council in partnership with Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board, TUSLA, Southside Partnership dlr, Blackrock Education Centre, IADT, UCD and Crosscare.
<http://www.musicgeneration.ie/programmes/details/music-generation>
- In 2019, Music Generation Dlr achieved:
 - Completion of Pilot Programmes in Primary Schools and Early Years settings of Academic Year 2018/2019 and increasing from 13 schools to 28 to 2019/2020



- Completion of the Youth Music Programme in the Grainstore, dlr's Youth Arts Facility.
 - Google.org Impact Challenge Dublin Awards Ceremony – Music Generation dlr was awarded €50,000 for Music Technology for Special Educational Needs based on a proposal submitted by Music Development Officer Dr Jennifer O'Connor Madsen.
 - A collaboration in Early Years Music between the 4 Dublin Local Authorities as part of Crinniú na nÓg
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- The Volunteer Centre is continuing to work collaboratively with local stakeholders to further encourage the spirit and practice of volunteering by all. <http://www.volunteerdlr.ie/>
 - DLR CoCo continued to support Volunteer Corps in 2019 <http://dlrvolunteercorps.ie/>
 - 223 Volunteer hours co-ordinated by dlr Volunteer Corps in 2019
 - Active promotion of dlr Volunteer Corps on social media resulting in 520 Facebook and 698 Twitter followers. (11% and 17% increase respectively).
 - Total membership 372. 123 new sign ups managed in 2019 (49% increase).
 - Induction video shared with volunteers prior to each event.
 - 100% of volunteers who fed back post event comments, felt supported by the Centre and would volunteer again.



Overview of Progress with Objective 13:

Main focus for activity under this objective during 2019 was supporting community participation and volunteerism, significant philanthropic funding support received from Music Generation, Ireland’s national music education programme; through supports for the dlr Volunteer Corps and hosting a dlr event to recognise and celebrate the efforts of volunteers to support their communities across dlr

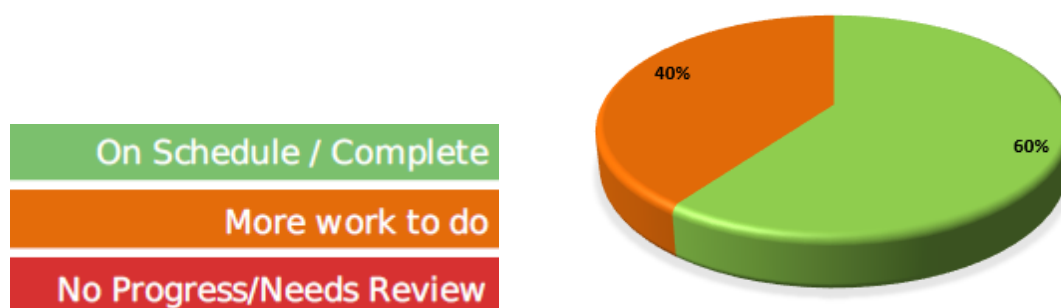
Action for Consideration/ Progression for 2019 - There are a number of related actions being considered for progression in this objective.

Actions 13.2, 13.3, 13.4, 13.5 - which include *Develop and Implement a Philanthropy Strategy, Explore and develop mechanisms to attract prospective donors to select and contribute to such good causes, establish a Community Foundation to support appropriate facilities or services and Explore how Businesses are using Corporate Social Responsibility to examine how it can benefit the local community*

The LCDC Workshop in October 2019 discussed this topic in detail with a presentation from Southside Partnership on progress in this area. It was noted that work is progressing and consultants have been appointed to develop a framework for the establishment of a community foundation to increase the level of philanthropic activity in the county.

Shared Objective 14: Protect the natural and built environment

8 Actions, of which 5 are for LCDC oversight





2019 Achievements for Objective 14 include;

- dlr Heritage initiative included Summer of Heritage and Winter of Heritage in 2019. Both programmes built on the success of previous years with visitor numbers increasing.
https://events.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/SOH%202019_0.pdf
- The DLR Biodiversity officer presented to NGOs and interested parties of the Biosphere Conservation Group in October 2019.
- The dlr Biodiversity Plan is currently undergoing review by DLR's Biodiversity Officer and a new Plan is currently underway. Draft plan presented to steering group in December 2019 for review. The objectives and actions of the existing DLR Biodiversity Plan are being implemented and a number of projects, workshops and events have been undertaken including the dissemination across communities and businesses within the county
<http://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/heritage/biodiversity/biodiversity-plan>
- Dublin Mountains Partnership have developed a 5-year strategic plan to include recreation and events <https://www.dublinmountains.ie/home/>
- Ongoing monitoring and maintenance of road and pedestrian infrastructure countywide to ensure priority areas for upgrade identified and actioned. €5 million spend on associated works in 2019.

Overview of Progress with Objective 14:

Good and on-going progress in relation to public realm and enhancing access to our natural environment in dlr

Action for Consideration/ Progression for 2020

Action 14.8 – Ensure Co-ordinated implementation of the DLR Biodiversity Plan

DLR Biodiversity Officer presented the Draft DLR Biodiversity Plan to the Biodiversity Steering Group in Dec 2019 for comment and feedback.



Conclusion:

Overall good progress has been made in 2019 in relation to the implementation of the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP), and achievement of objectives. It would be important to acknowledge the considerable contributions made by key partner organisations and departments of DLRCC who are leading and supporting the implementation of actions. In particular, the action owners play a key role in driving implementation and progress in relation to their actions and providing updates, which is appreciated. The successful implementation of the LECP is dependent on support and collaborative actions from partners. It is important to acknowledge the commitment and participation of all to support with implementing the LECP and helping to achieve the overall goals.

Under each objective, there are actions which have been highlighted for consideration, and in some cases, these now require review or further consideration to determine whether the actions are relevant and can be progressed during 2020. It will also be important to consider actions where partners can collaborate to support with delivering the overall objective. The LCDC will be asked to consider progress to date and areas for focus during 2020 at a forthcoming meeting.

